

NEWSLETTER

September 26, 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.

A Message from the Board

Thursday, October 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

Upcoming Services At Melrose!

Services return to the Sanctuary in September!

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, October 19 ~ Worship Service with Rev Roni Beharry

Sunday, October 26 ~ Worship Service with Rev Brenna Baker

SUNDAY WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- September 28, 2025
- October 5, 2025
- October 12, 2025
- October 19, 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!

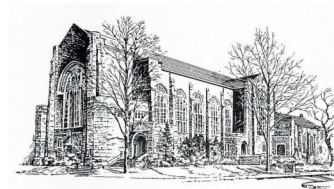


Share Your Cherished Family Recipes!

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.

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 or Libby at cook_feenstra@hotmail.ca.

Rental Groups at Melrose

Melrose United Church is home to many community rental groups. Now that Fall 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](#)
- Sandra Ramunno, Piano Instructor
- Tai Chi
- [Music Together, Giggle and Groove](#)
- Ball Hockey
- [Ingelbert Lievaart II Photography](#)
- [Little Learning House Daycare](#)



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

Did You Know?

Did you know? Melrose is the home of the **Royal Scottish Country Dance Society** Beginner Group! The Scottish Country Dance Society was formed in 1923 in Scotland. The title "Royal" was added in 1952, making us known as "The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society" (RSCDS). The Hamilton Branch was the first Canadian branch, joining the society in 1954. Their beginner group meets here at Melrose on Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:30pm from September to June. If you are interested, please send an email to rscdshamiltonbranch@gmail.com or speak with Sue in the office. Check out their website at <https://www.rscdshamilton.org> for more information.



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Mistletoe Bazaar ~ Saturday, November 22nd 9am to noon

The Mistletoe Bazaar is only **two months away!** This means it is time to start baking (and freezing!) cookies for our cookie walk. If you are a creative and talented baker, we need YOU! Please consider baking squares or tasty treats for our famous bake table. If you have an old family favourite recipe to share, that would be great! Fire up those ovens! Any questions? Speak to Gwyn or Libby!

World Food Sunday

Sunday, October 19th is World Food Sunday! It's the United Church's Week of Action on food insecurity. As part of this outreach and recognition, we are asking everyone who is able to contribute any of the following: canned proteins such as fish, lentils, beans, chickpeas, ham, peanut butter, canned hearty soups, instant hot oatmeal or cold cereal, tea/coffee. All donations will go to Mission Services of Hamilton. Thank you for your support! We will have a box at the front of the Sanctuary to receive your gifts.

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!



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, October 4th & 18th ~ 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.

Blooms for Africa ~ Car Boot Sale

Saturday, September 27th ~ 9am to 11:30am, (rain date Sunday Sept 28th 2pm to 4pm)

Are you looking for a bargain? Blooms for Africa is holding a car boot sale at First Unitarian Church on Dundurn Street. All proceeds will go to The Stephen Lewis Foundation, Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign.



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.



Congregational Dinner!

Saturday, November 1st! ~ Mark your calendars and join us for a grand Melrose Dinner to celebrate 100 years of congregational dining. Tickets are \$30. Please RSVP to the office with your payment by October 25th. We will accept cash, cheque or etransfer to melrose@melroseunited.ca. This event will fund various church projects. Questions? Contact Gwyn, Libby or Sue in the office!

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. Thank you!



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