

ANNOUNCEMENTS - November 22, 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.

We welcome into the fellowship of the Christian Church through the Sacrament of Baptism the following persons;

Hudson Jamieson Luxton - son of James and Jami-Lynn Luxton
and Anthony David DiMarco - son of Fabio and Jaimi DiMarco

TODAY after the service - Melville Book Club - is meeting to discuss "Mount Pleasant" by Don Gillmor.

There will be a a musical presentation by tenor Michael Toby on Sunday, November 22nd at St James Church in Fergus at 3:00 pm. The presentation is called Hear Freedom's Ring and is a musical journey along the Underground Railroad. Tickets are available for the musical journey by calling the church at 519-843-2141 or at the door. The cost is \$20.00 and a portion of the proceeds goes to Faith Lutheran Refugee Support.

Spirituality Circle on Mon. Nov. 23 at 10:00 a.m. in the parlour.

Church Music Accompanist - Bethany United Church is a country congregation, located at 4th line and 10th sideroad in Centre Wellington, in the countryside between Inverhaugh and Ponsonby. We're looking for a piano player to accompany our singing on Sunday mornings. Music is vital to how we worship God, and we need someone to enhance our music spirits. The time commitment is approximately 2 hours weekly: 9:00-10:30 Sunday mornings as well as preparing beforehand. Rate is negotiable. For more information, please contact the church office: 519.846.0122 or elorbethanyuc@bellnet.ca

December 6th - Gifts for Everyone...We invite you to bring gifts for teens for December 6th, 2nd week in Advent: they could include hair bands, deodorant, bath moisturizer, soap, make up, etc etc.

Council meeting this month it was decided that we need to set up a special committee for capital projects here at Melville. We are looking for interested folk that have a desire to get this moving forward! If you have any desire to be part of this committee, please speak to Mary Lloyd, chair of council.

Let's Take Action for Refugees - On Dec. 6th 2-3 representatives of refugee group--**Under the Same Sky**--will join us after the service for lunch and a presentation on their process, their hopes. Robin will provide the lunch of soup and sandwiches. We will also have a brief presentation on the other groups in the area who are working in tandem with **Under the Same Sky**.

CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY Concert here at Faith (290 Belsyde Ave East, Fergus) on Sunday December 6th at 3pm by Gloryland Chorus, a fantastic 40 member choir from KW, proclaiming the Good News through Southern Gospel Music. Free Will Offering will be collected towards Faith's Refugee Fund. Please help us to fill the church with music lovers and supporters of our refugee work!

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.

Trinity United Church presents "Gifts to Give" on Saturday, November 28 from 11 am to 2 pm. Donations of new or very gently used items would be appreciated and can be dropped off at the church at 400 Stevenson St N between 8:30 and 2:30 pm November 23 to 27. No clothing or furniture. This is an opportunity for those who would otherwise not be able to share gifts to choose gifts from a variety of free and gently used items.

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!

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.

CENTRE WELLINGTON SINGERS - CHRISTMAS CONCERT... 'A Perfect Christmas Night' with Conductor - Emily Petrenko, Accompanist - Sam Bibby at the Elora United Church at 3:00 pm on Saturday, November 28, 2015. TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM CHOIR MEMBERS, AT THE DOOR, & BY RESERVATION: 519-846-1049 Cost is: Adults \$15 Children 12 & under \$5

Dec. 5, 7:00 pm at Harcourt Memorial United Church, Snowforms: Guelph Youth Singers will be performing its annual winter concert, "Snowforms," as concert two of the series featuring Markus Howard, artistic director & conductor, and Heather Fleming, Choir I conductor, showcasing all GYS choirs. Don't forget to mark your calendars. Tickets @ River Run Box Office, 519-763-3000 or www.riverrun.ca. Adults \$25, Students & Seniors \$20, eyeGo \$5 . For info www.guelphyouthsingers.com or call 519-821-8574.

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

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.

Here Ye! Hear Ye! Calling all Youth

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 overnigher. Cost for the pizza, snacks and breakfast is \$10.00.

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

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Nov. 23 - Sun. Nov 29, 2015

Mon. 23	10:00	Spirituality Circle	Parlour
Tues. 24	9:00	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	11:30	Advent Study	Parlour
	7:30	Worship & Music	Parlour
Wed. 25	1:00	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
Thurs. 26	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 27	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
Sun. 29	9:00	Christmas Workshop	Parlour
	11:00	1st in Advent Sunday Service	Sanctuary

Worship Schedule for Nov.& Dec.

November 29 th	Advent 1 - Rev. Marion Loree	Communion	
December 6 th	Advent 2 - Rev. Robin Osborne		
December 13 th	Advent 3 - Rev. Marion Loree		
December 20 th	Advent 4 - Rev. Marion Loree		