

ANNOUNCEMENTS March 15, 2020

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.

Tues. March 17, 7:30 pm - Unit Joy meeting. All welcome. Guest speaker: Dorothy Hemingway who spoke on her time in Zimbabwe (the theme country this year) at the service on Friday, World Day of Prayer.

The collection from this service, attended by folks from all area churches, funds small projects for women in Canada and around the world through the Women's Interchurch Council of Canada. Contact Marg 519-843-3274.

March 29 & April 5 Bulletin Announcements. If possible can you please submit your announcements to the office by March 25th. Thank you.

Confirmation: Please alert any Melville youth (grades 8 & up) who may be interested, that Rev. Marion will be facilitating a Confirmation Program beginning in late February or early March. Times and dates will be scheduled according to the needs and availability of the participants. The program will include a Confirmation weekend at Five Oaks Retreat Centre April 3-5. Please contact Rev. Marion for details or to register.

Fridays- 11:15 am to 12:30 pm Lenten Study/Discussion: Five Fridays beginning March 6th (ends April 3rd) in the Chapel. Based on the study guide Death of Jesus for Progressive Christians, written by Donald Schmidt. Why did Jesus die? The resurrection of Jesus is, of course, the most important event for Christians, yet the events that led up to it are almost as important. According to all the biblical sources and a wide variety of non-biblical texts, Jesus was put to death because the message he brought threatened the powerful of his era. The simplest truth is that the gospel message was too toxic for the imperial stomach to bear. Come, and we will explore together what the bible tells us about the events in the final week of the life of Jesus.

175 years of faithful living! Melville United Church will be 175 years old come October 2020. There will be an anniversary service on Sunday, October 25 followed by a lunch. Come help us celebrate!

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 and indicate your wish to get these updates. You can also drop a note in the Office mailbox that is located on the wall beside the office door.



Community Events

March 17, March 24 & March 31st - 12:00 Noon - 1:00 pm. Lenton Lunches at Knox Elora Presbyterian Church. Cost \$10.00 Please call 519-846-0680 to reserve.

Have you heard the good news?! TCOW (Two Countries, One World) has begun planning another experience for the upcoming year including an international experience in Columbia again! Teens & Young Adults interested in participating in the TCOW experience or know someone who would be great for this program, join us at one of our info sessions:

Elora United, Elora - March 24, 7pm

Forest Hill United, Kitchener - March 26, 7pm

Harcourt Memorial United, Guelph - March 31, 7pm

Trillium United, Cambridge - April 2, 7pm

Friday, March 27 -7:00-8:30 pm - The Walking Wounded. Dark clouds come in all shapes and sizes and leave us asking where do we turn? How does our faith fit into our healing journey? Brett Ullman in The Walking Wounded begins to address how to walk back towards healing and away from our emotions, feelings and thoughts that are keeping us paralyzed in life. Grand River Community Church, 7438 Wellington Rd. 18 (No cost)

Saturday, April 4 - 6:30 pm. Annual Dinner Gathering. Alma Bible Church, 59 Peel St. E. in Alma. A roast beef dinner will be followed by Praise and Worship, Christian Fellowship and an interesting speaker. All are welcome to come for dinner at 6:30 pm – advance tickets only (\$20.00) from your CBS church representative or call John 519-820-7964. Doors open at 5:30 pm for meeting & greeting, viewing displays, complementary juice provided. Some might like to come for the program starting at 7:45 pm (no charge but there will be a free will offering).

Sunday, April 5 - 7:00 pm. The Hope of Easter with Rev. Mark Curtis at Arthur United Church, 101 Tucker St., Arthur. Refreshments. Free will offering.

Jesus in the Movies at Holy Week - 7:00 pm. St. Andrew's Church, Fergus:

Monday, April 6 - Godspell

Tuesday, April 7 - Jesus Christ Superstar

Wednesday, April 8 - Risen

Saturday, April 18 - 11:00 am-1:00 pm Spring Fling at Knox-Elora Presbyterian Church. Lunch: Assorted Sandwiches, Soups, Squares, Tea & Coffee. Cost: Adults \$12, 8 & under \$5. Home Baking at its best. White Elephant Table. For info 519-846-0680



WEEK
LY CALENDAR
Mon. Mar. 16 - Sun. Mar. 22, 2020

Tues. 17	9:00	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	10:30	Senior Exercise	Fellowship Hall
	7:30pm	Unit Joy Meeting	Parlour
Thurs. 19	10:30	Senior Exercise	Fellowship Hall
Fri. 20	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	11:15	Lent Study	Chapel

Worship Schedule

Mar. 22	4 th in Lent	Marion Loree
Mar. 29	5 th in Lent	Marion Loree
Apr. 5	Palm Sunday	Marion Loree
Apr. 10	Good Friday	Marion Loree
Apr. 12	Easter Sunday	Marion Loree