

MELROSE NEWSLETTER

September 11, 2021

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SUNDAY WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- September 13, 2026
- September 20, 2026
- September 27, 2026
- October 4, 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 ~ Meetings will resume in September, date TBA!

All are welcome at any board meeting!

If you would like to attend, please contact the office for more information, melrose@melroseunited.ca

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Welcome Rev Ken and Jasmine!

Thanks to everyone who came out last Sunday to welcome Rev Ken and Jasmine! The service was so well attended that extra chairs had to be brought in!

Blessing of the Backpacks!

Please join us this Sunday, for the Blessing of the Backpacks! No matter what your age, from preschoolers to mature students, bring your backpacks, your hopes, your dreams and yes, even your anxieties. Melrose is here to support you now and throughout the year!



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

Madison and her mom were tidying up after supper, rinsing off the dishes to put in the dishwasher.

"You seem out of sorts, Maddie," her mother said as she passed a plate to her daughter. "What's the matter?"

"Oh," Maddie sighed, "I'm just thinking about Becky."

"That's the girl who called you names, isn't it?"

"Yes, it is. You told me I should be nice to her anyway and forgive her, but I just can't. She's mean to me all the time. She never stops. And I've given up trying to be nice and forgive."

Madison's mother said nothing for a few moments while she passed some more dishes to her daughter.

"Maddie," she said finally, "why don't we stop rinsing and washing the dishes. Let's just put them back in the cupboard the way they are."

"You mean dirty, with food on them and everything? Yuck!"

"But I get tired of washing the dishes, day after day."

"We have to wash them, Mom. Or we we'll never have any clean dishes!"

"I think you're right, Maddie. Let's continue." Her mother was quiet for a moment. "You know, Maddie," she said, "when someone does something mean to you or hurts you, it can leave a mark on you."

"A mark?" wondered Maddie.

"Oh, not something anyone could see. Something inside your mind that troubles you, or bothers you. The way you're upset with Becky. If you want to get rid of those marks you have to forgive."

"But she keeps doing it, Mom."

"Then you'll have to keep forgiving her."

"Every time?" Maddie scoffed.

"How many times do we wash the dishes, Maddie?"

"Every time we use them, or they'll be all messed up."

Her mother nodded. "Jesus once told his followers that they had to keep on forgiving people, no matter how many times. Otherwise . . ."

Maddie jumped in. "Otherwise, it would be like putting away messed up dishes."

"Now you've got the idea, Maddie. You know, someone once said, 'I decided to forgive, not because I received any apology for the hurt I had suffered, but because my soul needed rest.'"

"What does that mean, Mom?" Maddie asked.

"I means that when we don't forgive, we can get all messed up inside."

"Like a dirty dish that needs cleaning!" exclaimed Maddie.

"Exactly," said her mother.

"Okay," Maddie said, "I'll forgive Becky. Again. I don't need her messing with my insides."

Her mother smiled and handed her another dish.



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 now accepting vendor applications! Please email the office or speak with Gwyn!

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 will return to regular hours, Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm on Monday, September 14th. Thank you!

