

NEWSLETTER

December 20, 2024



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.

Message from the Board

Wednesday, January 8th ~ Official Board Meeting @7:30 pm.

Please note the change of day! All are welcome at any board meeting! If you would like to attend, please contact the office for more information.

At its recent meeting, the Board of Melrose Church decided to suspend work on the proposal to seek collaboration and/or amalgamation with Westdale United Church. After considerable discussion, and under the guidance of Lynne Allin from the Horseshoe Falls region, we decided that we need more time to truly discern our best way forward. We have arranged regular pulpit supply for the new year and will explore a short-term ministry appointment in the coming months, as we do the continuing work of discernment. We will continue to work in fellowship with Westdale on outreach initiatives and other areas of mutual support.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT MELROSE!

Sunday, December 22nd

Advent IV at Melrose. The Christmas Story, a family service at 10:30am

Tuesday, December 24th

Family Christmas Eve at Westdale United at 4:00pm

Tuesday, December 24th ~ Candlelight Service at 10:30pm

Sunday, December 29th ~ Fireside Service @ 10:30am



SUNDAY WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- 22nd Dec, 2024
- 29th Dec, 2024
- 5th Jan, 2025
- 12th Jan, 2025

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Family Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24th @4:00pm ~ A Joint Family Service at Westdale United

Join us for The ABC's of Christmas led by Reverend Evan Swance-Smith, at Westdale United, located at 99 North. Oval.



Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24th at 10:30pm ~ A beautiful Communion service led by Reverend Philip Gardner with music provided by our wonderful chancel choir!



Board Game Christmas Party

Sunday December 22nd @2pm -5pm

Join us for a fun afternoon of board games and Christmas Cheer! You do not need a partner. Everyone is welcome!



Euchre Christmas Party

Friday, December 20 @6:30pm ~ Our annual Christmas Party! Doors open at 6:30pm, games start at 7:30 sharp! Bring your Christmas cheer!

Fireside Service in the Parlour

Sunday, December 29th at 10:30am ~ Bring your favourite holiday snack to share and best voices!



Advent Carol Walk

Sunday, January 5th ~ Epiphany Christmas Carol Walk @7:00pm ~ A wonderful way to finish up the holidays as a church community! Meet up at St Joseph's Church and finish at St John's. Bring a treat to share if you can!



Congratulations!

With heartfelt joy, we extend our warmest congratulations to Grandfather Jeff Ogino, his daughter Caitlin, and her husband Jason! Their precious twins, Melody and Evelyn, graced the world with their presence on Thursday, December 19th, arriving safely for Christmas!



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St Joseph's Elementary School Christmas Concert



On Tuesday, December 17th, Melrose opened its doors to the children, teachers, and parents from St. Joseph's Elementary School in our Auditorium. The children delivered a spectacular Christmas concert for their friends and families, the very first since Covid! The house was packed! A huge thank you to The Parents' Association who organized a food drive for Melrose to express their appreciation!

Thank You For Supporting Wesley!

Thank you to everyone for your kind donations to support Wesley's Holiday Program! Melrose supported the wish list of six individuals. A special thank you to Libby for delivering everything to Wesley on Sunday! If you still wish to donate you can send an e-transfer or call Wesley at 905-528-5629 ext. 289.



A Message From the Office

The office will be closed from Tuesday, December 24th, reopening on Thursday, January 2nd. The staff of Melrose would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Looking Ahead!



Friday, December 20th ~ Euchre Christmas Party ~ Doors open at 6:30, games start at 7:30 sharp!

Saturday, December 21st ~ Community Knitting and Crochet Christmas Party @9:30 Bring your current project and materials, beginners welcome! Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.

Sunday, December 22nd ~ Board Game Christmas Party! ~ 2:00pm to 5:00pm
Join us for a fun afternoon of Board Games and Christmas Cheer!

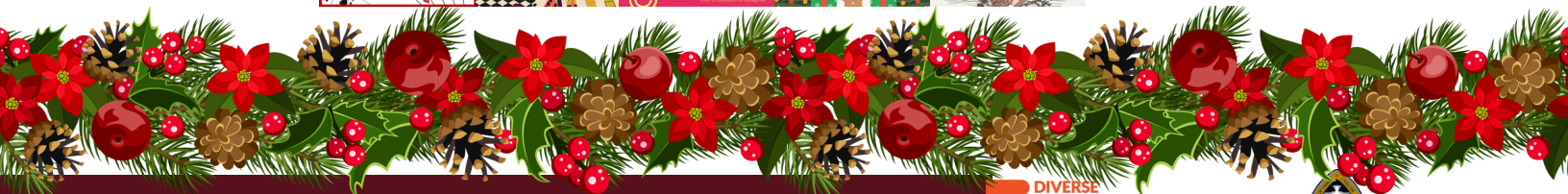
Tuesday, December 24th ~ Family Christmas Eve @ 4pm ~ A joint service at Westdale United Church. The ABC's of Christmas. All are welcome!

Tuesday, December 24th ~ @ 10:30pm ~ Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

A beautiful communion service led by Reverend Dr. Philip Gardner with music provided by our wonderful choir.

Sunday, December 29th ~ Fireside Service @ 10:30am. ~ A cozy service in the parlour. Bring your favourite holiday snack and your best voice!

Sunday, January 5th ~ @ 6:00pm ~ Advent Walk ~ A wonderful way to finish up the holidays as a church community



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