

Announcements

- **Calling All Singers:** The Melville choir is starting to prepare anthems for the Advent and Christmas season. If you like to sing and are free on Thursday evenings, please come out and join us in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!
- **UCW meat pies for sale!** \$6 each. Turkey and Beef available. Come in to pick up meat pies on Sunday or call Marg 519-993-3274.
- **Food Bank Donations** - Please do not put **perishable** food items in the donation basket in the Sanctuary. The basket is not always emptied right away, especially in the summer. We don't want anything rotting in the back. Thank You!
- **White Gift Sunday** You are invited to bring in toiletries or small gifts/gadgets for a teen or young adult on December 7. Please do not wrap gifts. Our Youth and children will collect them from you. Thank you.
- **Memory Angels:** will be displayed in the Sanctuary throughout the Christmas season, representing our loved ones. For a minimum donation of \$5 each, you can have an Angel displaying yours. It can be a person, pet, or someone living far away. Please speak with Lorna Bevcar or Patty Duncan.
- **2025 Christmas Care Program Update:** Almost 100 families have registered so far. 21 children still need to be sponsored. Another 30 families are expected to register in the next week. Melville's target is 20 children, plus support for The Grove Hub Christmas activities and CW Food Bank for Christmas foods. We're supporting 15 children so far, **thank you!** Please help us do more. We need another \$2,000 to meet our goal. Financial Donations to Melville are needed as soon as possible. The CW Food Bank deadline is Nov 16th. 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., Thur. & Fri. 9:00am-3:30pm). Cheques payable to Melville United Church please. Indicate funds are for the 2025 Christmas Gift Program. With thanks from the Social Justice & Outreach team.
- The concert series "**Mid-Day Music at Melville**" presented and performed by pianist and singer Brad Halls continues with the next performance on **Wednesday, November 26th**. The upcoming concert on November 26 was inspired by the song *The Colours of My Life*, composed by the great songwriter Cy Coleman for the Broadway musical "*Barnum*", which led to so many other songs by equally talented writers including Duke Ellington, Leroy Anderson, Richard Rodgers and Elton John. So come and enjoy great selections such as *Deep Purple*, *Little Girl Blue*, *Scarlet Ribbons*, *Mood Indigo*, *Red Sails in the Sunset* and many more. We will explore more songs on this theme the following week, December 3. 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.
- Barrie Hill United Church 5702 Wellington Rd. 29, Guelph Eramosa Township is hosting a **Christmas Tea** on **Sat. Nov. 22** from 2-4 pm. \$25 Adults, \$10 under 12. To reserve your tickets please contact Martha call or text 519-362-3785 or email martha.amidon@gmail.com
- Knox - Elora is holding an **Olde Time Gospel Hour** on Saturday **November 29th** from 2:00-4:00 pm. 51 Church St., Elora. Refreshments at half-time. Pass of the Hat.

- Centre Wellington Singers present: “**Home for the Holidays**” Saturday **November 29th**, 3:00 pm Melville United Church, Fergus. Conductor: Melanie Steenburgh, Accompanist Betty Weinstein with Special Guests Elora Children’s Choir directed by Kate Wright. Tickets: 519.843.6655 or Magic Pebble – Elora and The Scottish Shop – Fergus, or Choir Members: Lillian Gohn, Lara Johnston, Millie Cumming. Adults \$20.00 Children \$5.00. E-Transfers and be made to the following email address:
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