

ANNOUNCEMENTS December 2, 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.

Church envelopes are ready to be picked up at the back of the church if you use them.

Advent Study - Marion will offer a 4-part Advent study. Fridays following coffee hour (11:15 am - 12:30 pm) in the chapel - Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, 21. All welcome!

There will be a brief Congregational Meeting on December 9 following the service, regarding an amendment to our JNAC (Joint Needs Committee) Report, for the position of Minister of Faith Formation and Outreach at Melville.

White Gift Sunday - December 9. Please bring in any items or gifts that you wish to donate to the Food Bank or Community Christmas Collections. The children will collect these from you during the service and place them at the front. Thank You!

On December 16, Melville Kids' Church will present the musical "The Littlest Christmas Tree" during the service. An invitation to all family and friends to come out and enjoy music and skit from our youth!!!

Mitten Tree. The Kids' Church will be collecting mittens, hats and socks on a tree and the tree will be located behind the sound panel against the wall. Please feel free to donate to this great cause. Thank you.

Help Needed! Council is in need of a secretary. This prestige position comes with on the job training and huge benefits. If you can see yourself helping in this way, or need further details, please contact Ralph Rainford. Thank you.

Oh no! I missed a sermon! - copies of Rev. Marion's sermons are printed and available in the photocopy room each week or she will e-mail them to you. Ruth Cooke's are available on her blog at: backwardschristianity.com.

We have an immediate opportunity at Melville United Church, Fergus, Ontario for a half time Minister of Faith Formation and Outreach. The minister will be responsible for leadership and resources in areas of Christian Education for children, youth and adults. The Minister will also offer opportunities for all ages to be informed about current events and justice issues within the church and community. The candidate will work in collaboration with our ministry team.

For more information and the JNAC report visit our website melvilleunited.com Applications will accepted at melvillesearch@gmail.com

The Spirituality Circle meets on the second and fourth Mondays . The time is still 10:30. All are welcome.

Other Community and Church Events

Centre Wellington Food Bank is asking for financial contributions toward grocery cards which will be given out to families in need. Last year, they changed from doing Christmas food hampers to giving out Christmas gift cards from Freshco and this was well received. If you wish to receive a tax receipt please use the special envelopes provided.

In addition anyone can donate a festive food item for the 'Market Place' which takes place on Hamper Day, December 12th in the evening and December 13th during the day at the Sportsplex. Those receiving grocery cards can then pick from special items such as cookies, canned nuts, napkins, tea, hot chocolate, marshmallows for rice krispie squares, jam, pancake syrup, or anything you think would be special for Christmas Day. These items need to be delivered to the Sportsplex the afternoon of December 12th.

Here at Melville United - Christmas Head Start Craft show & Cookie Walk on Dec. 8th from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. You can get a head start on your Christmas shopping and Christmas baking. We have a great variety of vendors and you can purchase one dozen cookies for only \$10. All proceeds go to the Centre Wellington Kinetics who work towards our communities greatest need.

Please join us at St James Anglican Church, Fergus for an Advent Quiet Day embracing the theme 'Hope Brings Us To Birth' on Saturday, December 8th, 10 am to 3 pm. Please contact us if you wish to attend - st.jameschurch@wightman.ca or 519-843-2141. A light lunch will be provided. Suggested donation for the day is \$20 but please do not let cost be an obstacle. All are welcome.

Dublin Street United Church, 68 Suffolk St W, Guelph - Chancel and Handbell Choirs on Sunday, December 16 at 3 pm - performing "Sing Nowell!" Freewill offering - reception and holiday craft sale to follow. Phone: 519-821-0610 ext. 221.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. December 3, 2018 - Sun. December 9, 2018

Tues. 4	10:30	Senior Exercise	Fellowship Hall
Thurs. 6	10:30 7:00	Senior Exercising Choir	Fellowship Hall Parlour
Fri. 7	9:30 10:00 11:15	Pastoral Care Coffee Hour Advent Study	Chapel Parlour Chapel
Sun. 9	11:00	2 nd Sunday of Advent Service	Sanctuary

Worship Schedule

Dec. 9	2 nd of Advent	Marion Loree
Dec. 16	3 rd of Advent-Kids' Presentation	Marion Loree
Dec. 23	4 th of Advent	Marion Loree
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve - Early Service	Suzanne & Martha
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve - Late Service	Marion Loree
Dec. 30	1 st after Christmas	