

ANNOUNCEMENTS April 2, 2017

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

TODAY, please join us after the service for lunch and for **the Annual Meeting** down in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be a Celebration of Ken McManus' life here at Melville on Friday, April 7th., at 10:30 a.m.

Lent Soup & Study. Join Jen in the Parlour this Tuesday, April 4 at 12:00 noon for soup and reflections on our Lenten journey. We will be using the book "Parables, Prayers, & Promises: Daily Devotions on Jesus" as our guide. Books can be purchased from the church for \$10 each.

Building Connections with our Kids. A 2-part parent workshop & discussion about helping our kids build healthy connections and relationships with others in an age of technology. Monday April 3, 7 p.m. here at Melville. We will be following a DVD of Dr Gordon Neufeld's lecture on building secure connections with our children/youth.

Fri Morning Coffee Hour for Fri April 7th is Cancelled due to Ken McManus' Celebration of His Life at 10:30 am.

Maundy Thurs. Seder Supper will be held on Thurs. April 13 at 5:00 p.m. It will be a potluck event. Everyone is welcome.

There will be a Good Friday Service on Fri. April 14 at 11:00 a.m. here at Melville. Coffee and hot cross buns will be served at 10:00 a.m. in the parlour prior to the service.

We will be doing a smaller version of "Our Spring Musical" on May 14th during the Morning service. It will be a series of 2 skits with corresponding songs telling about life and work of Jesus. Practice will

happen during Sunday Kids' Church starting on April 2nd. (No practice Easter Sunday April 16) There will be a dress rehearsal on Saturday May 13th at 9 or 9.30 am. If you or your children are interested in being part of it let Matthias know or just be there for kids church.

Other Community and Church Events

Food Bank. We have an ongoing collection going for the Food Bank. Anything is welcome, especially canned noodles, juice, cereal, canned fruit, granola bars (ideally nut free). Please leave items in the laundry baskets at the back of the church for delivery during the week. Thanks for your generosity.

Volunteer Opportunity - Wellington Terrace - Tuesday mornings 9:50 to 11:30 to help residents to and from the weekly Hymn Sing and to sit with them and help them find hymns in the hymn books. For more info or to volunteer please contact Mary Black, Coordinator of Volunteers at 519-846-5359 Ext. 7266 or e-mail maryb@wellington.ca.

Bethel Baptist's Women's Ministries invite your ladies to come to a conference on Saturday, 8 April, entitled, "Stewarding Your Life Through Prayer." Conference leaders Jenn Martin and Ruth Edwards will lead the group to detailed analysis of what Scripture is saying in order to more deeply understand and pray through the Scriptures. The conference will run from 9:30-1:30 on Saturday, 8 April, with a catered lunch. Please register by 3 April: Karen (59 843 7042) or Rosemary (519 846 5219)

The Tickets for the U.C.W. Waterloo Presbyterial Annual Gathering on Mon. Apr. 3, 2017 are **sold out**. It is waiting list only. Contact Betty Kocher for further information.

Spring Garage Sale at Trinity United Church, 400 Stevenson St N, Guelph on Friday, Apr 7, 4-9 pm & Saturday, April 8, 7 am - noon. Books, toys, household items, china, glassware, kitchenware, games, DVDs, sports equipment, garden utensils, linens, pictures, frames, giftware, collectibles, small furniture, small appliances, and much more!! (519) 824-4800 Ext. 1.

Trinity United Church invites you to join us for "The Songs & Story of Jesus Christ Superstar in Concert" under the direction of Andrea LeBlanc, Wednesday, April 12 at 7 pm at Trinity United, 400 Stevenson St N, Guelph. Freewill offering. 519-824-4800.

Are We There Yet? - The story of Moses & the Exodus - a fast paced musical at St. John's United in Belwood on Apr. 28 & 29 at 7:00 p.m. Free will offering.

The Reconciliation Journey: A Learning Circle - What happened in the Indian Residential Schools? What role did our churches play? What has this meant for survivors, families, communities, and our country? Is reconciliation possible? What can we do? Beginning Wednesday April 19 - 2pm-4pm - We'll continue gathering monthly on the 3rd Wednesday. Hosted at Elora United Church (75 Geddes, beside the Shoppers' Drug Mart) More info: Greg Smith-Young (519.846.0122; revgreg@bellnet.ca) or Mark Laird (519-638-2021; lairdmark24@yahoo.ca)

Sermon topic schedule - Revised

The following is a revised listing of the dates I hope to cover the remaining topics that resulted from last spring's questionnaire. I have had to change some due to various other events.

I am still open to hearing of any other topics you might like me to talk about.

-Rev. Marion

March 26 - Bible 101 - how it came to be. Is it a sealed document? other gospels?

April 9 - Spirituality vs religion

May 14 - Your spiritual self - at home, in the workplace, source of happiness, guilt.

June 11 - Angels

June 18 - Reincarnation and life after death.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. April 3, 2017 - Sun. April 9, 2017

Tues. 4	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
Thurs. 6	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 7	10:00	Coffee Hour Cancelled	Parlour
Sun. 9	11:00	Palm Sunday Service	Sanctuary

Worship Schedule

Apr. 9	Palm Sunday	Rev. Marion	
Apr. 14	Good Friday		
Apr. 16	Easter	Rev. Marion/Jen	Communion
Apr. 23	Earth Sunday	Ruth Cooke	Minute For Mission
Apr. 30	3 rd of Easter	Rev. Marion	