

ANNOUNCEMENTS - September 20, 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.

Joy UCW unit meeting, Tues. Sept. 22, (Note change in date from usual night.) Please join us at 7:30 - 8:15 pm in the parlour for a presentation on autism awareness by Freya Hunter of the Autism Awareness Services. All women invited.

"Kid's Church" - Leaders Needed Join the "Kid's Church Team" this year, you will enjoy fun activities from the "Sparks Curriculum" based on favourite Bible stories. The "Golden Rule" theme will also be explored in October. All lesson plans and supplies will be provided. Sign the new poster by the Parlour for your choice of Sunday dates, more information available from Jen, Martha or Patty.

A Big THANK YOU to Melville friends who attended the Corn Roast for SHARE. And heart felt thanks for all donations - Marg and Les

Please pick up your Fall Newsletter and newsletters for your neighbours at the back today. Help us save on stamps.

Meat Pies for sale after church today. \$4.00 each

Myrtle is turning 99 and proud of it. Want to send a card...

Mrs. Myrtle Black
c/o Heritage River
115-25 Wellington Dr.,
Elora, Ontario N0B 1S0

Her memory is still quite good...please add a memory for her to think on.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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)

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 Sept. 27 (**note change in date**). Books are due into Melville's library by Oct. 7. Happy reading.

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.

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.

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.

The Advance Care Planning Education Program of Waterloo Wellington in partnership with the Guelph Wellington Seniors Association are pleased to welcome Senior Lawyer and Executive Director. Judith Wahl from the Advocacy Centre for the Elderly (Toronto). Ms Wahl is an expert in elder law and will be speaking about Advance Care Planning, Substitute Decision Making, Powers of Attorney and Health Care Consent in Ontario. Register at (<http://acpguelph.eventbrite.ca>) or call Jessica Hutchinson at 226-929-6932.

THREE WAYS TO HELP SYRIAN REFUGEES

Syrian refugees who have been displaced by violence desperately need the world's help. The United Church of Canada and our partners are responding in a number of ways and are inviting you to participate. Here are three important ways you and your faith community can help Syrian refugees in this time of need.

Donate

Please provide your support today. Donations received and designated "Syria Relief" will be applied directly to support United Church Mission & Service partners and associates in this work. The Canadian government will match, dollar for dollar, donations made between September 12 and December 31, 2015.

Sponsor Refugees

The General Council Office has been supporting efforts by faith communities in Canada to sponsor the resettlement of Syrian refugees since the conflict began. Learn more about how your faith community can sponsor a refugee.

Pray

- Pray for the millions of Syrians facing conflict and displacement, and for the host communities in the region who welcome those seeking refuge from the conflict.
- Pray for United Church Mission & Service partners and humanitarian relief agencies working to meet the needs of those affected.
- Pray that the international community will work together to address the current crisis, and help bring peace to Syria and the region.
- You may want to use this Prayer for Peace in Syria.

A Prayer for Peace in Syria

God,
we are peacekeepers and kin-dom builders
-lost-
in search of how to best support a peaceable resolution to the conflict in Syria.
We seek stability for the people of Syria,
who are displaced from their homes, millions fleeing to other countries for safety.

Steadfast God, provide safe shelter.

We seek healthy living conditions for all;
while reports of chemical warfare and poor living conditions continue.
Nurturing God, provide access to humanitarian aid.

We seek safety for the vulnerable;
children and other civilians continue to add to the more than 100,000
casualties in a war over two years old.
Weeping God, provide comfort to those who mourn.

We seek non-violent solutions that work toward peace,
as we wrestle with questions and doubts on how best to act.
Discerning God, provide wisdom to our world leaders.

We seek thanksgiving for those who work toward peace,
despite uncertainty, doubt, and fear by:
providing humanitarian aid to Syrians, in Syria and abroad;
talking with political leaders about pathways toward a peaceful
resolution;
remembering the people of Syria in our thoughts, actions, and prayers.

Like Saul on the road to Damascus,
We seek a dramatic transformation from all sides.
Like Desmond Tutu,
We seek a compassionate and just peace.
Like our brother Jesus,
We seek an end to violence and suffering.

We seek a time when the persecuted will be released,
the sorrow-filled will be full of joy,
and God will wipe every tear from the eyes of all who are suffering.

Good Shepherd,
hear our prayers,
and guide us to the way of peace, justice, and compassion,
for this is the way of Christ.

Amen.

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.

"Tax receipts are available to anyone who donates \$10.00 or more to Melville Church. If you are wanting a receipt at the end of the year please include your name and address on the envelope in the pews. If you plan to make donations more often, you can request a "givings number" from our secretary and put that on the envelope containing your donation."

The prayer chain continues to help with prayer for those in need. The group is small and discreet. We keep things confidential when requested. If you have a concern, contact Ruth Sproule or myself. If you are sincere in your prayers and would be willing to pray for the needs of others, we are open to more people in our caring group. There are no meetings, just messages sent with prayer requests. Thank you. Alison Rainford, Prayer Chain Captain

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Sept. 21 - Sun. Sept. 27, 2015

Tues. 22	9:00	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	2:00	Unit Faith/Grace	Parlour
	7:30	Unit Joy	Parlour
Thurs. 24	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
Fri. 25	10:00	Coffee Hour	Melville - Parlour
	5:30	P.E.W. night	Chapel and Parlour
Sun. 27	11:00	Season of Creation - Mountain Sunday	Sanctuary

Worship Schedule for Sept. and Oct.

Date	Music	Ministry	Notes
Sept. 20th	Matthias Schmidt	Rev. Marion Loree	
Sept. 27th	Matthias Schmidt	Rev. Marion Loree and pulpit supply	Minute for Mission
Oct. 4th	World Wide Communion	Rev. Marion Loree	
Oct. 11th	Jen Auger and Rev. Robin Osborne	Jen's last service before leaving on Sabatical	