ANNOUNCEMENTS - November 15, 2015

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

Rev. Marion will be away on study leave Nov 16 - 22. During her absence Rev. Robin can be contacted for any Pastoral Care emergencies at 226-821-4911.

Grace Faith UCW - Advent pre-Christmas gathering Tuesday, 2 PM, November 17 2015 in the Parlour. Please bring finger food and favourite Christmas Memory of Home (or Church). For Info please call Bunny 519-787-4140.

Tuesday, Nov. 17th, 7:30 pm please join the ladies of Unit Joy (U.C.W.) in welcoming Doug Calder from The Door. Doug will speak to us regarding Centre Wellington Youth For Christ and what is happening at The Door and how we can help them out. All are welcome...men too!! Refreshment and conversation always.

Melville United Church has been requested to supply 150 boxes of snack crackers. Not soda crackers, but nicer, Triscuit or Melba Toast type snack crackers to put into the C.W. Foodbank Christmas Hampers. These biscuits need to be in Melville by Dec. 8th to be included for packing. Thanks The Outreach Team

Join the Choir for the Christmas Season! We are starting to work on the Christmas Music with the Choir - The Cantata on Dec 20th in the Morning Service and A Carols and Readings Service together with the local United Churches on Dec. 13th at 7 pm. If you interested in being part of that please just come to the Thursday rehearsals at 7 pm and or talk to Matthias.

Brrrrrr! Winter is just around the corner. Some people have no heated homes. some people don't have warm outer clothing. During Advent, you are invited to fill our mitten tree with mittens, hats, scarves for any age and long underwear for men. These gifts will go to the food bank.

On Sunday November 22nd at 9 am Robin is starting a one hour workshop--in the parlour to help people plan a more rewarding Christmas. Based on the popular book, “Unplug the Christmas Machine” by Jo Robinson, this workshop helps reduce participants stress and increase their joy by making simple changes in the celebration. The workshop will run for 4 Sundays till December 13th.

Melville Book Club - This month's book is "Mount Pleasant" by Don Gillmor. Interesting and historical facts about Toronto are blended with the story of Harry Salter, who is dealing with family problems and a vanished inheritance. We will be discussing this book after church on November 22. Please note that this is a change of date.

Here Ye! Hear Ye! Calling all Youth

Mangoes--Grades 3-5--Here At Melville United in the upper Kids Church Hall at 6:30-7:30. We meet and play and pray and gather with Elora's youth group on ***Sunday November 15th***

Elora's Santa Parade - we are helping collect food for the Centre Wellington Food Bank on Nov. 28 at 6:00 p.m. during the Santa Clause parade. Please note: We gather at Elora United at 5:15 and walk the parade route. The Food Bank Van will be with us. After the parade, we go to the Food Bank in Fergus to sort the items then go to Melville United for pizza and an overnighter. Cost for the pizza, snacks and breakfast is $10.00.

P.E.W. Night* November 19th f*or families of all sizes
Let's get together to eat, pray, play,craft and enjoy a movie in Kids School upper room at 5:30-8pm

Do you find Christmas merely underlines the despair, violence and loneliness in the world each year? Join our Advent bible Study for a fresh look--Using the book "the Gift of New Hope" our study starts Nov. 24th with a potluck lunch at 11:30 Robin will bring soup! All are welcome! The study will unfold on Nov. 24th, Dec. 1st. 8th and 15th.

Syrian refugee fundraising dinner by Chef Jess and the CW Food School in support of the Canadian Red Cross at Centre Wellington District High School, Thurs. Nov. 26th. Doors open at 5:30pm. Tickets are $20 for adults, $7 for students, children under 5 are free. There will be a raffle table with a variety of items from local businesses, and the Canadian Government will match all funds raised!

Melville financial results for the period of January 1 thru Sept. 30:

	2015	Budget	2014
Envelope Givings	$ 111,706	$ 135,000	$126,990
Other Revenue	32,582	27,076	32,687
Total Revenue	144,289	162,076	159,678
Expenses	144,534	173,888	149,503
Net Income	**(246)**	**(11,812)**	**10,175**

Saturday November 28th: Seasonal Spirit Stirrings! Autumn Awakenings is the fall theme for Alma United Church's morning retreat - welcoming men and women. Small groups include: Canning/Preserving, Photography and Sweater Mittens. Held from 9:00 a.m. - noon at the Alma Community Hall. Cost is $20.00 or pay as you are able. Register by contacting Chris Grose 519-846-0282 or email chris@huskyfarm.ca. See flyer for more information - or contact Chris for a copy of the invitation.

Three Reports from your Fun, Funds & Fellowship Committee:
Fall Festival Results: A huge "Thank You" to everyone involved in making Melville's Fall Festival a huge success! Whether you: put up a poster, donated, prepared or baked, worked on the tables, attended the music, set-up or tear-down, park cars, ran the lift, or shopped.....know that you made a difference!!! Our results are approx. $4300, after expenses!!!!

Garage & Bake Sale Results: We think this was our best Sale!!! Again, "Thank You" to those who: donated, picked-up, baked, shopped, helped set-up and tear-down the tables and the items, and to Don Tosh for use of his trailer and the folks with muscles!!!! Our results were $2777, and there are no expenses!!!!

Fergus Truck Show: Another "Thank You" to those who took time out of their summer to volunteer and make the Show the great success that it was! We received a cheque of $2045 for our 292 volunteer hours!!!!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Nov. 16 - Sun. Nov 22, 2015

Tues. 17	9:00	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	2:00	Unit Faith/Grace	Parlour
	7:30	Unit Joy	Parlour
Wed. 18	1:00	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
Thurs. 19	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Choir	Parlour
	7:30	Canadian Bible Society	Chapel
Fri. 20	10:00	Coffee Hour	Melville - Parlour
	5:30	P.E.W. Night	Youth Room, Upper Auditorium
Sun. 22	9:00	Christmas Workshop	Parlour
	11:00	Baptism Sunday Service	Sanctuary
	After Service	Melville Book Club	
	7:00	Movie Night	Chapel

Worship Schedule for Nov.

November 22nd	Ministry – Rev. Robin Osborne	Baptism	Minute for Mission
November 29th	Advent 1 - Rev. Marion Loree	Communion	
December 6th	Advent 2 - Rev. Robin Osborne		
December 13th	Advent 3 - Rev. Marion Loree		