

MELROSE NEWSLETTER

July 3, 2026



SUNDAY WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- July 5, 2026
- July 12, 2026
- July 19, 2026
- July 26, 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

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, 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 @ 10:30am with Gwyn Xagoraris

Sunday, August 2 ~ Worship Service @ 10:30am with Jan Landeen

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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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Blooms for Africa Garden Tour

Please support the 13th Annual Blooms for Africa Garden Tour on Friday July 10th and Saturday July 11th! Blooms for Africa, Hamilton, are delighted to share details for this year's tour, which supports the Stephen Lewis Foundation. There will be 14 gardens to visit in Dundas and Kirkendall. There are three ways to get your tickets. Dundas: The Keeping Room (cash only), Ellenoire or Jitterbug Cafe. GHA: A Different Drummer, (Burlington), Kari's of Ancaster, Wildflower Spa (Hamilton). You may also order from home by calling 905-527-0470 to place your order and pay securely by e-transfer. For more information click <https://cfuw-hamilton.com/blooms-for-africa-garden-tour/>



From the UCC Mission and Services Fund



Venezuela has experienced two severe earthquakes with aftershocks that has left a country in shambles and dire need of assistance. During your summer months please consider that Mission And Services through the United Church of Canada supports a Global Emergency Response Fund. Please consider a charitable donation to this fund.

When emergencies strike, people need help right away. First with the basics—shelter, food, clothing—and then with rebuilding. United Church partners and ecumenical relationships in over 120 countries are on the ground and able to assess what's needed. Partners respond to those in need, and the United Church can help support their efforts. Time and time again, the people of the United Church give generously to support those affected by emergencies.

With alarming frequency and increasing duration, people around the world are facing a variety of disasters. From climate change and climate-related emergencies to health crises, from violent conflicts that forcibly displace thousands to food insecurity and loss of livelihood, catastrophes affect millions every day. The United Church is part of a worldwide network that can make a difference in the lives of those most at risk.

In the Caribbean, communities are grappling with the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Melissa, needing food, shelter, medical supplies, and clean water. After initial response, communities face a long and uncertain path to recovery. Homes, schools, and hospitals will need repair, families will continue to rebuild through ongoing natural disasters.

Please make a donation today to support our worldwide network of Mission and Service partners and their critical and lifesaving work. Global partners are among the first to respond in the hardest-hit communities, supporting them through crisis response and rebuilding. Your gift will make a difference in the lives of those most at risk by providing food, psychosocial support, and essential items such as safe drinking water, and shelter. Further, your gift will help partners restore livelihoods and offer comfort when emergencies occur.

Online via the United Church of Canada Foundation's using the QR code above or phone 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 and use your Visa or MasterCard.

Send a cheque or money order to:
The United Church of Canada Foundation
PO Box 9777, Stn A
Toronto, ON M5W 1R6

Please be sure to note "Global Emergency Response" on the face of your cheque. To support a specific emergency, write its name on your cheque.

Visit our [Act Now](#) page for a list of all our current actions.



Refugee Claimants in Canada Deserve Full Protection

Voices across The United Church of Canada are raising concerns about the recently implemented Bill C-12, for the risk of serious harm it puts many refugee claimants in. Introduced by the federal government as the [Strengthening Canada's Immigration System and Borders Act](#), claimants across the country are being denied access to hearings to support their claims for refugee protection, placing them at serious risk of deportation without adequate protection.

Church leaders report that more than 60 asylum seekers, including families with young children, have been denied hearings. Emerging communities of faith across Canada describe widespread fear and uncertainty among their members, many of whom are now facing impossible choices: comply with removal orders, return to danger, or remain undocumented without access to essential supports. Advocates warn that these outcomes increase the likelihood of family separation, children losing caregivers, and heightened vulnerability to exploitation.

For more information, read our news item: [United Church Raises Alarm Over Bill C-12 Risks to Refugee Communities in Canada](#).

Take Action

Grounded in its faith-based commitment to migrant justice and human dignity, The United Church of Canada is calling for the repeal of Bill C-12. Raise your voice with us, and call on your member of parliament to advocate for the action within their caucus!

At minimum, immediate amendments to the bill must be made to ensure that all current applicants have access to a fair hearing, and are protected from removal while their cases are unresolved. Share your perspective on how Canada should be using policy to protect the vulnerable, and not to endanger them. Click [HERE](#) to sign the Petition!



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.

Stayed tuned for more updates!!!





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 12th @ 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 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 be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am to 2pm. Thank you!

