

Announcements

- **Daylight Savings time!** Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour **Sunday, November 3rd**.
- **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.** Please help us sponsor as many children as possible under the CW Food Bank Christmas Angel Program. **Financial Donations** are needed **by Tuesday Nov. 12th**. Thank you to those who have contributed to-date. We have committed to supporting 5 children so far. Please help us to do more in 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. With thanks from the Social Justice & Outreach team.
- **Cozy Closet** will be open in the Chapel **Nov. 2, Nov. 30, and Dec. 7** from **10:00am-2:00pm**
- **Mid-Day Music at Melville** returns to Melville United Church in Fergus for its 3rd season. **Wednesday, November 6** with the concert beginning at **12 noon** and continuing until about 1 p.m. Brad Halls will feature music from movies released in 1937, from great songwriters such as Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, Cole Porter and George and Ira Gershwin along with many others. Movies such as *Shall We Dance, Rosalie, On the Avenue* and many others brought us great songs such as *The Folks Who Live on the Hill, Hooray for Hollywood, Too Marvelous for Words, Let's Call the Whole Thing Off* and so many more. Also enjoy selections from the very first animated feature film ever released. 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 3rd 7:00 pm** – An evening with **Canada's Singing Priest** at St. James Anglican Church 171 Queen St. E, Fergus. Free-will offering.
- **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.

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- 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.).