

MELROSE NEWSLETTER

August 28, 2026



SUNDAY WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- August 30, 2026
- September 6, 2026
- September 13, 2026
- September 20, 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

Summer Services

The 10:30am Worship Service will now be held in our air conditioned parlour for the summer months. Services will return to the Sanctuary in Sept 13th.

Upcoming Services At Melrose!

Summer Services will be held in the Parlour

Sunday, August 30 ~ Worship Service @ 10:30am with Lance Wright

Sunday, September 6 ~ Worship Service @ 10:30am with Rev Ken Jacson

Sunday, September 13 ~ Worship Service @ 10:30am with Rev Ken Jackson

Sunday, September 20 ~ Worship Service @ 10:30am with Rev Ken Jackson

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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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Meet Our New Minister and New Children's Ministry Coordinator!



Ken Jackson has lived in Brantford for the past twelve years with his wife, Maureen. They have four children and two grandchildren.

Ken did his early graduate and post-graduation education in Winnipeg, but also has graduate and post-graduate degrees from McMaster, as well as a certificate in Creative Writing from that institution. For a time, as a CGA, Ken worked at Hewlett-Packard as Corporate Tax Manager for their Canadian operations.

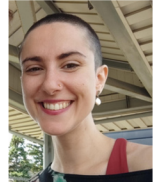
Ken's most recent ministry positions have been at Mount Hope-Case (8 years), Hillcrest-Bethel in Georgetown (18 years) and the past eleven years at Drumbo.

Ken's main hobby is writing. He has published several books, including a four-book series of Maddie and Mom (Lessons in Christian Living).

Welcome Rev Ken!

WELCOME

Hi! I'm Jasmine, the new Family Ministries coordinator! I'm a Child and Youth Worker in my final year of studies at Mohawk college. It is my passion to serve my community and help nurture the children and youth within it.



Jasmine

During the school year I work Monday-Friday at Earl Kitchener Elementary School as an Early Learning Facilitator. In my spare time I love to go camping, volunteer in the community, spend time with my cats, and enjoy quality time with my loved ones. I have a background in visual art and love painting, drawing, and mixed media, as well as crochet and sewing!

In my practice with children and youth my focus is on nurturing their authenticity and supporting the development of skills to manage life's challenges. I work with my heart and soul and aspire to serve in a way that supports the collective good.

I am so excited to integrate into the Melrose congregation, to share and learn, to meet everyone, and to have fun!

Welcome Jasmine!



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 Monday 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!

Euchre

Friday, August 28th ~ @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!

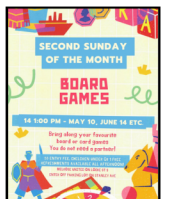


Community Knitting and Crochet (and needlework too!)

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.

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!



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

Office hours are Monday to Friday, 9am to 2pm. Please be sure to submit your church related items for the bulletin or newsletter by Wednesday of each week. Kindly email melrose@melroseunited.ca.

Our summer hours will take effect July 1st. The Church Office will usually be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am to 2pm. Thank you!

