

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 traditional elements to

our service and quite a lot of music. We welcome people who are questioning. informally dress and understand that often run around and make noise.

A Message from the Board

Thursday, December 11th ~ Official Board Meeting @7:30

All are welcome at any board meeting! If you would like to attend, contact the office information. please melrose@melroseunited.ca

Upcoming Services At Melrose!

Sunday, November 16 ~ 100th Anniversary Worship Service with Rev Brenna Baker

Sunday, November 16 ~ Evensong @ 5pm with Rev Dr Philip Gardner

Sunday, November 23 ~ Worship Service with Margaret Duff

Sunday, November 30 ~ Worship Service with Rev Margo Feyerer

Sunday, November 30 ~ Candlelight Carol Service @7:30pm

Sunday, December 7 ~ Worship Service with Rev Margot Feyerer

WORSHIP AT MELROSE

- November 16, 2025
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Come Home & Celebrate With Us!



Melrose Congregation's 100th Anniversary Join the Celebration!

Our Congregation turns 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.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came to the Anniversary Dinner! A great time was had by all! Our food was provided by Dragon Court in Westdale. Photos are now available on our webiste! Please click https://melroseunited.ca/100th-anniversary

100th Anniversary Service

Join us this Sunday, **November 16th** @ **10:30** as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary with Rev Brenna Baker. This will be a joyous communion service with beautiful music provided by the Chancel Choir. Bring photos and memories to share at coffee hour!

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



The Mistletoe Bazaar is only **one month 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!

Volunteers will be needed on the day of the Bazaar! If you can help please speak to Gwyn or Libby!

Eager to pre-order your sweet treats? **The online store will be open until Monday November 17 at noon!** All orders must be picked up on the day of the Bazaar, Saturday, November 22nd from 9am to noon. Please click the link below to access our store! https://melroseunited.ca/mistletoe-bazaar









Thank you!

Thank you to Phil Farrauto for playing the bagpipes so beautifully at our Remembrance Day Service las Sunday!



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

- 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
- <u>Little Learning House Daycare</u>

Did You Know?

Did you know? Tai Chi classes are held here at Melrose in the Bowling Alley on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30pm! Tai Chi is a Chinese mind-body practice that involves slow, gentle movements, deep breathing, and a meditative state, originating as a martial art but now widely practiced for health. It is a low-impact exercise known for improving balance, flexibility, and strength, and it can also help reduce stress and manage symptoms of some chronic diseases. Please speak to Sue in the office if you are interested!

Can You Help?

Do you have unwanted gently used blankets (single or double) and gently used ladies coats that you no longer need? Willows place needs blankets for their ladies in residence. Please bring in your donations by December 1st. Drop off at the church office or give to Libby or Gwyn.

Professional Church Secretaries and Administrator's Conference 2025

The 2025 Annual Conference took place at Camp Cave Springs in Beamsville from Sunday, October 19th to Tuesday, October 21st with our own Administrator, Sue in attendance! This is an opportunity for Church Administrators to meet up each year to hear fabulous guest speakers, take part in workshops and network with each other! A field trip to Balls Falls Conservation Area was a wonderful experience with the fall colours!











Looking Ahead!



Community Knitting and Crochet

Saturday, November 15th ~ 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.

100th Anniversary Service

Sunday, November 16th ~ Celebrate our 100th Anniversary at our 10:30am service with Rev Brenna Baker! Please bring along your favourite pictures, memories and treats to share during coffeehour!



Choral Evensong with Rev. Dr. Philip Gardner

Sunday, November 16th ~ Choral Evensong @ 5:00pm

Join us at 5:00pm for a short evening service of beautiful music, quiet prayer and scripture with Rev. Dr. Philip Gardner and our Chancel Choir.

Mistletoe Bazaar

Saturday, November 22nd, 9am to noon

This year's Mistletoe Bazaar promises to be the best ever! Enjoy this year's vendors, bake table, cookie walk and tea room! **Our online store is now open!** Please click https://melrose-united-church.square.site/ Don't be disappointed! Get



The Bach Elgar Choir Presents ~ The Choral Masterworks of Henry Purcell: A Concert for St Cecelia's Day



Saturday, November 22nd, 7:30pm at Central Presbyterian

Experience the life and works of Henry Purcell through his most celebrated odes and operas. This concerts celebrates to rise of concert music as public phenomenon art freed from court and church. Featuring Sheila Dietrich, Daniel Cabena, Bud Roach, Giles Tomkins and the Hamilton Philharmonic. Tickets available at https://bachelgar.ca/2025-26-concerts-performances/

Progressive Euchre

Friday, November 28th @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.











The Duet Club Presents ~ Christmas Time Is Here!



Sunday November 30th @ **2:30pm** ~ Join Women of Song here at Melrose and kick-start the holiday season with a delightful afternoon of beautiful music. Women of Song will be joined by special guest Dave Siverns and other local musicians. Ticket Prices, Adults - \$25, Students / Seniors - \$20, Children 12 and under are free. To reserve tickets, please send an e-transfer to theduetclub@gmail.com. Please include the attendee names in the message field. Tickets will be available at the door by cash or debit card.

Candlelight Carol Service

Sunday, November 30th ~ Candlelight Carol Service @7:30







Christmas Movie Party!

Friday, December 12th @ **5:30pm** ~ Bring your family and friends and enjoy a Christmas Movie! Enjoy crafts, cookies and hot chocolate! A very special guest will be joining us! Speak to Sally for more information.

Boards Games

Sunday, December 14th @1:00pm ~ Come on out and enjoy your favourite board or card game! There is a \$5 entry fee, Children up to grade 1 get in for free! Bring along your favourite board or card game! Refreshments will be available.





Social Media at Melrose

Did you know? Melrose has an active social media presence on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>! Check out our pages for information on Melrose events, the wider church and for messages of inspiration!

A Message From the Office

Office hours are 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!

