

Announcements

- **Memory Angels:** Our Memory Angels will be displayed in the Sanctuary starting in December thru until January 5/25. Those who have had Angels in the past, can renew your Angel with a minimum donation of \$5, by contacting Lorna Bevcar or Patty Duncan. Those who are new to this, can have a handmade paper Angel, with an inscription on the skirt, dedicating it in memory of your loved one, or a pet, or thinking of someone far away. The Angels stay at Melville safely packed away throughout the year. These Angels bring comfort and reassurance to the Melville families throughout the season, knowing that we are remembering our loved ones.
- **UCW meat pies for sale!** We have a limited number of meat pies for sale this week (our traditional hamburg/veg pie) and our new turkey pies \$5 each. Come for pick up on Friday 10 - 12 or after church on Sunday. Or call Marg Frayne 519-993-3274.
- **2024 Christmas Gift Program:** Such an abundance of generosity, Thank You! Now we can support gifts for **14** children, along with food and much-needed joy for their families. If you've been thinking about donating, there's still time! The Food Bank had a bunch of new families register last week. There are 22 kids that need support, and 10 more families are expected to register this week. **Financial Donations** are needed **by Tuesday, Nov 12, 2024**. To donate: email secretary@melvilleunited.com with an e-transfer, or use one of the specially labelled envelopes in the sanctuary, or drop a financial donation off at Melville (open Tues, Wed & Friday). Please indicate funds are for the 2024 Christmas Gift Program. Thank you for living our mission in such a meaningful way. Social Justice & Outreach team.
- **Mid-Day Music at Melville** returns to Melville United Church in Fergus for its 3rd season. **Wednesday, November 13** with the concert beginning at **12 noon** and continuing until about 1 p.m. Brad Halls will feature music from movies released in 1937 and 1938, from great songwriters such as Irving Berlin, Harry Warren, Hoagy Carmichael and George and Ira Gershwin along with many others. Movies such as *The Big Broadcast of 1938*, *Going Places*, *The Goldwyn Follies* and many others brought us great songs such as *That Old Feeling*, *Change Partners*, *Two Sleepy People*, *Our Love Is Here to Stay* and so many more. There is absolutely no admission charge to attend any of these concerts, but a voluntary donation, all of which will go to Melville United Church to help keep the lights on and the piano tuned, is always gratefully received.
- **November 16th 10:30 am-1:30 pm – Snowflake Bazaar** Knox-Elora Presbyterian Church, 51 Church St., Elora. Baking, White Elephant Table, Crafts and Vendors. Join us for a delicious hot lunch. Lunch includes a bowl of soup, a bun, coffee or tea, and a cupcake. Cost \$12.00 for lunch. For more information 519-846-0680
- On Sunday, **November 17th** Melville will be hosting a **lunch and learn** to discuss the **Halo report** we had commissioned last year. A Halo report tries to monetize the value that a church provides to its community in such a way that politicians and non-members can better understand the value provided versus the cost involved. The long-term goal of this discussion is to build a plan to make Melville a bustling hub of activity throughout the week so that we can create more value for our community and be in a better position to seek its

help when big bills need to be paid. A PDF of the report will be circulated next week via the Grapevine.

- **Centre Wellington Singers** - We're excited to let you know that our Christmas Concert tickets are now on sale. This year's concert features special musical guests The Guelph Youth Singers who will be bringing two choirs led by Emily Petrenko. The concert takes place on **Saturday November 30th at 3pm** at Melville United Church. As always, once the music stops, the fun continues as the audience can mingle with the musicians over tea and treats in the church's fellowship hall. Tickets are \$20 adults, children 12 and under \$5. Contact: Millie Cumming (519) 787-1993 and Lillian Gohn (519) 846-0288 or email centrewellingtonsingers@gmail.com. Follow CWS on Facebook and Instagram - @centrewellingtonsingers or visit www.centrewellingtonsingers.ca.
- **Cozy Closet** will be open in the Chapel **Nov. 30**, and **Dec. 7** from **10:00am-2:00pm**
- The **Food Bank** is in need of donations, more than ever. Please consider bringing donations of nonperishables, toiletries, or a gift card, to church. Baskets are located in the sanctuary. **Items most needed are:** pasta sauce, chunky soup (Habitant), small canned soup, pasta side dishes, canned vegetables, canned tomatoes, canned fruit, cold cereal, peanut butter, juice, jam, canned salmon, and canned pasta (beefaroni, etc.).