MELROSE NEWSLETTER

October 30, 2026



SUNDAY WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- November 1, 2026
- November 8, 2026
- November 15, 2026
- November 22, 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

Don't Forget!



Don't forget to turn your clock back one hour on Saturday night!

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://ucrdbookstore.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!

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
- distributer 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!

NEW



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.

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!

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!



A Story from Rev Ken's Book Maddie and Mom, Lessons in Christian Living



Children of God

Madison looked at her mother. "Mom," she said. "I heard Grandma call you a child the other day. You're not a child; you're an adult. I'm a child."
Her mother laughed. "In some ways, I'm still a child to your grandmother, and I guess I always will be."
"Doesn't that bother you?" Maddie asked.
"No, of course not. It's just her way of showing me that she loves me when she thinks of me like that. I don't mind at all."
Maddie's eyes knitted in a frown. "So, you're both an adult and a child at the same time."
"Yes, you could say that. To you, I'm an adult, to your grandmother, I'm still the child she raised. It's all a matter of perspective."
"Perspective? What's that?"
"It's the way you see things, Maddie. As a matter of fact, your grandmother could be seen as a child, too."
"But her parents died a long time ago," Maddie protested. "Who could possibly see Grandma as a child now?"
"God does, Maddie. Grandma is a child of God. She always was, and she always will be. So will you, and so will I."
"So, it's nice to be called a child of God?" asked Maddie.
"It is, but it means so much more than that. Look at it this way, Maddie. To anyone else you are a child, and that may be nice, but it's not the whole story. When I say you are my child, it means a whole lot more. It means I claim you. I love you. You're special. I want the best for you. And I want to help you be the best you can. When we say that we are God's child, it means that God claims us. That God loves us. That God thinks we're special. That God wants the best for us, and that God will help us be the best we can—if we want God's help."
"I know how you help us," Maddie said. "You give us rules and tell us what we're supposed to do—or not. Stuff like that. How does God help us?"
"God does the same thing, Maddie. God teaches us through the Bible and through the words and work of Jesus. And God's Spirit moves among us, helping us to live a good life and be able to meet all the challenges we might face."
"So, I don't just have you and Dad as a parent. I have God as a parent, too?"
"That's right, Maddie. And you'll always have God as a parent with you every day, even when you're as old as Grandma. You will be loved by God forever. That's what it means to be God's child."

Looking Ahead!

Cooking in the Kitchen!

Cooking in the Kitchen ~ Starting **Mondays 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, November 7th & 21st ~ 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, November 8th @ 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!

Mistletoe Bazaar



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



Progressive Euchre

Friday, November 27th ~ @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!

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

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.