

ANNOUNCEMENTS - January 31, 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.

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.

Let's Celebrate the Super Bowl on Sunday Feb. 7 at 5:00 p.m. !

All youth from Melville UC and Elora UC in Grades 5-8, are invited for some pre-Superbowl fun at church Sunday Feb. 7! We are having a Sports Theme Progressive Dinner. **What is that?** It's dinner - but for each course of dinner we will travel around the church, have some fun activities, and eat great food. **What do I need to bring?** Some kind of sport's themed food. Doesn't matter what sport you choose! Some examples: baseball meatballs, or NHL cookies, or devilled footballs... use your imagination, and get creative! **When and Where?** At Melville United Church, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. **Who can come?** Anyone in Grades 5-8, bring a friend, and sports loving parents are welcome to stay too!

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!

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:

Prayer Vigil for Peace at St. John's United Church, Belwood on Sunday Jan. 31 at 7:00 p.m.

Seasonal Spirit Stirrings - a morning retreat sponsored by Alma United Church Saturday February 27th from 9:00 a.m. - noon at the Alma Community Hall. Men and women are invited to a morning of intentional contemplation through small group activity. Choose between:

Dreams - Ever wondered about the meaning of dreams? Discover Divine connection through dream interpretation from a Spiritual perspective.

Pie Making - Experience the art of pie making while baking in Spiritual goodness.

Quilting - Quilting is the miracle of giving new life to fabric scraps. Whether novice or experienced, discover how quilting can help with your spiritual journey.

For more information and to register, contact Chris Grose 519-846-0282 chris@huskyfarm.ca Cost is \$20.00 or pay as you are able.

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

Guelph Youth Singers presents "Honour Song," on April 21, 3:00 pm at The Frank Hasenfratz Centre of Excellence. Tickets @ River Run Box Office, 519-763-3000 or www.riverrun.ca. Adults \$25, Students & Seniors \$20, eyeGo \$5 . For info visit www.guelphyouthsingers.com or call 519-821-8574.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Feb. 1 - Sun. Feb. 7, 2016

Tues. 2	9:00	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	11:30	Lenten Study	Parlour
	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Church Council	Parlour
Wed. 3	1:00	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
Thurs. 4	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 5	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
Sun. 7	11:00	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
	6:30	Bananas Youth Group	Upper Aud. & Fellowship H

Worship Schedule

February 7 th	Transfiguration	Rev. Robin	
February 14 th	Lent 1/Valentines	Rev. Marion	
February 21 st	Lent 2	Rev. Marion	
February 28 th	Lent 3	Rev. Marion	