

# NEWSLETTER

November 28, 2025



## SUNDAY WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- November 30, 2025
- December 7, 2025
- December 14, 2025
- December 21, 2025

## 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

### **Thursday, December 11th ~ Official Board Meeting @7:30**

All are welcome at any board meeting! If you would like to attend, please contact the office for more information, [melrose@melroseunited.ca](mailto:melrose@melroseunited.ca)

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## Upcoming Services At Melrose!

**Sunday, November 30** ~ Advent I Service with Rev Margo Feyerer

**Sunday, November 30** ~ Candlelight Carol Service @7:30pm

**Sunday, December 7** ~ Advent II Service with Rev Margot Feyerer

**Sunday, December 14** ~ Advent III Service with Rev Brenna Baker

**Sunday, December 21** ~ Advent IV Service

**Wednesday, December 24** ~ Christmas Eve 10:30pm with Rev Brenna Baker

**Sunday, December 28** ~ Jazz Carol Service in the Parlour



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## Mistletoe Bazaar



**THANK YOU** to everyone who came out and supported the Mistletoe Bazaar! We are grateful to our wonderful volunteers and bakers and most especially to Gwyn Xagoraris for her untiring dedication to making each bazaar better than the last!

There are still a few frozen pies left! The online store has been re-opened for orders for a short time! Just order online and Gwyn will contact you and set up a time when you can pick up your order.

<https://melrose-united-church.square.site/>

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT MELROSE



### **November 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm ~ CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE**

A beautiful service of carols and readings for the beginning of the Advent season

### **December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am ~ CHRISTMAS GIVING SUNDAY**

Help us spread the joy of Christmas. If you are able, please bring gifts for Wesley Urban Centre (gloves and socks) and Operation Santa Claus (toys).

### **December 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10:30am ~ FAMILY CHRISMAS**

Calling all sheep, shepherds and angels! Join us for our Christmas pageant – everyone is welcome to participate (even the adults)! No rehearsals necessary!

### **December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30pm ~ CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

A beautiful service of carols and readings to celebrate the birth of Jesus and the promise of peace, hope, joy and love. All are welcome to take Communion.

### **December 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am ~ JAZZ CAROLS**

And now for something completely different! Join us for an informal service in the church parlour.

# Special Birthdays!

This month Olga Grant, Carolyn Duff & David Duff will be celebrating birthdays! We wish them all the best for their special days!



## Spreading the Joy of Christmas Through Giving



As we enter this season of generosity, we are reminded of the many who are in need. We invite you to help us spread the joy of Christmas by supporting several local initiatives:

- Wesley Urban Centre: We are collecting gloves and socks to help those facing homelessness stay warm this winter.
- Operation Santa Claus: Please bring unwrapped toys to brighten a child's Christmas.
- Helping Hands: We are collecting gently used clothing for those in need.

Donation boxes are available in the auditorium and will be accepted until December 14th.

We are gathering warm blankets for individuals in need of comfort at Willow's Place. Please drop off donations at the church office Monday to Friday, 9am to 2pm, by December 2nd.

Your kindness will make a world of difference to those in our community this holiday season.

Please bring in your donations by December 1st. Drop off at the church office or give to Libby or Gwyn.

Thank you for sharing the love and hope of Christ through your generosity!

## Your Help is Needed!

Sweet treats are needed for the reception following the Candlelight Carol Service on November 30th. Assistance is also required with setting up the parlour at 5pm and serving during the event. Please contact Libby if you can help!

## A Public Service Announcement From Our Healthcare Workers! 😊

Remember to get your vaccines! Influenza and RSV will start to take off in December, and covid is with us year-round. Almost everyone should have a flu vaccine and covid vaccine every fall, and some people should have a covid vaccine in the spring, as well. These are available without a prescription in pharmacies. The RSV vaccine is a relatively new vaccine that shown to be safe and effective at keeping people out of hospital. If you've had it, you don't need to have it again. If you haven't had it, it is covered for the first time this year for people over 75 years, and some high-risk people over 60 years. There is a new pneumonia vaccine in the last year, called Prevnar-20; one dose for everyone over 65 years, and for people at high risk of any age. If you've had the older pneumonia vaccine, you should still get this new one. Finally, shingles vaccine, Shingrix, is useful at any age, if you haven't had it. It is publicly funded for people between age 65 to 70 years, and available at cost (around \$200 \* 2 doses) for anyone. If you've had two doses of this, you don't need to have it again. If you have allergies to any vaccine components, discuss vaccines with your family doctor.

# Some Special Messages!



A few special messages from our Melrose Friends regarding the 100th Anniversary Dinner!

"Dear Melrose,  
I do regret that I can't join you on November 1<sup>st</sup>. I hop that it will be a joyful and encouraging event!

Faithfully, Peter Wyatt"

"Dear Melrose,  
I wish to thank you for the honour of a special tea party you so kindly put on on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. It was a wonderful Homecoming experience for me! I have been a member for 61 years and consider it my Church. Our church has given me an anchor through my life so I treasure it very much! May you give strength and guidance as you continue your work!

Most faithfully, Ruth McNeeley"

"Dear Melrose,  
I wish to pass on my appreciation and delight in the 100th Anniversary dinner. First for the love and work that was put into making it a first class evening, for the wonderful food and the opportunity to reconnect with old friends. Thank you to all who had some part in making this a memorable event.



Blessings, Sonia Ireson"



## Looking Ahead!

### McMaster University Choir Presents ~ This Must Be the Place

**Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> @2pm and 5pm** ~ Join the McMaster University Choir here at Melrose for two shows as they explore conflict and coexistence using mythic thunder, train rides and tug-of-war. Conductor Melanie Teilez, Accompanist Phillip Daley, Percussion Julia Araiche. Tickets \$10-\$25 at the door.



### The Duet Club Presents ~ Christmas Time Is Here!



**Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30pm** ~ Join Women of Song here at Melrose and kick-start the holiday season with a delightful afternoon of beautiful music. Women of Song will be joined by special guest Dave Sivers and other local musicians. Ticket Prices, Adults - \$25, Students / Seniors - \$20, Children 12 and under are free. To reserve tickets, please send an e-transfer to [theduetclub@gmail.com](mailto:theduetclub@gmail.com). Please include the attendee names in the message field. Tickets will be available at the door by cash or debit card.



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# Candlelight Carol Service

**Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> ~ Candlelight Carol Service @7:30**

Join us for our annual Candlelight Carol Service with Rev Margo Feyerer. A service of beautiful carols and meaningful scripture for Advent. There will be a reception to follow.



## Community Knitting and Crochet

**Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 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.

## A la Mode Choir Presents ~ Made in Canada, A Choral Concert From Coast to Coast

**Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> @7:30pm** ~ come join A La Mode Choir here at Melrose for a magnificent evening of choral music in celebration of our great country, Canada. This program is as diverse as our nation, including songs from well-known Canadian singers and songwriters, Indigenous works, and folk tunes that span from coast to coast. In the usual ALM fashion, be prepared to laugh, to cry, to be awestruck, to dance, and to sing along! Tickets are available with cash at the door, \$30 for adults, children under 12 are free. Please visit our website [www.alamodechoir.com](http://www.alamodechoir.com) for more information and to pre-order your tickets.



## Canadian Orpheus Male Choir Annual Christmas Concert



**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00pm** ~ Enjoy the Canadian Orpheus Male Choir's Christmas Concert here at Melrose featuring Gabrysia Kowalik, soprano, Emmanuel Dye, baritone, Richard Cunningham, Music Director and Trevor Price, accompanist. Tickets are \$25 before November 30<sup>th</sup> by email [tickets@comc.ca](mailto:tickets@comc.ca) or by phone 905-581-1461. After November or at the door, tickets are \$30.

## Christmas Movie Party!

**Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm** ~ Bring your family and friends and enjoy a Christmas Movie! Enjoy crafts, cookies and hot chocolate! A very special guest will be joining us! Speak to Sally for more information.



## Boards Games

**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @1:00pm** ~ Come on out and enjoy your favourite board or card game! There is a \$5 entry fee, Children up to grade 1 get in for free! Bring along your favourite board or card game! Refreshments will be available.



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## 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, the wider church and for messages of inspiration!



## A Message From the Office

Office hours are Monday to Friday, 9am to 2pm. Please be sure to submit your items for the bulletin or newsletter by the beginning of each week. Kindly email [melrose@melroseunited.ca](mailto:melrose@melroseunited.ca). Thank you!



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