

NEWSLETTER

October 10, 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

Change of Date!

Thursday, October 16th ~ 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!

Sunday, October 12 ~ Thanksgiving Worship Service with Tabitha de Bruin

Sunday, October 19 ~ Worship Service ~ with Rev Roni Beharry

Sunday, October 19 ~ Evensong with Rev Philip Gardner @5:00pm

Sunday, October 26 ~ Worship Service with Rev Brenna Baker

Sunday, November 2, ~ Worship Service

Sunday, November 9 ~ Worship Service

SUNDAY WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- October 12, 2025
- October 19, 2025
- October 26, 2025
- November 2, 2025

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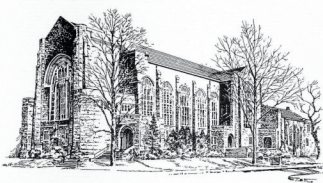


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Melrose Congregation's 100th Anniversary Join the Celebration!

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.

Help Spread the News!

Please help spread the word about our upcoming 100th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, November 1st! With the postal strike we cannot mail out our invitations as we had planned. Please invite any friends or family who would be interested in attending! Contact the office to RSVP, melrose@melroseunited.ca.



Come Home & Celebrate With Us!

Mark your calendars!

Join us on Saturday, November 1st
6pm-9pm!

100th Anniversary Dinner

Tickets \$30 per person

We accept cash, cheque or e-transfer.

Please RSVP in advance to the office
with your payment and a the names of all guests
by October 25th.

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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!

Your Help is Needed!

The Anniversary Committee would like to invite former staff members to the Anniversary Dinner but we are missing a few emails! We are looking for contact information for Rev Ted Black, Buffy Mills, Rudy DeVries and Lee Stallward. If you can help, please speak to Libby or email the office melrose@melroseunited.ca. Thank you!



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Celebration of Life for Jim Roberts

Friday, October 24th @ 2:00pm

Sadly, Jim Roberts passed away earlier in September. Jim was a long-time member of Melrose United Church and a resident of Aberdeen Gardens. A Celebration of Jim's life, conducted by Rev William MacKinnon, will be held on Friday, October 24th at 2pm with a reception afterwards in the Parlour. All are welcome!



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!

Eager to pre-order your sweet treats? The online store will open up in early November! All pre-ordered items must be paid for in advance picked up on the day of the bazaar. Stay tuned!

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](#)
- [Little Learning House Daycare](#)

Did You Know?

Did you know? Melrose is home to a men's basketball group that meets here in the gymnasium on Thursdays from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Interesting in joining? Please contact Joel Moran at turnthetide@gmail.com or speak to Sue in the office melrose@melroseunited.ca for more information.



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Can you help?

Melrose is in need of a snowblower! If you have a gently used snowblower that is at least 8hp, 2 stage and 27 inches or larger, please contact the office and we can talk! Thank you!



Melrose is Hiring!

Melrose is looking for a part time daytime cleaner. Ten hours per week during the day with the scheduling coordinated by Kevin our custodian. The hourly pay is \$17.60. Please send an email to melrose@melroseunited.ca if interested or if you have a referral that we may contact.. Thank you for your assistance! Ministry & Personnel Committee.



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!

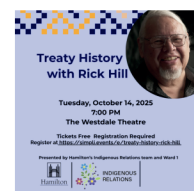


Looking Ahead!

Treaty History with Rick Hill

Tuesday, October 14th @ 7:00pm ~ The Westdale Theatre

Presented by Hamilton's Indigenous Relations team and Ward 1. Tickets are free, registration is required. Please register at <https://simpli.events/e/treaty-history-rick-hill>



Community Knitting and Crochet

Saturday, October 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.

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.



Progressive Euchre

Friday, October 24th @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.



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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 e-transfer to melrose@melroseunited.ca. This event will fund various church projects. Questions? Contact Gwyn, Libby or Sue in the office!



Treaty History Woven Through Wampums



Wednesday, November 5th @ 7:00pm ~ The Westdale Theatre. An evening with knowledge keeper, Brian Charles. Presented by Hamilton's Indigenous Relations Team and Ward 1. Tickets are free but registration is required. Please register at <https://simpli.events/e/wampum>.

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 will open in early November so you can pre-order your sweet treats!



A Message From the Office

Sue will be out of the office on Monday, October 20th and Tuesday, October 21st to attend the Annual Church Secretaries and Administrators Conference at Cave Springs Conference Centre!

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!



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