

NEWSLETTER

September 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, October 9 ~ Official Board Meeting @7:30 pm.

Please note the change of day! All are welcome at any board meeting!

Upcoming Worship Services

Sunday, September 22nd ~ Worship at Melrose, with Gwyn Xagoraris at 10:30AM.

Sunday, September 29th ~ Celebrate Orange Shirt Day at Melrose with Reverend Margo Feyerer, Wear your orange shirt!

Sunday, October 6th ~ Celebrate World Wide Communion Day at Melrose with our friends from Westdale United Church at 10:30AM. The service will be led by Rev. Evan Swance-Smith.

Sunday, October 13th ~ Thanksgiving Sunday with Jan Landeen at 10:30AM. at Melrose.

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee is preparing for the fall season and is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join our team! We also coordinate greeters and ushers for our services. If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to Libby Cook: libbyc.wraparound@gmail.com

WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- 22nd Sept, 2024
- 29th Sept, 2024
- 6th Oct, 2024
- 13th Oct, 2024

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*Retirement Party
for Rev Sonia!*



Sunday, November 3rd

Join us for a delicious luncheon
and presentation
after our Worship Service!



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Save The Date!

Sunday, November 3rd ~ We are planning a retirement party for Sonia on that day, with a delicious luncheon and presentation. Details will be finalized in the coming weeks, but we would like everyone to plan to be part of this special event.

Help with Donations!

We have accumulated a lot of items over the years, some have seen many bazaars. It is time to donate them to others who can make use of them. There will be boxes ready to be dropped off at your favourite charity stored in the nursery space. If you are heading to drop off items, could you think about taking a couple of boxes with you from our collection. It would be a great help to make room in time for this year's bazaar. Many thanks

News From the Worship and Faith Formation Committee

The Worship and Faith Formation Committee have decided to trial a change in how we collect offerings. Many churches have stopped passing collection plates because so many people give their offering in ways that are not visible. Beginning next week, and for the month of October, we will place offering plates in the centre aisle and near the Stanley Ave parking lot entrance for envelopes or cash offerings instead of passing the offering plates. The offering prayers will acknowledge offerings in all forms such as envelopes, PAR, e-transfers or online donations. We will reassess this after trying it for a few weeks to see if it works for us. If you have questions or feedback, please reach out to a member of the Worship and Faith Formation Committee.

Mark Your Calendar!



The Mistletoe Bazaar is right around the corner! This year's bazaar will be held on **Saturday, November 23rd** from 9am to noon. Start stocking up on sugar and butter for baking! Donations of 250ml jam jars can be dropped off in the kitchen. Pre-order forms will be available soon on our website! Stay tuned!

Help is Needed!

Five to ten people are needed each week to assist in kitchen on Monday evenings from 6pm to 8pm to make pies, soups and cookies for the bazaar. The dates are: Sept 16, 23, 30 and Oct 7, 21, 28. Please connect with Gwyn if you are able to attend, gwynxag@gmail.com. Thank you!

Message from the Office

The office has returned to regular hours Monday to Friday from 9am to 2pm. If you have any news items or announcements for the bulletin or newsletter, please remember to submit them to Sue by Wednesday each week. Kindly send your submissions to melrose@melroseunited.ca. Thank you!

Sue will not be in the office on Monday, September 23rd.



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Looking Ahead!

Saturday, October 5th & 19th ~ Community Knitting and Crochet. Bring your current project and materials, beginners welcome! Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.

Friday, September 27th ~ Progressive Euchre. Doors open @7pm. Games start @7:30pm sharp! Beginners welcome, you do not need a partner!

Saturday, November 23rd ~ Mistletoe Bazaar 9am to noon. Enjoy vendors, bake table, Cookie Walk and Tea room! Online ordering will be available later in the fall.



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