

ANNOUNCEMENTS November 26, 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.

Our sympathies are extended to Don Gray, his family and friends on the loss of Lillian Gray. Lillian passed away on Sat. Nov. 18. And her service was held here at Melville on Sat. Nov. 25th, 2017.

Our sympathies also go out to the family and friends of Judith Ann Ransom who passed away on Nov. 8, 2017. As per her wishes there will not be a funeral, but donations to the Canadian Cancer Society are appreciated. She was a member of Melville United Church.

Advent Study: soup and conversation on Tuesdays from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in the parlour beginning Dec. 5th.

UCW has meat pies for sale. \$4 each.

Season of Giving! This year Melville is participating in 3 outreach projects over the Advent Season. Please find a way of supporting in a way that suits you.

1. Children's Foundation Adopt-a-Family. We have wish lists from two families this year. We invite donations of cash or Walmart Gift Cards that the youth will use the donations towards shopping for the items on the wish lists. **Deadline: November 26th**

2. Community Care Boxes. Take a box home and fill it with items such as gift cards, hats/sock/mitts, tea/chocolate, toiletry items, small games, etc. Boxes will be delivered to the Rural Women's Shelter and the Foodbank in December. **Deadline: December 17th.**

3. Food Hampers. This year the Foodbank will be distributing Gift Cards rather than hampers of food to the community, in order to allow people to select the foods most suited to their needs. You can support this effort by making a cash donation marked "Foodbank" and placing them in the giving's plates during the offering. For every \$10 we collect, we will add a Christmas Ball to our Foodbank Christmas Tree.

Christmas Bake Sale, Sat. Dec. 16, 9 - 4. Fellowship Hall, Melville. Cookies, mince and butter tarts, squares, cakes, small Christmas puddings, pies. Gift baskets. For youth (*Ashley Bell*) mission trip to Haiti and restoration of stained glass windows. Marg 519-843-3274.

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.

We now have Christmas books out for you to select and enjoy.

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!

Other Community and Church Events

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.

Gifts with Vision: Do you have people on your Christmas list who are difficult to buy for or who already have everything they need? The United Church of Canada has developed a giving catalogue in response to member requests to be able to give gifts to relatives, friends, and loved ones that are in direct support of the church's Mission & Service partners across Canada and around the world. Everyone will find something in Gifts with Vision worth sharing with the special people in their lives. Gifts are available in a range of dollar amounts, as well as for many areas of need (hunger, shelter, education, health, safety, mobility, and more). We have a few printed copies available but you can easily order online at www.giftswithvision.ca.

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.

Trinity United Church, Guelph is looking for 50 plastic chairs. If your church has chairs that they are looking to dispose of or would like to sell for a nominal price, we would like to hear from you. Please email info@trinityunitedguelph.ca or call 519-824-4800 Ext 1 for further information.

An annual winter rite in Elora, Handel's Messiah is one of the most cherished choral works for the Christmas season. With his own distinct interpretation, conductor Noel Edison brings this score to life! December 10th @ 3:30pm, St. Josephs Church, Fergus. Tickets: www.elorasingers.ca or 519-846-0331. At door ticket purchases on December 10th also available.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Nov. 27, 2017 - Sun. Dec. 3, 2017

Tues. 28	10:30 2:00	Senior Exercising Unit Faith/Grace	Fellowship Hall Parlour
Thurs. 30	10:30 7:00	Senior Exercising Choir	Fellowship Hall Parlour
Fri. 1	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
Sun. 3	9:30 11:00	Grounding in the Spirit Advent 1 Sunday Service	Chapel Sanctuary

Worship Schedule

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	1 st after Christmas	Ruth Cooke	