

MELROSE NEWSLETTER

September 18, 2026



SUNDAY WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- September 20, 2026
- September 27, 2026
- October 4, 2026
- October 11, 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 ~ Thursday, September 24th @ 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

Melrose Name Tags

To help us get to know and welcome our new staff and members, we'll be offering beautiful pre-made name tags to everyone on Sunday mornings. We hope this will be a simple way to help us connect and build community! A special thank you to Rosella for leading this project!

Greeters and Readers Needed!

A sign-up sheet will be available during coffee hour over the next few weeks after the service. Please speak to Libby or drop her an email for more information about these two important ministries! cook_fenstra@hotmail.ca

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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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A Story from Rev Ken's Book

Maddie and Mom, Lessons in Christian Living



Keeping Promises

Maddie's mother had set a pumpkin pie out on a rack on the kitchen counter to cool. She was just about to see if it had cooled enough when Maddie came into the kitchen.

"Why, Maddie," she exclaimed. "I thought you had gone to your friend Julie's party. I heard you promise her that you would."

"Well," Maddie replied. "I didn't feel like going. There'll be other people there. She won't miss me."

"But you promised," her mother said.

Looking uncomfortable, Maddie just shrugged.

"Hey," she said into the awkward silence. "Is the pie ready, Mom? Can I have a piece?"

"I was just thinking about putting a topping on it."

"Can I help?" Maddie's eyes brightened with enthusiasm. "I'll get the whipped cream can. I love splooshing it on the pie."

"Hmm," her mother wondered. "Well, all right."

Maddie got the whipped cream and busied herself applying a generous portion from the aerosol can.

"Maddie," her mother said. "I've changed my mind. I don't want whipped cream on the pie after all. Put it back in the can."

Maddie looked at her mother, astonished. "Mom, you can't put it back in the can once you sploosh it out," she said.

"You're right, Maddie. Once it's out, it's out. You can't take it back."

"Of course not," Maddie agreed.

"Don't you think the same thing applies to a promise?"

"Oh," said Maddie, a guilty look on her face. "I guess it does."

"Just like whipped cream can't be put back in the can, promises can't really be taken back once they're made. Promises are important, Maddie. What kind of world would this be if people didn't keep their promises? Or if your father and I didn't keep the promises we make to you? Or if God didn't keep the promises to love us and be with us and to help us through the hard things we face in life?"

Maddie frowned. "I wouldn't want to think that God would ever go back on a promise."

"No, God wouldn't," said her mother. "And we shouldn't either. Jesus told us what God was like and said that we should try to be like that, too. That means being kind and helpful and caring toward people—and keeping the promises we make to them."

Maddie looked at her mother for a moment. "Um, I think I'm late for Julie's party. I'd better get going. But—uh—can I have a piece of pie when I get back?"

Her mother smiled. "Yes, I promise."



Mistletoe Bazaar!

Start planning !! we are going ahead with our Annual Mistletoe Bazaar on **Saturday, November 21st, 9am to Noon**. Please put this event in your calendars NOW!

We will need cookies, baked goods, and plenty of those!! If anyone has empty 250ml jam jars please drop them off to the church during the summer. We will need them for peach jamming in early August!

Please consider the myriad of ways that you can help: kitchen tea room, greeters, set up, tear down and selling our amazing goods.

We are no longer accepting vendor applications, tables are SOLD OUT!

Stayed tuned for more updates!!!



Bazaar Raffle Baskets

Gwyn is asking anyone who is vacationing and enjoying their travels this summer to consider picking up a "souvenir" of their trip! At the Bazaar this year we will be having raffle baskets as a fundraiser for the roof. Please consider a donation to a basket: ideas include: pottery, jam, gift certificate for ice cream, bottle of wine, a unique handcraft.... Please drop these items off in the church office anytime in September labelled "Gwyn Bazaar." You can contact Gwyn for more details on what might be needed at gwynxag@gmail.com.



Cooking in the Kitchen!

Cooking in the Kitchen is back! Starting **Monday, Sept 21st from 6 pm - 8 pm**. Everyone is welcome to assist on Momday 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!



Looking Ahead!

Board Games

Sunday, September 20th @ 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!



Community Knitting and Crochet (and needlework too!)

Saturday, Sept 5th & 19th ~ 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.

Euchre

Friday, September 25th ~ @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!



Duet Club Scholarship Winner's Concert

Sunday, September 27th @ 2:30pm ~ Please join the Duet Club as they celebrate this year's talented Scholarship Winners! This is a pay what you can concert.



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! 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.

