

ANNOUNCEMENTS December 3, 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.

All women invited to a lunch on Tuesday, Dec.19 at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. Joy Unit to supply main course. Bring pot luck if you can or just come and enjoy.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Other Community and Church Events

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.

The Chancel Choir of St. John's United Church, Belwood, will present "Love's Pure Light," a Christmas Cantata by Lloyd Larson, at 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 10th. A free-will offering will be taken. St. John's: 28 Queen St., Belwood. 519-843-1227.

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. Dec. 4, 2017 - Sun. Dec. 10, 2017

Tues. 5	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
Thurs. 7	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 8	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	11:00	Pastoral Care	Choir Room
Sun. 10	9:30	Grounding in the Spirit	Chapel
	11:00	Advent 2 Sunday Service	Sanctuary

Worship Schedule

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	
Jan. 7, 2018	Epiphany	Ruth Cooke	