

**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.

**Advent Study - 4 Sessions beginning Nov 29 - 11:15 am to 12:30 pm - Chapel**

Based on Birth of Jesus for Progressive Christians by Donald Schmidt. What if the Christmas story is not really what we think it is? What if things happened differently than tradition has maintained over the centuries? What if the biblical account differs from the story most of us know from the nativity plays we participated in as children? And what if the truth the authors of those stories are pointing to is not that Jesus was born in a miraculous way, but something that goes much deeper?

**Come! We will explore these questions together. All welcome!**

**Memory Angels** is returning this year. Place an Angel in the sanctuary in memory of a departed loved one or family far away. These 5" handmade Angels have the name inscribed on the skirt. A \$5 donation to have it displayed will be added to your tax receipt of givings. Please speak to Lorna Bevcar, or a member of Fun, Funds & Fellowship, if you wish to participate or for further information.

**141 envelope campaign:** We are nearly half way there! \$4,632 has been generously donated to help us reach our budget for 2019. Some of you wonder what this all about...there are 141 envelopes numbered from 1 to 141 – we are asking you to consider a special receipted gift to the church in the amount of the envelope you choose. When all the envelopes have been filled and returned we will reach \$10,011. for Melville! Can you add a little extra gift? No envelope is too small or too big – it is your choice. God Bless you all for your continued faithfulness to Melville.

**Unit Joy has a Guest Speaker for Tues. Nov. 19th at 7:30pm! All are welcome!:** Our very own "Melody Lynden" will be Guest Speaker for the evening.

**Youth****Resilient Faith: Sexual & Gender Diversity in the Church**

Sundays 12:30-2:00 Elora United Church. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Rev. Greg Smith-Young [ministerelorauc@wightman.ca](mailto:ministerelorauc@wightman.ca) 519-846-0122 or see flyer on bulletin board.

**Stone Soup Sunday:** Please Join us after Service for lunch this Sunday November 17th as our Kid's Church are hosting Stone Soup Sunday. There will be a variety of soups, biscuits and desserts. etc. All are welcome!

**PA Day Camp** at Melville Nov. 29th

**Be up to date on Melville news!** Give your email address to the Melville office and you will be included on the Melville "Grape Vine". Send a message to [secretary@melvilleunited.com](mailto:secretary@melvilleunited.com) and indicate your wish to get these updates or drop a note in the secretary's slot in the office window.

Community Events

**The Ontario Caregiver Association** now has a caregiver's support line! 1-833-416-2273 You can also live chat at [ontariocaregiver.ca](http://ontariocaregiver.ca)

Nov. 17 & 24 - **Arthur UCW Luncheon, Bazaar & Bake Sale** - 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Arthur United Church Friendship Hall. Lunch includes soup, sandwiches, dessert, tea, coffee or juice. We also have a Bake Table with lots of delicious homemade baking and a Touch & Take Table. Everyone welcome.

Nov. 19 - **Donate Blood in Fergus** -2:00-7:00pm Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex 550 Belsyde Ave. 100+ donors needed. Book online at [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca)

'Nov. 21 - **We Are All Treaty People:** free public series - 7 pm at Dublin Street United Church, 68 Suffolk St. W at the corner of Dublin. Organized by Justice and Outreach Committee.

Nov. 23 - **Snowflake Craft Sale** - 9:00am-1:00pm - Knox Elora Presbyterian Church, 51 Church St. Elora. Lunch available: Adults \$7, children 8 and under \$4.

Nov. 23 - **All Things Christmas Sale** - 9:30am-12:30pm Harcourt Memorial United Church, 87 Dean Avenue, Guelph. Get into the Christmas spirit with seasonal items for all your holiday decorating.

Nov. 30 - **The Centre Wellington Singers Christmas Concert** - 3 PM at the Elora United Church (75 Geddes St, Elora). Cost for tickets is \$15 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and younger. For tickets speak to Millie Cummings, Bob and Joanne Mitchell or Lillian Gohn, or by phoning 519-994-1015

Nov. 30 - **Christmas Marketplace** - 11am-2pm - St. James 171 Queen St. E, Fergus. Lunch available: Adults \$10, children \$5

Nov. 30 - **Gifts to Give** - we provide gifts to people with low income to give to their families on Saturday, Nov 30, 11- 2 pm in Trinity Hall. Donations of new or very gently used items appreciated, but please NO clothing or furniture. Items can be dropped off at the church at (400 Stevenson St N) weekdays 8:30-12:30 pm Nov 18-29. For more information call Trinity United Church at 519-824-4800.

Dec. 1 - **Allison Lupton Concert** - 8:00pm, Knox Elora Presbyterian Church. 51 Church St. Elora ON. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance or \$30.00 at the door. Tickets are available at: Knox Elora church, Wreckless Eric's and Sante

Dec. 6 - **Heather Rankin Christmas** concert - 8pm at Melville United Church. Tickets available online at [eventbrite.ca](http://eventbrite.ca) or [weealec.com](http://weealec.com). In person at The Bookery in downtown Fergus. Adult \$35 Youth \$25 For any inquiries or if you're interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Scott Moir 519-820-4430

Dec 11- **Spiritual Practice Opportunity** - 7-8:30pm at First Baptist Church, 255 Woolwich St., Guelph. This is an opportunity to explore different spiritual practices and encourage spiritual growth and community.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Nov. 18, 2019 - Sun. Nov. 24, 2019

Mon. 18	10:30	Spirituality Circle	Parlour
Tues. 19	9:00	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	2:00	Unit Joy	Parlour
Thurs. 21	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 22	10:00	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 24	11:00	24 <sup>th</sup> after Pentecost	Sanctuary

## Worship Schedule

Nov. 24	24 <sup>th</sup> after Pentecost	Ruth Brown
Dec. 1	Advent 1 - Communion	Marion Loree
Dec. 8	Advent 2	Marion Loree
Dec. 15	Advent 3 - Children's Musical	Marion Loree

## Council Highlights - Nov 6, 2019

- Shannon Rawn has offered to be the decorator
- Advent study will be the Fridays before each Sunday of Advent beginning Nov 29
- Marion plans a survey/questionnaire for the congregation
- Property has been busy with refinishing paint, large windows and a boiler repair
- FFF raised over \$6000 with fall festival and garage sale
- Social Justice group theme for year is food sustainability
- Marion and Greg Smith-Young have sent letters to neighbouring United Churches asking to meet to plan working together (not amalgamation)
- Financial report indicates revenue from rentals is up slightly while givings are down a bit. expenses are also down slightly. At the end of September we have a deficit of \$700.