

NEWSLETTER

December 13, 2024



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.

Message from the Board

Wednesday, January 8th ~ Official Board Meeting @7:30 pm.

Please note the change of day! All are welcome at any board meeting! If you would like to attend, please contact the office for more information.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT MELROSE!

Sunday, December 15th

Advent III at Melrose with Rev Margot Feyerer at 10:30am

Wednesday, December 18th

Light in December Darkness Service at 7:00pm at Melrose

Sunday, December 22nd

Advent IV at Melrose. The Christmas Story, a family service with Meg Chalmers at 10:30am

Tuesday, December 24th

Family Christmas Eve at Westdale United at 4:00pm

Tuesday, December 24th ~ Candlelight Service at 10:30pm

Sunday, December 29th ~ Fireside Service @ 10:30am



SUNDAY WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- 15th Dec, 2024
- 22nd Dec, 2024
- 29th Dec, 2024
- 5th Jan, 2025

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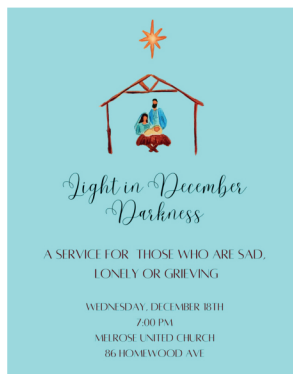


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Light in December Darkness

**Wednesday, December 18th
@7:00pm**

A quiet contemplative service in our cozy parlour for those who are lonely, sad and/or grieving. All are warmly welcome!



Family Christmas Eve Service

**Tuesday, December 24th
@4:00pm ~ A Joint Family Service at Westdale United**

Join us for The ABC's of Christmas led by Reverend Evan Swance-Smith, at Westdale United, located at 99 N. Oval..



Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24th at 10:30pm ~ A beautiful Communion service led by Reverend Philip Gardner with music provided by our wonderful chancel choir!

Fireside Service in the Parlour

Sunday, December 29th at 10:30am ~ Bring your favourite holiday snack and best voices!

The Synch!

December 13, 14, 15, at Melrose! Showtimes are 7:30pm and 2:00pm. Tickets are \$30, please click www.emersonarts.ca to order! Fun for the whole family!



Bach Elgar Choir Presents Handel's Messiah

December 13 and 15, 2024, 7:30 PM & 3 PM

Their annual holiday tradition, co-presented by The Bach Elgar Choir and the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra. Conducted by HPO Music Director James Kahane, and with soloists Sydney Baedke, Hillary Tufford, Bud Roach and Alex Dobson. St. Catherine of Siena Roman Catholic Church 620 Rymal Road E. Tickets available at <https://bachelgar.ca/events/>

Sunday Morning Offering

Starting in December, the Worship and Faith Formation Committee has decided to return to our original method of collecting our Sunday offering during the service. Our greeters will once more pass the plate during the offering. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback!

Thank You From the Mission to Seafarers!

Pastor Dan Phannenhour would like to thank Melrose for all of the wonderful donations for The Mission to Seafarers! Your donations will help to keep the men and women who staff the ships warm and cozy! Over 75 parcels are distributed daily! Here is Pastor Dan with the Melrose donations!



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Wesley Holiday Drive

**Wesley
Holiday Drive**
A 60+ year tradition



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DONATE TODAY!

The most needed items are:

- Financial donations to Wesley to support programs & services: Cash, cheque, credit card, or gifts of securities are greatly appreciated.
- \$25 gift cards: Walmart, grocery stores (Food Basics, No Frills, PC Stores), Dollarama, Giant Tiger.
- Clothing: New gloves, underwear, socks, robes and slippers for adults and children.
- Linens: New sheets and blankets for queen and double, towels.
- Kitchen: New microwaves, toasters, toaster ovens, blenders, air fryers.
- Boxes of chocolates.



We need your help!

Your support could be a family's greatest gift this year at our programs in Hamilton, Halton, and Brantford. Please help us offer shelter & care to those in need by making a cash donation to Wesley and/or purchasing a new item from our clients' wish list of most-needed items.

Items can be dropped off:

Sun Dec 8 & 15,
from 12 noon – 3pm
Mon Dec 9 to Fri Dec 13,
from 10am – 12 noon

wesley.ca/holidays

Wesley's Holiday Drive is collecting donations for adults, children, families, and newcomers struggling with poverty and homelessness. Donations received during the holiday drive will be used to support Wesley clients during the holiday season and throughout the year.

We will be collecting **White Gifts** for this drive on **Sunday December 15th**.

Most-needed items are:

- Financial donations to Wesley to support programs & services: Cash, cheque, credit card, or gifts of securities are greatly appreciated.
- \$25 gift cards: Walmart, grocery stores (Food Basics, No Frills, PC Stores), Dollarama, Giant Tiger.
- Clothing: New gloves, underwear, socks, robes and slippers for adults and children. Linens: New sheets and blankets for queen and double, towels.
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Looking Ahead!

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Friday, December 20th ~ Euchre Christmas Party ~ Doors open at 6:30!

Saturday, December 21st ~ Community Knitting and Crochet Christmas Party @9:30 Bring your current project and materials, beginners welcome! Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.

Sunday, December 22nd ~ Board Game Christmas Party! ~ 2:00pm to 5:00pm

Join us for a fun afternoon of Board Games and Christmas Cheer!

Tuesday, December 24th ~ Family Christmas Eve @ 4pm ~ A joint service at Westdale United Church. The ABC's of Christmas. All are welcome!

Tuesday, December 24th ~ @ 10:30pm ~ Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

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Sunday, December 29th ~ Fireside Service @ 10:30am. ~ A cozy service in the parlour. Bring your favourite holiday snack and your best voice!

Sunday, January 5th ~ @ 6:00pm ~ Advent Walk



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