

Announcements

- **UCW meat pies for sale!** \$5 each. Come in to pick up meat pies on Sunday or call Marg 519-993-3274.
- **Cozy Closet** We are now collecting **coats, boots, hats, mitts and scarves, and other warm clothing** for our **Cozy Closet, which will begin October 17**. Please place any donations in the chapel or boxes provided.
- **Contemplative Worship** - Taizé is hosted at St. James, 171 Queen St. E, Fergus **every 4th Wednesday** of the month (*except July and August*) at 7:00pm by candlelight. Taizé worship is rooted in the traditions of the Taizé community in France. It's multi denominational and includes live music, meditation, silence and anointing for healing.
- Join Us for **Organ Concerts** at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Fergus, during Ontario Culture Days. 4 pm, Sunday, **September 28**: Ian Sadler, 4 pm, Sunday, **October 5**: Herb Ciceri. Concerts are free and followed by an Evensong service
- The concert series "**Mid-Day Music at Melville**" presented and performed by pianist and singer **Brad Halls** returns for its 4th season of concerts, beginning on **Wednesday, October 1** and continuing until the end of April next year. Each concert is held at Melville United Church in Fergus and begins at 12 noon and continues until about 1 p.m.
For this 4th season of concerts, Brad has adopted the theme of "Songwriters' Inspirations", with a variety of themes exploring some of the great popular music of the past hundred years and beyond
The first two concerts of this season will focus on the theme of "Around the World", and will feature songs inspired by exotic locales around the world and right here at home in Canada. On Wednesday, October 1, these classic songs include songs written by Frank Loesser, George and Ira Gershwin, Jule Styne, Ewan McColl and others, including Around the World, London by Night, Vienna City of My Dreams, On a Slow Boat to China and many more.
There is no admission charge to any of these performances, but a voluntary donation to Melville United Church to help keep the lights on and the piano tuned is always appreciated.
For more information on this series or to join our e-mail list, contact Brad at 519-400-1022 or by e-mail at brad.halls@wightman.ca.
- **Fraud Talk.** Learn simple ways to protect yourself and avoid becoming a victim of fraud Wednesday, **October 8**, 1:30-3:30 pm. Wellington County Museum and Archives (Aboyne Hall). Free admission, refreshments and opportunity for questions.
- You're invited to Habitat for Humanity Guelph Wellington's **Building Hope Together Key Ceremony**. Help us welcome 22 families into their Habitat Homes Saturday, **October 18**, 2-5pm. 465 Garafraxa St. West, Fergus. Complimentary refreshments, activities, home tours, and heart-warming presentations. All are welcome! Please RSVP to <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/habitat-gws-key-ceremony-celebrating-hope-together> or karyn@habitatgw.ca
- Join us at Trinity United Church in Guelph on **October 19th** at 3pm for the Liverpool Sessions: **An evening of the Beatles from Studio to Stage**. Tickets are \$35. For more information, please contact Kathy Stephens at 519-829-9622 or kathyrobertstephens@gmail.com.
- **Fundraising Concert** Melville will be "*Turning Up the Heat*" on Friday, **October 24**, at 7:00 pm in support of the heating system replacement project. Enjoy a wonderful evening of music and entertainment

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featuring talented performers from the Centre Wellington community. Come hear songs and stories, hoe-downs, jigs and reels and much more. Watch for more details coming soon.

- **Left Behind vs. Leaving Behind: The Gift of Generational Wisdom October 29** from 10:00-3:00 (lunch included). Melville United Church Fellowship Hall. Let's honour our faith stories, share collective church wisdom, and engage in the practice of Rural Café, as we celebrate Rev. Donna Mann's new book "Faithful Choices in Church & Mission. Register with mary@ralphbasset.com. Donations welcomed.