

**ANNOUNCEMENTS - December 18, 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.

**Annual UCW Dinner, Mon. Dec. 19** in the Parlour/Chapel - 5:30pm for appetizers, 6 for the dinner. All ladies of the church invited. Bring food if you can for pot luck but come to enjoy even if you cannot bring anything. There will be lots. Come for the fellowship.

**There are some church calendars** available for \$5.00 each. Contact Bev Anticknap 519-843-2491.

**It is that time of year again!** Please remember to get your annual committee reports to the office by the end of the year for inclusion in Melville's Annual Report.

**At Melville we love our after church coffee and conversation!!** Please sign up to help make coffee for Sunday after church. There are instructions and training is offered. Sign up on the sheet on the Parlour door. Talk to Marg 519-843-3274

**Congratulations everyone...** you have answered the call and completed our special budget fulfillment campaign. The goal was \$10,011. - that is 141 envelopes with donations for Melville United Church. Thank you so very much for your support! God Bless you one and all.

**Blue Ribbon.** At our last meeting, council voted to tie a blue ribbon at our door to show support for Saveourwater.ca who are opposing a permit to take water by Nestle Waters Canada from a local well. The campaign is asking the Ontario government not to grant the permit and to put a moratorium on commercial watertaking for bottling from the watershed. For more information about the blue ribbon campaign please visit [www.saveourwater.ca](http://www.saveourwater.ca).

**Christmas Community Dinner** on Dec. 25 from 4 - 8 p.m. at Grace Christian Fellowship - 35 Farley Rd. in Fergus. Everyone is welcome and the cost is free. There will be gifts, kid crafts, games, music. A reservation is required! Volunteer or need a ride call 519-787-1978.

**Financial update - January to October 2016**

	Actual	Budget
<b>Receipts</b>		
Givings	\$138,336	\$146,333
Rentals, Fundraisers	31,064	20,833
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$169,400</b>	<b>\$167,166</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Staff costs	\$118,901	\$123,494
Church Facilities	32,067	43,250
All other expenses	26,557	25,375
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$177,525</b>	<b>\$192,119</b>
<b>NET DEFICIT</b>	<b>(\$8,124)</b>	<b>(\$24,953)</b>

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Mon. December 19, 2016 - Sun. December 25, 2016

Mon. 19	5:30	UCW Dinner	Parlour/Chapel
Tues. 20	9:00	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
Thurs. 22	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 23	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
Sat. 24	5:00	Christmas Eve Family Service	Sanctuary
	9:00	Christmas Eve Late Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 25	11:00	Christmas Day Service	Chapel

**Worship Schedule**

Dec. 25	Christmas Day	Rev. Marion	Service in Chapel
Jan. 1	First After Christmas	Ruth Cooke	
Jan. 8	Epiphany	Ruth Cooke	