

MELROSE NEWSLETTER

October 23, 2026



SUNDAY WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- October 25, 2026
- November 1, 2026
- November 8, 2026
- November 15, 2026

GREETINGS!

In the name of the One who loves us and holds us dear!

We are an inclusive community on Locke Street, dedicated to seeking justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with God. We are a progressive church with traditional elements to

our service and quite a lot of music. We welcome people who are questioning. We dress informally and understand that children often run around and make noise.

A Message from the Board

Official Board Meeting ~ November TBA @ 7:30pm

All are welcome at any board meeting! Our meetings are held in person and on Zoom. If you would like to attend, please contact the office for more information, melrose@melroseunited.ca

Old T-Shirts Needed!

We are looking for old t-shirts of any size to use with messy crafts on Sunday mornings to keep everyone's Sunday best their best! Please drop off in our Pray and Play Room or give to Libby or Gwyn. Thanks!

United Church Calendars are now available!



You may now order United Church Calendars from the United Church Bookstore! To order just go to the United Church Bookstore website, <https://ucrbbookstore.ca> and search 2027 calendar. Calendars are \$8.49 plus shipping and handling.

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We always welcome children and understand that they may not be quiet during the service. We appreciate their joyful noise and are glad that they are here!



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Mistletoe Bazaar!



The Mistletoe bazaar is coming on November 21st! The following volunteer positions are needed:

- greeters
- cashier at the cookie walk
- tear down crew: 1230 pm
- bake table sellers
- distributor of prepaid advanced orders
- cashier at our gift basket sale table
- general assistant for "attending to various concerns and tasks"

The most important part is the needed contribution of baked goods: squares, loaves, cookies for our baked goods table and of course we need TONS of cookies for our famous cookie walk.

Please speak with Libby, Margaret, Gwyn or Catherine about your baking contributions.



A New Fundraiser!



Our old slate roof tiles have been repurposed into coasters! They are sturdy and a reminder that a house built upon a rock endures! This is a fundraiser for our ongoing roof repairs. We will be selling them for \$20 each at our November 21 Mistletoe Bazaar! If you cannot make our bazaar, reach out to the Church Office, melrose@melroseunited.ca, to reserve a coaster for yourself.

NEW ✨

Are you interested in becoming more involved at Melrose?

The following rewarding positions are available!

A) Trustee. This position, in conjunction with others, manages the investment portfolio of the church! Willingness to learn and ability to have one meeting every two months. Only one requirement: must be a member of Melrose United.

B) Ministry and Personnel - 2 positions. Your job would be to be paired with one of our paid personnel at Melrose. Meet with them, to discuss issues, work performance and support them. Again, all training provided!

C) Friendly Visitor! Are you sociable? Some of our older folks need a friendly caller, a short visit or even a simple drop-off of a baked food item! Just takes a smile and a hug!

Please speak with Gwyn, our Church Administrator Sue, or Rev Ken about any of these available and fulfilling positions!



A Story from Rev Ken's Book

Maddie and Mom, Lessons in Christian Living



The Important Ingredient

Madison noticed the package in her mother's hands.

"Is that what I think it is?" she asked.

"It's what you wanted for your birthday."

Maddie's eyes widened with excitement. "My log cabin bird house!"

"Yes," her mother said, "though why you wanted another one, I don't know. What about the one you made with your dad a couple of years ago?"

"Oh, it's old," she shrugged. "We need a new one. Besides, this is one I can build all by myself. Amber has one that she built, and if she can do it, so can I."

They opened the package to look at the contents of the kit. Maddie picked up and examined the little logs that made up the walls of the house, and the thin, flat strips that fit together to make the roof.

"I hope it's all here," she said as she watched her mother checking the page that listed the contents against what they saw in front of them.

"It seems to be," her mother said. "Except for one thing."

"Oh, no!" Maddie exclaimed. "Do we have to send it back?"

"Don't worry, Maddie. It's nothing that can't be fixed. It looks as if they've forgotten to include the little package of glue. We may have some around, or, if not, we can easily buy some. It's not a problem."

"That's good," Maddie said with relief. "Cause without it, instead of a birdhouse, I'd probably just have a bunch of little pieces of wood."

"Yes," her mother said, "you'll definitely need glue."

"Stuff that holds things together is really important," Maddie observed.

"You're right, Maddie. Stuff that holds things together is important. And that goes for more than glue."

There's another thing that's important in holding things together."

"What's that?"

"Love, Maddie."

"Love is like glue?"

"In a way of speaking," her mother answered. "Just the same way your bird house would be just a pile of wood without glue, a lot of things wouldn't work without love. The apostle Paul once said that he could speak a lot of wonderful words, but without love in them, they would be nothing more than noise. Love is an important ingredient in so many things."

"Like what?" Maddie asked.

"Like relationships with friends and family, for example," her mother answered. "Love can hold them together, especially in the face of struggles or disagreements."

"I know what you mean," Maddie replied. "Sometimes Sarah says things that bother me or upset me. I could get angry with her, but I let them go because she's my best friend. Or putting up with some of the things that my little brother, Tommy, does."

"That's love, Maddie. Like glue, holding things together."

"I guess you're right, Mom, but . . ."

"But what?"

"Well, I love this bird house. But I think it's going to take some real glue to keep it together."





Looking Ahead!

Cooking in the Kitchen!

Cooking in the Kitchen ~ Starting **Monday, Sept 21st from 6 pm - 8 pm**. Everyone is welcome to assist on Monday evenings with baking cookies, putting together pies and soups for our frozen food section and Bake Table at the bazaar. We need 4 people every Monday evening (excluding Thanksgiving Monday) to assist in making this year's Bazaar a success. Please contact Libby or Gwyn and let us know your availability!

Community Knitting and Crochet (and needlework too!)

Saturday, October 17th ~ 9:30am - 11:30am ~ Bring your current project and materials, beginners welcome! Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided. Please enter through the doors off of the Stanley Ave parking lot.



Board Games

Sunday, October 18th @ 1:00pm ~ Come and play your favourite board game or bring your own! You do not need a partner. Entry fee is \$5, children under grade 1 are free!

Progressive Euchre

Friday, October 23rd ~ @7pm ~ Doors open at 7pm, games start at 7:30pm. You do not need a partner! Entry fee \$5, coffee, tea and snacks available all night!



Mistletoe Bazaar

Saturday, November 21st @ 9:00am to noon ~ Enjoy new and returning vendors, Bake Table, Cookie Walk and Tea Room!

Social Media at Melrose

Did you know? Melrose has an active social media presence on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)! Check out our pages for information on Melrose events and for messages of inspiration! Please like and share our posts!



A Message From the Church Office

The office will be closed on Monday, October 26th.

Please be sure to submit your church related items for the bulletin or newsletter by Wednesday of each week. Kindly email melrose@melroseunited.ca.

The Church Office has returned to regular hours, Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm.

This week's cover photo was taken at Ball's Falls Conservation Area by Sue.

