

ANNOUNCEMENTS - September 13, 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.

This week's Friday Coffee Hour, Fri. Sept. 18th is for the Alzheimer's Society from 10-11 a.m. in the parlour. All are welcome!

TONIGHT! Marg and Les Frayne invite everyone to the S.H.A.R.E.

Agriculture Foundation annual Corn Roast, Sept. 13, 3 - 7pm, Raefield Farm, 5231 County Road #27 (between Rockwood and Bruce Dale). Music, farm walks, swimming, hayride and of course corn, hot dogs, butter tarts and more. Bring a lawn chair. Call Marg 519-843-3274.

The members of the Ministry & Personnel, Worship & Music and Faith Formation Committees are pleased to announce that Rev. Robin Osborne has been selected to be the Faith Formation and Outreach ministry leader at Melville, from October 4th to March 18th inclusive while Jen Auger is away on sabbatical. To cover some of Jen's responsibilities Robin will be working fifteen hours per week and will be available to do some pulpit supply during that time.

Rev. Osborne is a resident of Guelph and she is both a Diaconal and Ordained minister of the United Church. Robin has a wide range of skills and experiences that include work with team ministries, youth groups, drama, alternative worship and creative communication. She also has a background in nursing, counselling and palliative care.

The committees feel very fortunate to have found a person with the experience and skills that Robin possesses, and we look forward to working with her as she continues the programs that Jen has developed.

Your assistance is needed to do some little maintenance jobs around the church building. Some of the hallways could use a coat of paint and the outside front doors are in need of some TLC. Dates and times will be forthcoming. If you are interested in helping, even for a short period of time, please speak to Ralph Rainford. Thanks you.

Centre Wellington Food Bank is still in need. The need for September is Jello cups, Fruit cups and Tooth Brushes Pick up two or three the next time you are down that aisle in your local grocery store.

TOM BANDY WORKSHOP, NOVEMBER 7, 2015

TITLE: "See, Know, Serve: How to connect with your community"
Is your church wondering how to take the next step in...

- Leadership
- Hospitality
- Worship
- Small groups
- Community outreach
- Stewardship
- Connecting with new people

Do you need strategies for reaching people who aren't currently represented in your church? Are your leaders restless to make a difference? Are you anticipating the stress of change? Do you need to equip your leaders build bridges of understanding?

Noted author and Church Consultant Tom Bandy will guide us in understanding the diversity of our churches' neighbourhoods and how to reach out more effectively. Tom was the national staff person for Congregational Mission and Evangelism for the United Church, and now coaches church leaders internationally and cross-denominationally.

LOCATION: Trillium United Church, Cambridge

DATE: Saturday, November 7, 9:00-3:30

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? Clergy, church staff, Board members, lay leaders, anyone interested in the church's mission.

COST: \$20 per person.

Discounts available for groups of 6 or more from one church.

TO REGISTER: Contact Rev. Paul Miller, pmiller@watpres.ca

DEADLINE: November 2, 2015

Hilltop Singers and Journeymen Benefit Concert for Ontario Christian Gleaners. Saturday, October 24 at 7:00 pm, St. Andrews church. Fergus Tickets \$20 from Bentley House Fine Teas, I Love Chocolate or chorus members. See poster.

Dublin Street United is hosting the first of its Brighter Life Workshops on September 16, 2015 at 7 p.m. in our sanctuary. This 2 hour presentation is an introduction to the issue of suicide. Topics will include stigma, risk factors and protective factors, early warning signs, what you can do to help, grief and how to access professional resources. An open question period will be included at the end of the talk. The speaker for the evening is Angela Heeley from Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). Please come and learn more on how we can help another.

To mark the 70th anniversary of the end of WW2, Melville will present a concert - "THE SONGS OF WORLD WAR II" on Friday, October 16, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. This wonderful evening of music will be presented by Brad Halls (piano and vocals) along with singers Laura Harp, James Walke and Patricia Ramos-Ward, and musicians Matthias Schmidt (trombone), Brad Moggach (sax and clarinet) and Rob Valli (trumpet). All proceeds from this Friday performance will be shared equally by Melville United Church and the Guelph Chamber Choir. Tickets (\$15.00) are available at the Melville office, at Ralph Bassett and Associates, at Ron Wilkin Jewellers and at the door (subject to availability). Come and enjoy enduring classics such as "The White Cliffs of Dover", "I'll Be Seeing You", "I'll Walk Alone", "The Last Time I Saw Paris", "Lilli Marlene", "We'll Meet Again" and many more. Please note that if you are unable to attend this event on the Friday night, it will be presented again on the following night (Saturday, October 17) at Harcourt United Church in Guelph.

Gospel Sing - put on by The Elmira Bible Society. Two evenings of Southern and Country Gospel music on Fri. Sept. 25 and Sat. Sept. 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Woodside Bible Fellowship, 200 Barnswallow Dr., Elmira, ON. Freewill offering for bibles distributed worldwide. For more information call Abner Gingrich 519-669-5958.

We value our coffee and fellowship. Can you help with Sunday morning coffee? it is easy to do! Help is needed. Please sign the sheet on the Parlour door. Ask Marg Frayne or Lorna Bevcar for instructions or read the sheet on the kitchen cupboard door. Bring 3 cups of milk. Goodies are supplied. (FFF committee)

Autism - Our goal is to reach as many people in the community as possible to educate and bring an understanding of the different faces of autism.

Autism affects 1 in 68 children. That means in Wellington County there are approximately 590 families who struggle with this every day. Autism restricts their way of life, limiting social trips out to restaurants, libraries, movies, stores and even church, all the things that make life worthwhile. It would also serve to increase awareness of our centre as a resource for families in need, as knowing there is somewhere to turn to for help is half the battle.

With increased knowledge, more people would know what to expect and how to help. We would very much appreciate the opportunity to come and speak to your congregation, with a view to discussing autism and the impact it has on our community. We would love for Fergus and Elora to become a shining example of how a community can come together and work towards the common goal of helping these individuals by providing them with the opportunities they deserve. We are flexible on when we can come and present our informal workshop, we would appreciate any time you could give us.

This is a big task and we can't do this alone. It takes a community to raise a child, it takes a special community to participate and help educate those who have more difficulties in learning.

Thank you,

Sincerely, Freya Hunter

Reminders: Summer jams and jellies sell well at the Melville Fall Festival, Oct. 24. Also, donate your attic treasures, collectibles, antiques, dishes, silverware etc. Call Lorna 519-787-0570 for pick up.

Melville Fall Festival: Sat Oct 24th 10am-3pm Please plan to be actively involved in our Festival. It is a day when the whole church is busy. It is our best fundraiser of the year!!! Choose the area for you, i.e.: Kitchen, Dining Room, Bake Table, Silent Auction, Craft Table, Christmas Crafts, Books, Attic Treasures, Children's Area, and more.....

For information, call Lorna 519-787-0570

Book Club News: There are still a few book club books on the table in the library. The book club will be discussing Rebecca by du Maurier on Oct. 4. Books are due into Melville's library by Oct. 7. Happy reading.

NEW VON seniors' exercise class on Wednesdays starting on October 7th at 1pm at Melville United Church. This is in addition to the Tues. and Thurs. 10:30am classes. Gentle exercise at your level.

Insomnia Seminar: Having trouble Counting Sheep? For anyone experiencing sleep problems, consider joining out insomnia class and learn how to get a good nights sleep. Wed. Sept. 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., Fergusson Place, 165 Gordon St., Fergus. Register 519-843-3947 ext. 126.

9th Annual Pork BBQ in the beautiful Butterfly Garden at St James Anglican Church, Fergus on Saturday, September 19th. Great food and live entertainment. Cocktails at 5pm (cash bar), Dinner at 6pm. Tickets priced \$20/Adult; \$10/Children 6 to 10/Free for under 5s. Tickets available from St James Anglican Church, 171 Queen St E (9am-12noon) or telephone (519) 843-2141.

MINISTRY IN MOTION - October 19-21, 2015 Wellington Square United Church, Burlington, ON
"Equipping Church Leaders for Courageous and Visionary Practices."
Register on line today at www.ministryinmotion.ca

I want to encourage both ministry personnel and lay folks to attend the Ministry in Motion 2015 Conference in Burlington. This conference is designed to inform and inspire church leaders in new and exciting ways.

MIM is a United Church event, planned by a team representing Halton, Erie, Hamilton and Waterloo Presbyteries.

This year's line up includes Dave Toycen, Past President of World Vision Canada, David Fitch, Professor of Evangelical Theology at Northern Seminary in Chicago, and authority on new forms of Christian community; Beth Fellingner, Lead Pastor at Destination Church, St. Thomas, Ontario; Debbie Johnson and Jamie Holtom, ministers at North Bramalea United Church and authors of "Bullseye: Aiming to Follow Jesus." (The first 100 registrants will receive a free copy of Debbie and Jamie's book.)

This year, you can register and pay on line thanks to the assistance of Hamilton Conference.

The conference dates are earlier than usual, so you should mark October 19-21 on your calendar today.

Saturday, October 17th, 2015 - 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Fergus. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets available at the St. Andrew's church. ICS Computers and The Door Youth Centre. Minimum \$10 donation- receipt issued.

Waterloo Presbyterial invites all United Church Women and their friends to Our October "Joy" Day at Parkminister United Church, 275 Erb St. E., Waterloo on Sat. Oct. 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Musical entertainment following lunch. Tickets \$12.00 Contact your UCW or call Barbara Seaton 519-623-1359.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Sept. 14 - Sun. Sept. 20, 2015

Mon. 14	10:00	Spirituality Circle	Parlour
Tues. 15	9:00	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	7:30	Unit Joy	Parlour
Thurs. 17	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	7:30	Can. Bible Society	Chapel
Fri. 18	10:00	Coffee Hour	Melville - Parlour
	11:00	Pastoral Care	Choir Room
Sun. 20	11:00	Season of Creation - Sky Sunday	Sanctuary

Worship Schedule for August

Date	Music	Ministry	Notes
Sept. 20th	Matthias Schmidt	Rev. Marion Loree	
Sept. 27th	Matthias Schmidt	Open	