

ANNOUNCEMENTS - January 24, 2016

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 and join us for coffee in the parlour after the service.

Melville Events:

Lenten Study: All Welcome-starting Tuesday January 26th with film -Babette's Feast. February 2nd--Shawshank Redemption to be followed with a 5-week study called: the Power of Small Choices by Hilary Brand. Once again Robin will provide soup @11:30. We will have a light potluck luncheon and the study will go from 12-1:30 pm. Please sign up--the books need to be ordered.

Observer Subscriptions are now due. The cost is \$25.00. Please see Ralph Rainford after the worship service in the hall outside the chapel. Thank you.

Annual Report: It is that time of year again! Please remember to get your annual committee reports to the office as soon as possible for inclusion in Melville's Annual Report. At the time of this bulletin there are only 5 reports in.

Joy UCW meeting, Jan. 26, 7:30pm. Note this is the last Tuesday of the month. (Change of date only this month.)
Conveners: Helen, Linda.

Help needed. Please sign up to do Sunday Coffee Hour in February.

Reminder of the U.C.W. Annual Meeting at Forest Hill United in Kitchener. Tickets available on Feb. 1 and will be available until Mar. 7, 2016. Let Lorri or Bev know.

Melville Book Club - Our next book is now in the church library, ready to be signed out. It is "The Cat's Table" by Michael Ondaatje. It is about an eleven year old boy travelling alone on a ship, going from Ceylon to England. Some of you will have already read this book, but I am assured that each time you read it, you discover more in it. The book discussion will take place on Sunday, February 21, after church, and the book is due back on the same day.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Tuesday, February 9th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Pancakes, sausage, hash browns, apple sauce, dessert, drinks, fruit. Freewill offering. Please see Ralph Rainford to volunteer.

February 26th Friday 6pm - 8pm Come Wii bowl with us! Snacks and many wii stations for the whole family. Consider pledging and supporting Big Brothers/ Big Sisters once more in this annual fund-raiser held here in Melville United. Please speak to Robin about pledge forms. Tell your neighbors! Tell your friends!

Winter refresher; come celebrate with us! March 5th. Food for the body and soul. Be riveted by honest story-telling. What sustains us on our journeys?

A wish from the Centre Wellington Food Bank in the Fergus Market for canned fruit. Please bring the cans in to the back of the church.

Outside of Melville:

THIS AFTERNOON - Fundraising Event for Under the Same Sky:

January 24, 4:30 - 7:30 - Soiree Benefit at the Elora Brewing Company. A greet and mingle and tasty light fare from Chef Ben Sachse@brewerychefben, guest speakers (tba), silent auction, roll out of the Hundred Hearts Campaign, and live musical entertainment from the Eclectic Vinyl Orchestra.. This is an open door event... all are welcome! No tickets necessary.

Exploring Our Faith Together is a new conversation group,

meeting every 2nd Wednesday from 10am--noon beginning January 27 in Elora United Church. We'll be using the United Church's A Song of Faith as a springboard for our conversations. No need to register, just come as you can.

Week of Guided Prayer - Feb. 28 - Mar. 5, 2016. Please register by Feb. 24 at www.guidedprayer.webs.com. Cost is \$35.00.

Wesley for Armchair Theologians - John Wesley is a spiritual ancestor of both the United Church and the Pentecostalism.

We'll be gathering to find out about this amazing church-builder, theological thinking and spiritual leader on the 1st Wednesday of every month, starting March in Elora United Church, from 7-9pm. You'll need a copy of William Abraham's Wesley for Armchair Theologians, published by Westminster John Knox Press. You can get one through Roxanne's Reflections in Fergus. It's also available on Kindle. Please register at revgreg@bellnet.ca. 519.846.0122.

HOOTENANNY at Trinity United Church, 400 Stevenson St N, Friday February 12 at 7 pm. Freewill offering. All welcome. Call 519 836-5972.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 25 - Sun. Jan. 31, 2016

Mon. 25	10:00	Spirituality Circle	Parlour
Tues. 26	9:00	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	11:30	Lenten Study	Parlour
	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	7:30	Unit Joy	Parlour
Wed. 27	1:00	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
Thurs. 28	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 29	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
Sun. 31	11:00	Sunday Service	Sanctuary

Worship Schedule

January 31 st		Rev. Robin	
February 7 th	Transfiguration	Rev. Robin	
February 14 th	Lent 1/Valentines	Rev. Marion	
February 21 st	Lent 2	Rev. Marion	