

ANNOUNCEMENTS - April 5, 2015

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, welcome! Please sign our Guest Book at the back of the church or in the entranceway.

The Easter Lily in the vestibule is in memory of the Rev. Lorne Brown. The lily is placed there by Eleanor and the family, (Philip, Elizabeth and Rev. Ruth).

Rev. Marion will be away on a combined vacation/study leave from April 6 to 27 inclusive. She will be returning to the office on April 28.

Visioning for the Music Program at Melville. On May 3rd (after the service and after Lunch) everyone is invited to participate in a Visioning session about the Music program at our church.(aprox. from 1 pm until 2.30 pm) We want to explore and share ideas how to move the Music (and Performing Art) Program into the future, attract new and different participants, reach out into the wider community etc. This meeting will be facilitated by Lorna McQueen from Hamilton conference who will guide us through this process. The May 3rd meeting is about "brainstorming", "thinking outside the box" and sharing ideas. It will be followed up on May 24th with a second meeting (similar time frame) where we hopefully come up with some concrete steps. If you are interested please show up. For any questions talk to Matthias Schmidt or any member of Worship and Music

United Church Summer Camps. The Faith Formation team has \$75-\$100 bursaries available for any child who wishes to attend a United Church camp this summer. Find camp information for Ryerson Camp (Turkey Point) @ www.ryersoncamp.com, Silver Lake Camp @ www.silverlakecamp.ca, and Cave Springs Camp @ www.cavespringscamp.on.ca. Speak to Jen about accessing the bursaries (youthleader@melvilleunited.com)

Family Fun Nights! Lego, playdough, board games and movies - something for everyone in the family. Join us for our next 2 fun nights at 5:45 p.m.: April 19th (Mary Poppins), May 17th (Follow That Bird).

Visioning for our Children & Youth. What would you like for your youth to get from Melville? What do you hope their memories of church will be? How would you like to be involved? These are questions faith formation has been asking this year, and we hope that you will help us shape the answer. All parents, grandparents and caregivers are invited to join us for some creative visioning time on April 19th at 6 p.m. (bring the kids with you for the "family fun night").

Kids Church - Think Spring!!!

We are in need of teachers for the months of April, May and June. The new Spring sign up sheet is posted in the hallway. The themes are "Jesus Feeds 5000" in April, "The Sower" in May and "Fruit of the Spirit" in June. See Jen Auger, Martha Duncan or Patty Foster for details and your lesson plans. Thanks!!!

The Guelph Chamber Choir, in collaboration with Dance Theatre David Earle presents "Sacred Dance" at the River Run Centre in Guelph on Saturday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. This unique combination of choral music and original choreography by two outstanding arts organization is not to be missed. The choreography of David Earle will be supported by the music of the Guelph Chamber Choir, performing excerpts from Mozart's "Requiem", as well as Perogolesi's "Stabat Mater", "Misere" by Gregorio Allegri and "In Paradisum" by Erik Esenvalds. Tickets are available by calling the Box Office at The River Run Centre.

From Melville Church Library

Everyone is welcome to visit our library, browse the books that are available, borrow a book or two (or more), or just sit quietly and read. Sign out books either by filling in the library card and leaving it in the small sign-out box, or, if there is no card in the book, sign your name and the book title in the spiral notebook on the back shelf.

Melville Book Club - Please Note THIS IS TODAY

We are currently reading the book "On Beauty" by Zadie Smith. It is a story about love and families and relationships, told with humour. We will be discussing it today, April 5, after church in the church library. Please return the book by April 5 or 6.

VON offers free seniors' programs at Melville United Church,

Seniors' exercise program - Tues. and Thurs. at 10am. Exercise appropriate for seniors, adapted to your ability, sitting/standing etc.

Waterloo Presbyterial U.C.W. Annual meeting is going to be held on Monday April 13, 2015. It will be held at St. John's-on-the-hill in Cambridge, Ontario. Ticket prices are \$12.00 each. Please contact your Unit leader or Bev Anticknap if you are going. It will be an outside caterer that is doing the lunch. Tickets available until March 30th only. Ruth will be driving, so let either Bev or Ruth that you are going.

The Canadian Bible Society Annual Dinner Gathering is planned for Saturday April 11th. Tickets are \$15 a piece and you will enjoy a delicious roast beef dinner served by the Alma Bible Church folks and you will enjoy listening to Rev. Don Miller, CBS Director of Canadian Ministries. His theme - The Bible - Touching Lives in Canada. Praise and Worship time will include the Hilltop Singers. Don't miss this wonderful evening. Tickets - see Thelma French or Ruth Sproule. The funds raised at this dinner will go to purchase Bibles to give to PanAm games participants this summer in Toronto.

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Alma United Church invites you to Spring Soul Seeding - the final in a trilogy of Seasonal Spirit Stirrings Retreats held at the Alma Community Hall on Saturday May 2nd from 9:00 - 12:00. Through sacred readings, spiritual practices and focused time with our Creator, you will embrace the Divine Season of Spring! There will be contemplative large group, small group and individual time for men and women.

Choose one of three small group sessions:

Join Catherine Maine, spiritual director and labyrinth facilitator in Sacred Circle Dancing. Feel the quickening of spring and ground that experience while walking the labyrinth. No previous experience is needed for this gentle and joyful form of movement grounded in walking the labyrinth- dress comfortably for the outdoors.

OR

Spring into Wellness with Darlene Vandermeij from Joy! Health Naturally! Create a soul collage as you explore 5 energy giving areas of your lifestyle, and plant the spiritual seeds of wellness.

OR

Ken Mcmanus will plant seeds of caring for one of God's creatures through Bird House Building. Take home your completed, painted bird house and let the nesting begin!

Cost is \$20.00 per person, or pay as you are able. Pre-register by calling Chris Grose 519-846-0282 or email chris@huskyfarm.ca

" 1st Annual FISH FRY in Alma" on Saturday May 2nd at the Alma Community Hall, 2 sittings, 5pm and 6pm. Advance tickets only until April 25th, \$18 for full meal and can be purchased at the following locations; Alma-Lloyd Scott, Elora-Dars, Fergus-The Bookery, Drayton-Twp Office, Belwood-Pine Meadows. Cash only please. Proceeds to support upcoming projects in Alma's Wallace Cumming Park. This event is hosted by the Alma Community Recreation Association (ACRA)

YES!! The FFF committee are planning a GIANT GARAGE, BAKE and PLANT SALE for May 22, 23 and 25. Clear out all those items that you do not need. We will find them a new home and make some funds for the church. Call Lorna 787-0570 or Marg 843-3274 ("Your reuse specialists!!").

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. April 6 - Sun. Apr. 12, 2015

Tues. 7	9:00	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Church Council	Chapel
Thurs. 9	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 10	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
Sun. 12	11:00	2 nd of Easter	Sanctuary