

MELROSE NEWSLETTER

October 16, 2026

SUNDAY WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- October 18, 2026
- October 25, 2026
- November 1, 2026
- November 8, 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.

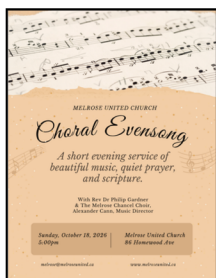
A Message from the Board

Official Board Meeting ~ October 22nd @ 7:30pm

All are welcome at any board meeting! Our meetings are held in person and on Zoom. If you would like to attend, please contact the office for more information, melrose@melroseunited.ca

Children's T-Shirts Needed!

We are looking for old children's t-shirts to use with messy crafts on Sunday mornings to keep everyone's Sunday best their best! Please drop off in our Pray and Play Room or give to Jasmine, Libby or Gwyn. Thanks!



Choral Evensong

THIS
WEEK

Sunday, October 18 ~ @ 5:00pm

A short evening service of beautiful music, quiet prayer and scripture with Rev. Dr. Philip Gardner and the Melrose Chancel Choir.

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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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Mistletoe Bazaar!



The Mistletoe bazaar is coming on November 21st! The following volunteer positions are needed:

- greeters
- cashier at the cookie walk
- tear down crew: 1230 pm
- bake table sellers
- distributor of prepaid advanced orders
- cashier at our gift basket sale table
- general assistant for "attending to various concerns and tasks"

The most important part is the needed contribution of baked goods: squares, loaves, cookies for our baked goods table and of course we need TONS of cookies for our famous cookie walk.

Please speak with Libby, Margaret, Gwyn or Catherine about your baking contributions.



United Church Calendars are now available!



You may now order United Church Calendars from the United Church Bookstore! To order just go to the United Church Bookstore website, <https://ucrdbookstore.ca> and search 2027 calendar. Calendars are \$8.49 plus shipping and handling.

Are you interested in becoming more involved at Melrose?

The following rewarding positions are available!

A) Trustee. This position, in conjunction with others, manages the investment portfolio of the church! Willingness to learn and ability to have one meeting every two months. Only one requirement: must be a member of Melrose United.

B) Ministry and Personnel - 2 positions. Your job would be to be paired with one of our paid personnel at Melrose. Meet with them, to discuss issues, work performance and support them. Again, all training provided!

C) Friendly Visitor! Are you sociable? Some of our older folks need a friendly caller, a short visit or even a simple drop-off of a baked food item! Just takes a smile and a hug!

Please speak with Gwyn, our Church Administrator Sue, or Rev Ken about any of these available and fulfilling positions!

A Story from Rev Ken's Book Maddie and Mom, Lessons in Christian Living



The Image of God

Madison's mother knew she was in for another discussion with her curious daughter the moment she walked into the room. "Mom," Madison said, a questioning frown on her face, "how come you and I don't look alike?" Before her mother could answer, she asked, "And how come Sarah and I don't look alike?"

After a pause to try to figure out where this was going, her mother said, "Well, you and Sarah don't look alike because you're not related. You're just friends. And I think you and I do resemble each other a little."



"A lot of people say I look like Dad. Aunt Gwen does."
 Her mother smiled. "That's probably because Aunt Gwen is your dad's sister, and she sees the family resemblance."
 "But I don't look exactly like Dad," Maddie complained. "And I don't look exactly like you. And you and Dad don't look like each other."
 "No, we don't," her mother said with a puzzled expression. "Why do you think we should?"
 "Well," Maddie said, "the Bible says we were all made in God's image. So, doesn't that mean we should all look like God? And if we do, then we should all look the same. But we don't. We're all different. Why?"
 Her mother waited a moment while in her mind she said a quick prayer for wisdom.
 "Maybe that's because the Bible wasn't talking about what we look like on the outside," her mother said. "Maybe we're made in the image of God inside."
 "You mean our hearts and our stomachs and all that yucky stuff inside us?"
 "No, Maddie, not in the things that you see. In the things that you can't see."
 Maddie slumped her shoulders. "I don't understand."
 "We were made to be like God in what we think and what we do, how we behave. That sort of thing."
 "But we're still all different, even in what we think and what we do," Maddie said.
 "That's true, Maddie. But we can all be better and more like God in our ways, if we try. That's what being made in God's image can mean."
 "But if we're all different, how do we know what we're supposed to think and do, so we can be more like God?"
 "Because we've been shown," her mother said. "Jesus showed us that by the way he lived. That included things like loving others, being kind, forgiving and caring of other people. If you want to know what God is like and what God wants us to be like, look at Jesus. That's the image of God that we were made to be."
 "But we don't always look like that, do we?" Maddie said.
 "No, but we need to try. And God will help us if we do. The more we try, the more we look like God in the way we behave around others."
 "Mom?"
 "Yes, Maddie?"
 "I think maybe both you and Dad look like God. I hope I do too when I grow up."



Looking Ahead!

Cooking in the Kitchen!

Cooking in the Kitchen ~ 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!



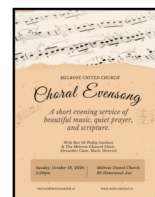
Community Knitting and Crochet (and needlework too!)

Saturday, October 17th ~ 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.

Choral Evensong

Sunday, October 18 ~ @ 5:00pm

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Board Games

Sunday, October 18th @ 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!

Progressive Euchre

Friday, October 23rd ~ @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!



Mistletoe Bazaar

Saturday, November 21st @ 9:00am to noon ~ Enjoy new and returning vendors, Bake Table, Cookie Walk and Tea Room!

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 and for messages of inspiration! Please like and share our posts!



A Message From the Church Office

Sue will be out of the office on Monday, October 19th and Tuesday October 20th to attend the Annual Profession Church Secretaries and Administrators Conference. This year the Conference is being held at Lambton Centre on the shores of Lake Huron.

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 has returned to regular hours, Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm.

This week's cover photo was taken at Canterbury Hills by Sue.

