

### Announcements

- **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.
- **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:** Thank-you Melville for making the magic happen again this year. We have purchased gift cards for 20 children, along with a little treat for their 6 families. Plus, donations have been coming in for the CW Food Bank and The Grove Hub - Fergus. Any additional donations will still be appreciated. **Financial Donations methods:** email [secretary@melvilleunited.com](mailto: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, Thurs & Fri). Cheques payable to Melville 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, December 3rd**. The upcoming concert on December 3 is the second part of our two-week look at songs inspired by *The Colours of Our Lives*, composed by great songwriters including Harold Arlen, Walter Donaldson and many more. So come and enjoy great selections such as *That Old Black Magic*, *Evergreen*, *My Blue Heaven*, *Bye Bye Blackbird*, *Red Roses for a Blue Lady* and many more. For the two weeks following, on December 10 and 17, we will shift our focus to celebrate the music of Christmas – a mix of your favourite seasonal carols and songs, some newer, some which have been passed down for centuries. 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](mailto:brad.halls@wightman.ca).
- **UCW Christmas Bake Sale**, Sat. **Dec. 13**, 9 to 2. Donate your fabulous baking OR be our customer. Fudge, plates and tins of a wide range of Christmas cookies, squares, Christmas pudding and sauce, mince and butter tarts scones, muffins and loaves. Selling our beef and turkey pies - \$6.
- Are you seeking a quiet moment in the midst of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season? Hope Springs United Church invites you to experience **Silent Nights** - peaceful evenings of rest and reflection during the Advent season. **Mondays and Wednesdays in December** leading up to Christmas (December 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22) **7:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Hope Springs United Church Sanctuary 75 Geddes St Elora. You are welcome to come and go as you wish. You can drop in for a few quiet minutes or stay the full hour. There is no formal program. Gentle instrumental music will be playing, and you are invited to sit in stillness, pray, or read. Short Advent reflections will be available, and candles may be lit in memory of loved ones or in prayerful thought. There is no cost to attend. Simply come in, find a seat, and take a deep breath. Let this Advent season offer you a moment of peace — a time to rest in the beauty and calm of a *silent night*.