

**ANNOUNCEMENTS March 26, 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**

**Our sympathies go out to Susan Barth,** family and friends on the passing of Ken McManus. He will be sadly missed. Ken passed away this past Monday, March 20. A celebration of life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Fri. April 7 here at Melville. Family will receive friends following the service at a reception downstairs.

**Lent Soup & Study.** Join Jen in the Parlour this Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and at 12 noon and each Tuesday through Lent 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 March 27 and 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.

**UCW units Faith and Grace** will meet Tuesday March 28, 2017 at 2:00 pm in the parlour. Isobel Glennie is arranging the meeting with our own Marg Frayne fresh from Central America. Do come.

**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 the 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.

**The Annual Meeting is coming.** On Sunday, April 2nd, Melville United Church will again hold its Annual Meeting. This is a time for us to celebrate the happenings here at Melville that took place over the year 2016. We will listen to reports, hear about the finances and elect people to various committees. Yes, there will be lunch before the meeting. One of the tasks set down for the Stewardship Committee is to assist the various committees to obtain members. If you feel the call to volunteer your time and talents to a committee, we welcome you. In the parlour on the easel there will be a list of committees for you to look at. Please speak to Ralph Rainford for additional information or to participate. Thank you for helping out here at Melville.

**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.

**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.

**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)

**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.

**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. March 27, 2017 - Sun. April 2, 2017

Tues. 28	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	2:00	Unit Faith/Grace	Parlour
Thurs. 30	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 31	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
Sun. 2	11:00	5 <sup>th</sup> in Lent Sunday Service	Sanctuary
		Lunch before Annual Meeting after the service	Fellowship H.

**Worship Schedule**

Mar. 26	4 <sup>th</sup> in Lent	Rev. Marion	Minute for Mission
Apr. 2	5 <sup>th</sup> in Lent	Ruth Cooke	
Apr. 9	Palm Sunday	Rev. Marion	
Apr. 14	Good Friday		
Apr. 16	Easter	Rev. Marion/Jen	Communion