

ANNOUNCEMENTS November 12, 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.

Thank you, Larry Broome and Dale Murray, for spearheading, coordinating and completing a great deal of the work for the newly renovated lower washrooms. Thanks also for the help of many others! The ladies washroom was serviceable for the Fall Festival and both washrooms were ready for the Garage Sale. A job well done! Thank you! *Barry*

Mangoes Youth Group (Grade 3-6). Sunday November 19th. 6:30-7:30 pm. at Elora United Church.

Bananas Youth Group (Grade 7+). Saturday November 25th: Help collect food during the Elora Santa Claus Parade, then join us at Melville for a sleepover.

Social Justice Conversation: an opportunity to engage in conversations about the most pressing needs in our community. Guest this month: Paul Holyoke of the the Centre Wellington Social Justice Committee. Thursday Nov. 23 7 p.m. Open to anyone who wishes.

Website Revamping - Need photos! Our website is being completely redone and we need fresh photos. Especially wanted: seasonal photos (winter, summer, Christmas, Easter) and special events (dinners, plays, campfires etc.). Please email photos to youthleader@melvilleunited.com, or give printed copies to Jen.

PEW Games Night. Friday November 17th. Brief time of worship at 5:15 p.m., followed by potluck dinner starting at 5:30 p.m., and games anytime after 6 p.m. Come anytime and stay as long as you wish.

Garage & Bake Sale: Our grand total stands at \$1975. That's fantastic! Thanks to all who helped with the sale, in one way or another, and your donations. Thanks to Bob Zirk, for helping with the clean-up with his truck.

30 Minute Grounding in the Spirit - continues every Sunday morning - 9:30-10 a.m. During this time we will lift our voice in song, ground ourselves in our shared faith story, and have personal reflection time. All are welcome in this gathering time: babies to seniors, seekers to doubters. We hope if you are unable to join our regular 11 a.m. worship time, you might consider joining us at 9:30 to ground yourself in the Spirit for the week.

Study Group: The new study group will continue to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 10:30. All are welcome.

Do you enjoy singing Christmas music? Be part of our Melville choir for Advent, including Christmas Eve. Millie Cumming will play and conduct the choir. Practices will be 7 sharp until 8:15 on Thursday evenings Nov 23, Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14, (and possibly Dec 21, to be decided later). Sunday choir practices will be 10:15 sharp until 10:45, Dec 3, 10, 17, and 10 AM Dec 24th. We will be having an anthem on all Advent Sundays, and on Dec 24 at the 11 AM service and 9 PM Christmas Eve service.

Other Community and Church Events

A note of thanks to all the congregation members who read for the Proclamation held Oct. 27, 28 and 29th, Your help was greatly appreciated. Thanks - *John Agar and The Executive of the Centre Wellington Branch of the Canadian Bible Society.*

Do you attend worship services in the United Church of Canada but self-identify as Spiritual-but-not-Religious? An hour of your time would help Kim Curlett, a student at the Atlantic School of Theology, with her research on this topic. If you can help please contact her at kimcurlett@gmail.com.

Join the Centre Wellington Kinettes on Saturday December 9th for our 4th annual Christmas Headstart craft sale & cookie walk. Get a head start on both your Christmas shopping and your Christmas baking. Purchase a dozen freshly baked cookies & squares of your choice for only \$10. All proceeds go directly to the CW Kinettes who help the communities greatest need.

Arthur UCW Poinsettia Luncheon, Bake Sale & Bazaar, Saturday, November 25th, 2017, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Arthur United Church Friendship Hall. Lunch includes soup, sandwiches, dessert, tea, coffee or juice. We also have a Bake Table with lots of delicious homemade baking and a Touch & Take Table. Everyone welcome.

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Nov. 13, 2017 - Sun. Nov. 19, 2017

Tues. 14	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
Thurs. 16	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
Fri. 17	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	11:00	Pastoral Care	Choir Room
Sun. 19	9:30	Grounding in the Spirit	Chapel
	11:00	Sunday Service	Sanctuary

Worship Schedule

Nov. 19	24 TH after Pentecost	Marion Loree	
Nov. 26	Reign of Christ		
Dec. 3	Advent One	Marion Loree	
Dec 10	Advent Two	Marion Loree	

Upcoming Planned Sermon Topics

Nov. 19 - 5 More Things Churches Should Say More