

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.
- **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, **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 continues with its 4th season of concerts with the next performance on **Wednesday, October 8** 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 upcoming concert on October 8 will conclude our two-week theme of "*Around the World*", featuring enduring popular songs about exotic locales and places closer to home. Next week's show will include songs by popular songwriters from Hoagy Carmichael's *Georgia on My Mind*, Vernon Duke's *Autumn in New York*, and classic songs introduced by some of the great performers including Nat Cole's *Route 66*, Tony Bennett's *I Left My Heart in San Francisco* and Patti Page's *Old Cape Cod*, among several others. Brad will also include three Canadian songs to close out the afternoon. 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.
- **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.
- **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

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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.