

Announcements

- **UCW meat pies for sale!** \$5 each. Turkey and Beef available. Come in to pick up meat pies on Sunday or call Marg 519-993-3274.
- **Greetings from the Garden!** This week was our final donation to the CW Food Bank. It included tomatoes, peppers, carrots, lettuce, herbs, gourds and sunflowers for their desk. This might be the latest we have ever harvested tomatoes! Shout-out to the garden team that kept everything watered during our hot, dry summer. This marks the end of our 13th season, as we have been providing harvest deliveries weekly from May to October since 2012. Plans are already in the works for next year as we put the garden to bed and plant our garlic for 2026. As part of our harvest this year, we collected the elderberries from the memorial tree in the corner of the garden. We have included them in several freezer bags, and they are located in the parlour kitchen freezer. Feel free to take some home and enjoy. (just a reminder that they need to be cooked before consumed, such as in pies, jams, syrups, etc.)
- **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.
- The concert series "**Mid-Day Music at Melville**" presented and performed by pianist and singer Brad Halls continues with its 4th season of concerts with the next performance on **Wednesday, October 15** at Melville United Church in Fergus beginning at 12 noon and continuing 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 concert on October 8 will begin a two-week theme of "*Fly Me to the Moon*" featuring enduring popular songs featuring the image of the moon. For centuries songwriters have written songs about the romantic influence of the moon, and our next concert will feature several of them by famous songwriters from Harold Arlen to Henry Mancini and the songwriting team of Rodgers and Hart to many others. From turn-of-the-past century song such as *Shine on Harvest Moon*, and *By the Light of the Silvery Moon*, to Broadway and movie hits such as *Moon River* and *It's Only a Paper Moon*, the performance will feature those and 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.
- 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.
- **Musical Variety 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 featuring choirs and solo vocalists, pianists, violinists, guitarists, folk musicians, storytelling and more! Following the concert, all are invited to a reception in the Fellowship Hall. Call the office for tickets or purchase at the door. \$20 Adults, \$10 Students, age 5 and under free. Donations over \$20 will receive a tax receipt.
- **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.