

ANNOUNCEMENTS March 25, 2018

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.

There will be a Good Friday Service on Fri. March 30 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.

Rev. Marion will be away on Study Leave from April 2 - April 9 inclusive. For any pastoral care concerns or emergencies please contact Alison Rainford at 519-843-3841.

Myrtle Black extends sincere appreciation for the cards and messages that she has received from the people at Melville. Myrtle especially appreciated receiving the new Melville Church Directory this week. Myrtle is well and enjoying life at her new home at St. Luke's Manor in Cambridge.

Unit Faith/Grace will be meeting on Tues. Mar 27 at 2:00 p.m. to hear Jen Auger tell us about her Nepal Experience. You are all so welcome!

UCW has meat pies for sale. \$4 each. Contact Marg Frayne - 519-843-3274.

WANTED: If you are able to drive a senior member of our congregation to appointments, please let Alison Rainford know. I will keep a list and let folks know when the need arises. That person will then contact you to make arrangements as needed.

Melville Events: Mark your calendar for a Melville concert. Friday May 4, 8 pm. A Celebration of Irish Music and Dance. Tickets for sale at church - \$12.50 in advance, \$15 at door. Please help advertise and promote this event. Posters and cards will be in the copy room. Contact Marg 519-843-3274 or Lorna 519-787-0570.

Finding Hope in Uncertain Times: A series of meaning-filled conversations continue. Why does the world feel so uncertain? How can we respond meaningfully? How might we be transformed in our own responses? Join us for a rich series of videos, personal reflection and conversation on these big questions. Tuesday, Apr. 3, 6:30-7:30 in the Chapel.

Rise Again: Lift Your Heart! Dance and Tangle on Sat. Apr. 7th 10:00 - 3:30 p.m. Sacred Circle Dancing and Tangling. Coffee & Tea provided. Bring a Lunch. For more info contact Ruth Sproule 519-821-1978 ruth.sproule@sympatico.ca or Mary-Anne 519-993-2757 maship121@gmail.com \$30 - half day: \$50 - full day.

Rise Again: Lift Your Heart - a relaxing day of mindful creative expression at Melville United Church on Saturday April 7, 2018 from 10:00 a.m to 3:30 p.m. Sacred Circle Dancing and Tangling

The date is set! A special luncheon is being planned for Sunday, May 6th to say "Thank You" to Jen Auger for her nine years of service as our Minister of Faith Formation and Outreach. We invite you to be part of this exciting celebration. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. We are collecting donations toward a gift. Please see Phil Brown or Ralph Rainford to donate.

On Christian Family Sunday/Mother's Day, there will be a Children's Musical during the worship time. Any child who would be interested in being part of the musical can contact Suzanne Flewelling (519-835-8024 or 519-843-6572) or be present at Kids Church on Sunday morning.

Other Community and Church Events

Taizé Service: Wednesday, March 28th, 7pm at St James Church, 171 Queen St E, Fergus. An ecumenical quiet service of prayer, meditation and song. Held in the beauty of candlelight, the theme of this service is 'Holiness'. All are welcome.

An Invitation - Enjoy space for personal prayer and reflection Maundy Thursday and Good Friday

- In the stillness and quiet of our sanctuary, you can experience various prayerful stations. Each has been prepared to offer an opportunity for you to connect with God in a different way. You can move through the stations at your own pace. Come when you wish. Stay as long as you want. Open yourself to how the Holy Spirit might shape you in the way of Jesus, the way of the Cross. Elora United Church, 75 Geddes Street (please use the Geddes entrance). Maundy Thursday, March 29 10 am - noon 2-5 pm 7-9 pm; Good Friday, March 30 1-4 pm. More info 519.846.0122 revgreg@bellnet.ca

You can join us for Vocal Meditations for the Easter Season at Harcourt United - Guelph

each week or come on a drop-in basis. The sessions will be held from 10 to 11:15 a.m. in the Chapel on Wednesdays - April 4, 11, 18 & 25th. Free will offering. For info please call Elizabeth Bone, at 519 821 0682 or send an email to dambonee1@sympatico.ca.

Centre Wellington Singers Present: "This Green and Pleasant Land" Saturday April 21st, 3:00 pm at Elora United Church. Plan to attend and enjoy: Danny Boy, We'll Gather Lilacs, We'll Meet Again, The Lost Chord, Land of Hope and Glory, and A Red, Red Rose. Tickets: Adults: 15.00 Children under 12 - \$5.00. For tickets contact: Joanne Mitchell, Millie Cumming or Lillian Gohn.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Mar. 26, 2018 - Sun. Apr. 1, 2018

Tues. 26	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	2:00	Unit Faith/Grace	Parlour
Thurs. 28	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 30	10:00	Coffee & Hot Cross Buns	Parlour
	11:00	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 1	9:30	Grounding in the Spirit	Chapel
	11:00	Easter Sunday Service	Sanctuary

Worship Schedule

Mar. 30	Good Friday	Marion Loree	
April 1	Easter	Marion/Jen	
April 8	2 nd of Easter	Ruth Cooke	
April 15	3 rd of Easter - Annual Meeting	Marion Loree	
April 22	4 th of Easter - Earth Sunday	Marion Loree	