

## ANNOUNCEMENTS - November 27, 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.

**Concert - Sun. Nov. 27** at 2:00 p.m. at Elora United Church. **A Musical Potpourri** featuring local musicians with proceeds going to The Centre Wellington Refugee Network. Donations at the door. Brad Halls and Ken & Morven McCorquodale will be playing.

**Melville Book Club** - Our next book is available - "Number One Ladies' Detective Agency" series by A.McCall Smith. These books are on short term loan. Discussion will be Dec. 18, and the book is due in our church library on that date.

We are still looking for a new Book Club co-ordinator. It is a rewarding volunteer position, and does not require a big time commitment. If you are able to take on this position, please call Helen at 519-843-3131.

**The Pastoral Care Committee** is planning to send cards of encouragement to our congregation's post secondary students to wish them well during exams. Please let Alison Rainford know of any names and addresses.

**Grace-Faith unit UCW meets Tuesday November 29 2016** at 2 PM at 612 Holman Crescent. Bunny and Eleanor Brown hosting meeting and request box of cookies for Women's Shelter and treats for meeting. Theme: "Keeping Christ in Christmas".

**Christmas Hampers.** The Foodbank is collecting for Christmas hampers. We are looking for 150 boxes of crackers by Dec. 13th. Please leave at the back of the sanctuary.

**White Gift Sunday.** The White Gift Sunday tradition began in the Methodist Church in Ohio in the early 1900s in recognition that many lived on the edges of society, without access to the same resources as others. People began bringing gifts on a special Sunday to share with others in the community who would not otherwise have as much. Gifts were wrapped in white based on the story of the Chinese people giving gifts to their king wrapped in white so that all gifts would be seen as equal and valued. This year, White Gift Sunday will be Dec. 11th. Gifts will be directed to The Children's Foundation, The Rural Women's Shelter, and to Comfort Kits. Tags with these initiatives are available in the sanctuary and from Jen. Gifts can be brought unwrapped, wrapped in a white plastic bag, or covered in newspaper with the tag attached on or before Dec. 11th. Thank you for your generosity!

**Thank you to all who have supported and are supporting our 141 envelope campaign!** Your support of this project will help us meet our budget for 2016 and allow us to complete some general maintenance projects that we have been putting off for a couple of years. Many of us have found that when we continue to put off the small jobs, they can grow into big deals. Our new total is \$8750.77 - only \$1249.23 to our goal. There are a few envelopes in the main hall by the chapel... can you help us reach for the top? Thanks for all the donations received to date...God bless you all for your generous gifts to Melville.

**Bethlehem P.D.** - An hilarious telling of the story of Christmas, from the perspective of two Dragnet-style cops from the Bethlehem Police Department. The play will be done readers' theatre-style, and a meal will be served. Saturday, Dec. 10th at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's United, 28 Queen St., Belwood. Call Kate at 519-843-1227 to reserve your tickets. \$20 each.

**A ROSE UPON THE ALTAR** on Sunday, November 27th, 2016 at The Scottish Rite Cathedral, 4 Queen St. S., Hamilton. 2 performances: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets \$20. Open to Everyone - Tickets available at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. All funds go to new Hamilton Learning Centre for Children.

**Are We There Yet** is an entertaining, child-like musical drama about The Exodus. This 40-minute play will be performed with the choir of St. John's at St. John's United Church, Belwood on April 21st and 22nd. Auditions for all parts (see the Bible for a list) will be held on Sunday Nov. 20 and Dec. 11 from 2-4 p.m. at the church. Rehearsals will begin in January and continue through until performance date. All children, youth and adults are welcome to audition. Call Rev. Kate at 519-843-1227 or 519-843-1098 for more information.

WEEKLY CALENDAR  
Mon. November 28 - Sun. December 4, 2016

Mon. 28	10:00	Spirituality Circle	Parlour
Tues. 29	9:00	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
Thurs. 1	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 2	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
Sun. 4	11:00	Advent 2 Sunday Service	Sanctuary

Worship Schedule

Dec. 4	Advent 2 - Hope	Ruth Cooke	
Dec. 11	Advent 3 - Joy	Rev. Marion	White Gift
Dec. 18	Advent 4 - Love	Rev. Marion	Cantata
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve 5:00	Jen Auger	Family Service
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve 9:00	Rev. Marion	Candles, Carols & Communion
Dec. 25	Christmas Day	Rev. Marion	Service in Chapel