

# NEWSLETTER

September 12, 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.

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## A Message from the Board

**Thursday, September 18th ~ Official Board Meeting @7:30**  
**Please note the date change!**

All are welcome at any board meeting! If you would like to attend, please contact the office for more information, [melrose@melroseunited.ca](mailto:melrose@melroseunited.ca)

## Upcoming Services At Melrose!

Services return to the Sanctuary in September!

**Sunday, September 14** ~ Worship Service with Rev Brenna Baker

**Sunday, September 21** ~ Worship Service

**Sunday, September 28** ~ Worship Service with Rev Margot Feyerer

**Sunday, October 5** ~ World Communion Day with Rev Margot Feyerer

**Sunday, October 12** ~ Worship Service with Rev Roni Beharry

## SUNDAY WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- September 14, 2025
- September 21, 2025
- September 28, 2025
- October 5, 2025

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## Jam Jars Needed!

Its jamming time again! We are in need of 250ml and 500ml jars. Please drop them off at the office. No spaghetti sauce jars or other glass! Thanks!

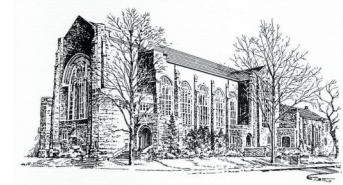


## Share Your Cherished Family Recipes!

Do you have an old family recipe that you love? Perhaps it's one passed down from your grandparents or great-grandparents? We would love to receive a copy! The Melrose Congregation is celebrating its 100th anniversary, and potluck meals and congregational dinners have been a part of our journey since the beginning.

Libby and Gwyn are excited to compile a small booklet featuring all the submitted recipes. We kindly ask that you send them in by the end of September. You can write them down on paper and drop them off at the church office, or simply email them to the church office, [melrose@melroseunited.ca](mailto:melrose@melroseunited.ca).

We can't wait to savor these delicious food memories!



## Melrose Congregation's 100th Anniversary Join the Celebration!

Our Congregation will turn 100 in November! We will joyfully celebrate the 100th anniversary of our Melrose congregation throughout the month of November. We're planning special events to honor our rich history and look forward to a bright future. If you're interested in helping plan our anniversary celebrations or have ideas to share, please reach out to Libby or Gwyn. Planning meetings will begin in late August or early September. We'd love to have your input as we prepare for this meaningful milestone! Contact Gwyn at [gwynxag@gmail.com](mailto:gwynxag@gmail.com) or Libby at [cook\\_feenstra@hotmail.ca](mailto:cook_feenstra@hotmail.ca).

## Rental Groups at Melrose

Melrose United Church is home to many community rental groups. Now that September is here many are taking new members or have wonderful services to offer!

- [Bach Elgar Choir](#)
- [Royal Scottish Country Dancers](#)
- [Human Performance Solutions Mobile](#)
- Basketball
- [Steel City Swing](#)
- [Women of Song](#)
- Indoor Soccer
- [Embers, Guides and Pathfinders](#)
- Carpet Bowling
- [Vocalway Vocal Instruction](#)
- Tai Chi
- [Music Together, Giggle and Groove](#)
- Ball Hockey
- [Ingelbert Lievaart II Photography](#)
- [Little Learning House Daycare](#)



## Anniversary T-Shirts and Bags

The Anniversary Committee is considering selling t-shirts and bags to celebrate our upcoming anniversary if there is interest from the congregation. Please speak to Libby or Gwyn and let them know what you think!



**\*\*Examples Only!\*\***

If you are interested in any of these groups, please click on the link or contact the office for more information! [melrose@melroseunited.ca](mailto:melrose@melroseunited.ca)



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# Update From the Search Team!



We have spent time reviewing the skills and gifts of several ministry personnel and have decided to go ahead with our first round of interviews. Stay tuned, as there will be more updates to come! In the meantime, please pray for the interviewees that they will come prepared and confident— and for us, that we are able to provide a welcoming environment in which each interviewee feels able to shine!

## Did You Know?

Did You Know? The Bach Elgar Choir, now celebrating its 120th season, is a long-standing community choir founded in 1905 and it rehearses right here at Melrose! This season, the choir will feature music by Henry Purcell, Orff's Carmina Burana, and an original soundtrack for the silent movie Der Golem. The BEC is conducted by our very own music director, Alexander Cann. If you are interested in auditioning, please speak to Alex or check out their website for more information and concert dates, [www.bachelgar.ca](http://www.bachelgar.ca).



## 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!



## Looking Ahead!

### Community Knitting and Crochet

**Saturday, September 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.



### Progressive Euchre

**Friday, September 26th @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.

### The Duet Club of Hamilton Presents: Scholarship Winners in Concert

**Sunday, September 28th @2:30pm** ~ Since 1940, the Duet Club has been awarding scholarships to talented, young musicians from the Greater Hamilton Area. Join them as they celebrate this year's recipients here at Melrose! Admission is by donation, suggested amount \$20. For more information please click [www.duetclub.ca](http://www.duetclub.ca).

## Congregational Dinner!

**Saturday, November 1st!** ~ Mark your calendars and join us for a grand Melrose Dinner to celebrate 100 years of congregational dining. This event will fund various church projects. We need your generous donations for Silent Auction Baskets. Consider giving bottles of wine or spirits, honey and jam, or gift certificates from restaurants, cinemas, or favorite stores. Please send your donations to the church office by October 15th. Questions? Contact Gwyn or Libby!

## A Message From the Office

Office hours have now returned to 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](mailto:melrose@melroseunited.ca). Thank you!



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