ANNOUNCEMENTS November 19, 2017

If you are worshiping 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.

Did you know? There is a Community & Social Services Help Line you can turn to when seeking information or services to deal with many of life's challenges. Just dial 2-1-1 from most places in Canada. For more info see the flyer on the bulletin board across from our library.

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.

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.

From the Church Library - Are you in need of inspiration? Would you like guidance with your personal prayers and devotion? Do you want to study the bible more deeply? Or are you in the mood for a really good book to read? Your church library offers help with all this and more. The library is open whenever the church is open, so come in and browse, choose books, sign their cards and leave them in the library, then enjoy your reading.

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.

Coffee's On! Early morning worship circle Grounding in the Spirit, every Sunday morning 9:30-10 a.m. in the Chapel. All are welcome: babes to elders, seekers to doubters.

Social Justice Conversation. An opportunity to engage in conversations important to our community. This month: Paul Holyoke from the Centre Wellington Social Justice Committee will join us here at Melville United Church in the Chapel on Thursday November 23rd, 7 p.m. January: Jan Beveridge from the Save the Water Campaign will join us on Tuesday January 30th, 7 p.m. also here at Melville United Church in the Chapel. Open to anyone who wishes to engage in meaningful community conversations!

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

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.

Taizé Prayer Service at St James Church, Fergus (171 Queen St E) next Wednesday, November 22 at 7pm. The theme this month is "Loving in Difficult Times." Please join us for an hour of quiet meditation, prayer and singing. Service led by Rev Amy Cousineau. All are welcome.

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.

Saturday December 2nd., Centre Wellington Singers present "Christmas in Centre Wellington" 3:00 p.m. at Elora United Church. Special guest: Actor: Colin Fox. For tickets and information contact: Bob and Joanne Mitchell, Millie Cumming or Lillian Gohn.

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.

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. 20, 2017 - Sun. Nov. 26, 2017

Tues. 21	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	7:30	Unit Joy	Parlour
Thurs. 23	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
Fri. 24	8:00	PD Day Camp	Upper Auditorium
	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
Sat. 25	9:00 pm	Sleep Over	Upper Auditorium
Sun. 26	9:30	Grounding in the Spirit	Chapel
	11:00	Sunday Service	Sanctuary

Worship Schedule

Nov. 26	Reign of Christ	Ruth Cooke	
Dec. 3	Advent One	Marion Loree	
Dec. 10	Advent Two	Marion Loree	
Dec. 17	Advent Three	Marion Loree	
Dec. 24	Advent Four	Marion Loree	
Dec. 24 5:00 pm	Family Christmas Eve	Jen Auger	
Dec. 24 9:00 pm	Contemplative Christmas	Marion Loree	
Dec. 31	1st after Christmas	Ruth Cooke	