

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** December 16, 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 for those who use them.

**Annual Reports** - A reminder to please write up and submit your Committee reports for the Annual Report. They must be in by the end of January. The sooner the better.

**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!

**Kids' Church and Youth Group News**

December 23 is Sports Sunday. We will resume Regular Kids' Church on January 6.

**\*Mangoes Youth Group** (Grades 3-7) will meet at Elora United Church January 20, 6:30-7:30 pm. Please bring a wrapped, \$5 gift(or less) for a game.

**\*Bananas Youth Group** (Grades 8-12) will meet at Elora United Church January 6, 6:30-8 pm. Please bring a wrapped, \$5 gift(or less) for a game. Any questions, please call Martha, 519-787-1292. Merry Christmas!

**Upcoming Concert...** On January 12, Sarah Schmidt-McQuillan and Caleb Smith-Young will present a concert at 3pm, here at Melville. Free-will offering. All proceeds will help Sarah and Caleb pay for their trip to Columbia through TCOW (Two Countries One World).

**Thank you, thank you, thank you** to all who helped with the Fergus BIA "Sip and Shop". Melville again did itself proud with our doors open to the community. Thanks to those who volunteered, baked cookies and supported this wonderful event. We served about 100 people.

**The time has come to renew your Observer subscriptions.** The cost is the same as last year, \$25.00. Please see Ralph Rainford to renew or start a new subscription to this wonderful magazine. Ralph will be in the hallway outside the Chapel after the service to help you with your order.

**From the Church Library** - The Christmas season is upon us. Please visit our library and browse the books on the shelves and around the room. We have books for children; books to stir the imagination; books to make you think and to inspire you; books to give you a Christmas glow. Come in and find the right books for you.

**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.

**Subject: Christmas Lunch TUESDAY DECEMBER 18** - Hello again. Now that I have everyone confused about day and date....please know that our ladies of Melville Christmas Lunch is on **Tuesday Dec. 18**...that is coming up next Tuesday. And several ladies have volunteered to be there for prep and clean up. So, come and enjoy. Bring food if you can but come anyway if you cannot. Bring a Melville friend and come along for food and fellowship. - Marg Frayne

**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.

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**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](http://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](http://melvilleunited.com) Applications will accepted at [melvillesearch@gmail.com](mailto:melvillesearch@gmail.com)

### Other Community and Church Events

**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.

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### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. December 17, 2018 - Sun. December 23, 2018

Tues. 18	10:30	Senior Exercise	Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Finance Meeting	Chapel
Thurs. 20	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 21	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	11:15	Advent Study	Chapel
Sun. 23	11:00	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Service	Sanctuary

### Worship Schedule

Dec. 23	4 <sup>th</sup> of Advent	Marion Loree
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve - Early Service	Suzanne & Martha
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve - Late Service	Marion Loree
Dec. 30	1 <sup>st</sup> after Christmas	Ruth Cooke
Jan. 6	Epiphany	Ruth Cooke
Jan. 13	Baptism of the Lord	Marion Loree