

# MELROSE NEWSLETTER

June 19, 2026

**HAPPY  
PRIDE  
MONTH**



## SUNDAY WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- June 28, 2026
- July 5, 2026
- July 12, 2026
- July 19, 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

**Thursday, July 9th ~ 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](mailto:melrose@melroseunited.ca)

## Summer Services

The 10:30am Worship Service will now be held in our air conditioned parlour for the summer months.

### Upcoming Services At Melrose!

Summer Services will be held in the Parlour

**Sunday, June 28** ~ Worship Service @ 10:30am with Lance Wright

**Sunday, July 5** ~ Worship Service @ 10:30am with Lance Wright

**Sunday, July 12** ~ Worship Service @ 10:30am with Lance Wright

**Sunday, July 19** ~ Worship Service @ 10:30am with Margaret Duff

**Sunday, July 26** ~ Worship Service @ 10:30 with Gwyn Xagoraris

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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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# Thank You!

Thank you Margaret Duff and Jim Kraemer for all your wonderful painting jobs! Margaret, Jim and their painting crews have worked hard over the past year to spruce up the Minister's Study and the Gymnasium! Last week they painted all the trim in the Gym a beautiful contrasting colour!

Check it out!



THANK YOU

WELCOME

## Welcome Lance Wright!



Melrose warmly welcomes Lance Wright! Lance will be joining us as one of our summer Worship Leaders beginning this Sunday, June 28th! Please be sure to say hi after the service!

For 17 years, Lance Wright served as a full-time lay Staff Associate with two different United Churches in southern Ontario. For many years, he has developed a variety of innovative and theatrical programs for children, youth, and community organizations, including producing Youth Eventz services and serving as Associate Director at CityKidz in Hamilton. He has been a camp leader throughout his adult life, including directing four United Church camps: Silver Lake, Ryerson, Cave Springs, and Leadership Camp, as well as Canterbury Hills Anglican Camp. He is a third-year student in the MDIV program at Emmanuel College in Toronto and a candidate for ordained ministry in the United Church of Canada. Lance and his wife Peggy live in the Westdale neighbourhood of Hamilton and attend Wellington Square United Church in Burlington.

From the UCC



## June is Pride Month!

HAPPY PRIDE MONTH

God of the Rainbow,

More than those who watch for morning,  
Our souls wait, for the day when each of us,  
of every gender expression, gender identity, and sexual orientation

knows that we are meant to be:

loved, cherished, and protected; and

that we are to be:

proud of our identities; and

celebrated.

For we are your imperfectly perfect children,  
called to reflect Christ's radiant light,  
embody Christ's radical love; and  
build your beloved community,  
especially when storms of fear and hatred rage around us.

And so, more than those who watch for morning,  
we, in our great diversity,  
wait for your promised rainbow of peace,  
as we work towards a world where every gender expression, gender identity, and sexual orientation is affirmed as beloved; and,  
every soul's spirit is able to sparkle, shine and sing your dream with pride.

May it be so,

Amen.

—Alydia Smith



# Great News!

We are delighted to share that our grant application to the Discipleship and Justice Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council has been approved! We have been awarded \$7,500 to support a Children's Ministry position and its associated costs.

We are deeply grateful to Rev. Brenna Baker for her guidance and support throughout the application process. We look forward to advertising this exciting new position in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for more details!



## Looking Ahead!

### Euchre

**Friday, June 26th ~ @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!



### Board Games

**Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> @ 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, July 24th ~ 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.



### 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 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](mailto:melrose@melroseunited.ca). Our summer hours will take effect July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Church Office will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am to 2pm. Thank you!

