

NEWSLETTER

May 2, 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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- May 4, 2025
- May 11, 2025
- May 18, 2025
- May 25, 2025

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A Message from the Board

Wednesday, May 14th ~ 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.

Upcoming Services At Melrose!

Sunday, May 4 ~ Worship Service at 10:30am with Rev Margo Feyerer with Baptism

Sunday, May 11 ~ Worship Service at 10:30am with Tabitha de Bruin

Sunday, May 18 ~ Worship Service at 10:30 am with Rev Brenna Baker

Sunday, May 25 ~ Worship Service at 10:30am with Mary Parsons

Sunday, June 1 ~ Worship Service at 10:30am with Mary Parsons

Sunday, June 8 ~ Worship Service at 10:30am with Margaret Duff



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Great Melrose Spring Cleanup!

Beginning the week of **May 5th**, we will be having a huge cleanup event, and we are looking for some volunteers to help in the afternoons or evenings of that week to sort, organize, and carry un-needed items to a big dumpster, or set them aside for recycling or repurposing. Work has already started on the process of identifying long-forgotten or broken items from years past. Your time and talent for a few hours could make a big difference! Please email Margaret Duff at margaretduff2143@gmail.com.



Kirkendall Food Drive ~ Fill a Bus, Feed a Family!

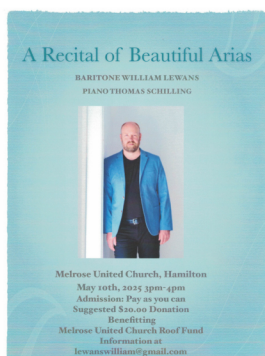
Saturday, May 3rd ~ If you live in the Kirkendall neighborhood keep an eye out for a brown paper bag arriving in your mailbox between April 25th and April 30th. If you don't receive your bag or if you would like an extra one, please email events@kirkendallhood.ca. This food drive will support the Food Bank at Mission Services. For more information, please visit <https://kirkendallhood.ca/food-drive/>.

A Recital of Beautiful Arias ~ A Fundraiser for Melrose!

Saturday, May 10th @3 PM

Featuring William Lewans - Baritone & Tom Schilling - Piano

Join us here at Melrose for a captivating performance by Canadian Baritone William Lewans, currently studying at Melrose under the mentorship of Tom Schilling. William has graced stages across Canada, taking on roles such as Figaro in "The Marriage of Figaro." Tom Schilling is a highly respected vocal coach who enjoyed a remarkable 50-year career in New York City and has been teaching in Hamilton since 2005. Together, William and Tom will present their favorite arias, with all proceeds supporting the **Melrose Roof Fund**! Admission is Pay-What-You-Can, with a suggested donation of \$20. Tickets will be available at the door. For further inquiries, please email William at lewanswilliam@gmail.com or speak to Sue in the office.



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!



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Looking Ahead!



Community Knitting and Crochet

Saturday, May 3 ~ 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.

Progressive Euchre

Friday, May 23rd @7:00pm ~ Doors open at 6:30pm, games start at 7:30pm sharp! Beginners welcome! You do not need a partner! Please enter through the doors off of the Stanley Ave Parking lot.



Board Games!

Sunday, May 11th @2:00pm to 5:00pm ~ All ages are welcome! Bring along your favourite board games. You do not need a partner. Entry fee, \$5.00 for individuals, \$10 for families.

Wesley's Case for Kids

Wesley's 34th Annual Case for Kids event will be held on **Sunday, June 1st**! Melrose will once again be entering a team. Participants are encouraged to walk, run or ride at their own pace around Bayfront Park. Stay tuned for more information! Donations can be dropped at Melrose, please make cheques payable to Wesley Case for Kids or on their website, www.wesley.ca/caseforkids.

A Message From the Office

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



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In Loving Memory of Past Members of Melrose



Bert Carter

Bert was a long-time member of Melrose, although he was unable to attend in recent years due to frail health. He died in his 98th year, on March 1, 2025. He and his wife Margaret faithfully served Melrose in a wide variety of ways. Bert often served as an usher, his friendly smile was how many people were welcomed to Melrose over many decades.

Mavis Whitworth

Mavis died at age 96 in early April, 2025. Mavis was a piano teacher and early childhood educator. She ran the Robin's Roost daycare at Melrose for many years. Mavis had many valuable roles at Melrose over her many decades of membership, but is probably best remembered as the founder of the Busy Fingers group. This group of women met regularly to diligently knit and sew items to be sent to those in need both close to home and in distant corners of the world.

Louise Stokes

Louise passed away in late April, 2025. She was a former high school physical education teacher who brought energy and enthusiasm to everything she did. In addition to many other interests and pursuits, she loved music, and was a member of the Melrose choir and occasional soprano soloist for a number of years. Louise left Melrose to pursue her interest in music at St. Paul's United Church in Dundas, but renewed her friendships at Melrose each year by visiting the bazaar to chat and to shop.

Ronna Paterson

Ronna passed away in March 2025 in her 99th year. Ronna had not worshipped here at Melrose for many years. A lovely Celebration of Life was held for her at Melrose at the request of her children.

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