

ANNOUNCEMENTS November 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.

The Spirituality Circle meets on the Mon. Nov. 26 at 10:30 in the parlour. All are welcome.

Unit Faith/Grace Christmas meeting is on Tues. Nov. 27 at 2:00 p.m. in the parlour. Please bring a memento or a few treats or a box of cookies for the women's shelter.

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!

P.D. Day Camp...November 30, 8:30-4:00 p.m. Pre-K to Grade 6. Donations are welcome. Please call Gerri to register at 519-843-1781.

The Fergus BIA is hosting "Late Night Sip & Shop" on November 30th this year, an extended hours shopping extravaganza. There will be a tree lighting, horse and carriage rides plus much more and Melville is participating! With the sanctuary lights blazing, we will be hosting a turn-around site for the horse and carriage in the parking lot and will be looking to sell some Christmas baking in the St. Andrew St. entrances as well as a place for quiet reflection on the meaning of Christmas in the sanctuary. If you could bake an extra dozen of your favourite cookies for the sale and/or offer your time for the evening it would be greatly appreciated. Make eye contact with Ralph if you would be willing to help.

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!

Mitten Tree. The Kids' Church will be collecting mittens, hats and socks on a tree. 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

St James Church Taizé Evening Prayer, Wednesday, November 28th at 7pm. Take time out and join us for an ecumenical service of song, prayer and meditation held in the beauty of candlelight. Our theme this month is "Anticipation". All are welcome. *This service is held at 7pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month (except July/August).*

Centre Wellington Singers Present: "Christmas through the Ages"

Saturday December 1, 3:00 pm at Elora United Church. Tickets: Adults: 15.00 Children under 12 - \$5.00. For tickets contact: Joanne Mitchell, Millie Cumming or Lillian Gohn.

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 Kinettes 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. November 26, 2018 - Sun. December 2, 2018

Mon. 26	10:30	Spirituality Circle	Parlour
Tues. 27	10:30	Senior Exercise	Fellowship Hall
	2:00	Unit Faith/Grace	Parlour
Thurs. 29	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 30	8:30	PD Day	Upper Auditorium
	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	11:15	Advent Study	Chapel
Sun. 2	11:00	1 st of Advent Sunday Service	Sanctuary

Worship Schedule

Dec. 2	1 st of Advent	Marion Loree
Dec. 9	2 nd of Advent	Marion Loree
Dec. 16	3 rd of Advent	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	