

NEWSLETTER

December 5, 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

Upcoming Services At Melrose!

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

Sunday, January 4, ~ Worship Service @ 10:30am

Sunday, January 11~ Worship Service @ 10:30am

SUNDAY WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- December 7, 2025
- December 14, 2025
- December 21, 2025
- December 28, 2025

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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT MELROSE



December 14th @ 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 21st @ 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 24th @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 28th @10:30am ~ JAZZ CAROLS

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

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! This year we have made over \$12,000 and counting!

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/>



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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.

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

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 Pevnar-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.



Looking Ahead!



Community Knitting and Crochet

Saturday, December 6th & 20th ~ 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 6th @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 for more information and to pre-order your tickets.



Christmas Movie Party!

Friday, December 12th @ 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 14th @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.



Canadian Orpheus Male Choir Annual Christmas Concert



Sunday, December 14th @ 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 30th by email tickets@comc.ca or by phone 905-581-1461. After November or at the door, tickets are \$30.

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. Thank you!



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