

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 20, 2023



WORSHIP DATES

- 22nd January 2023
- 29th January 2023
- 5th February 2023
- 12th February 2023

GREETINGS

in the name of the One who loves us and holds us dear

Melrose worship services blend contemporary and traditional elements, with a focus on thoughtful sermons and appealing music. Our Choir warms us up and provides wonderful punctuation to the liturgy and scripture readings.

From September-June services are held in the magnificent sanctuary, surrounded by a colourful array of stained glass windows. In the summer we worship in our air conditioned chapel located beside the sanctuary.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Sunday January 29th
- Sunday, February 19 (Family day weekend)
- Sunday, March 12
- Sunday April 9 (Easter Sunday)

Choir Practice

Choir rehearsals take place on **Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.** and **Sundays from 9:50 to 10:30 a.m.**

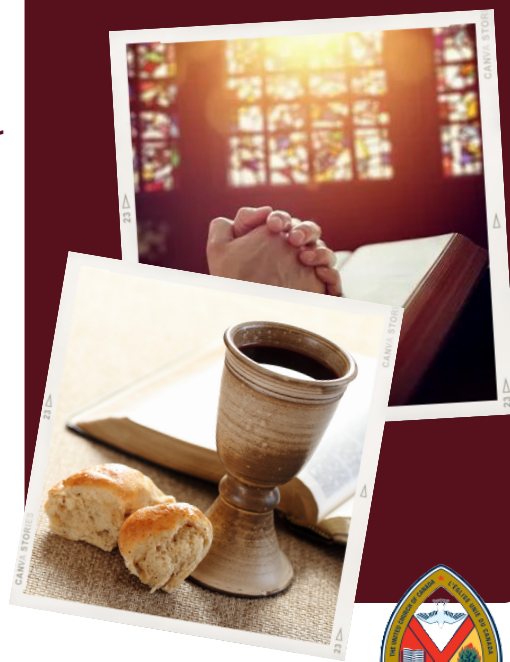
Newcomers are always welcome to join us or to drop by and check things out!

Ages 16 and up.

Readers

- January 22nd is **Tabith de Bruin**
- January 29th is **Chris Palmer**

If you would be willing to read Scripture please contact Carolyn Duff by email at duffcarolyn@bell.net



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**DIVERSE
INCLUSIVE
ACCEPTING
WELCOMING
SAFE SPACE
FOR EVERYONE**

Please note the office hours will be changing as of January 30th, 2023.

- Monday - 12 - 5p.m.
- Tuesday - 10-3 p.m.
- Wednesday - 9:30 to 2:30 p.m.
- Thursdays - 9:30 - 2:30 p.m.
- Fridays- 12 - 4 p.m.

Social Justice & Outreach

We continue to support **Helping Hands** with clothing and hygiene supplies. All donated clothes, coats, hygiene items (travel size are useful), brought to the bins in the auditorium are brought over to Helping Hands on a regular basis. These items are always needed at Helping Hands.

We are also accepting donation of used stamps . These are sent to **Effect Hope** .Drop your stamps off in church office!

We are proud to announce that as of this year we are partnering with the **The Baby Depot** as a drop off location! They are currently looking for the community to donate new and essential baby gear (diapers, wipes, lotion, shampoo, baby wash, Vaseline and diaper cream). and gently used books for children.

Once again we thank you, our whole Melrose congregation, for your ongoing support of all of these projects. Your generous contributions shine as a regular part of your faith. Blessings to all of you for your compassion.

Family Ministries

2023 CHILDREN'S TIME SERIES

Who Was...?

Join Meg each week as we learn about a different character in the Bible during Children's Time



Annual General Meeting

When: February 26, 2023
Immediately after church

Please bring sandwich .

Coffee/ Tea and yummy cake will be provided.

Two new items will be discussed and congregational input will be encouraged:

- A) Melrose Revitalization Task Force
- B) Becoming an Affirming Congregation

Minister's Corner

Scripture: Philippians 4:13

"I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."

I had those words inscribed on my business cards when I was ordained and began at Fairfield-St. David's United Church in 1994. Taken out of context, Paul's words may appear to be a personal motivation to get what you want with the help of God. Athletes use these words in hopes of winning a game; students to prep for a test; job seekers to help find a job; and the sick to be healed. It is held as a promise that if we do our part, God will give us what we want. This is not true and was never the intent of Paul in writing these words..

Prayer Requests

If you have any prayer requests, please let the office know and indicate if you wish to have your name mentioned in newsletter, or have the minister contact you.

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Paul wrote these words from prison while in the midst of turmoil. He expressed that he had learned how to be content no matter what the circumstances. Believing in Jesus and following in his way was more than enough. So, the words are meant more as encouragement when we are going through a difficult time, to hold fast, and trust in Jesus

Have you checked your inbox for the weekly letter from Rev. Sonia? She's got some great things to share with all of us. If you haven't been receiving these emails, please contact the office to be added to the mailing list.

CHECK YOUR INBOX

WEEKLY LETTER FROM REV. SONIA

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What is meant by being an Affirming congregation?

An affirming congregation publicly declares a commitment to inclusion and justice for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. It seeks to live more fully into God's way of welcome, love and justice for all creation

Affirming ministries honour and celebrate diversity.



"If you don't get me the copy for the bulletin in ten minutes, Sunday morning church will be canceled."

This Month's Meetings

Revitalization Task Force
January 23rd - 10 a.m.

Social Justice & Outreach
January 26th -p.m.
Westtown/Locke

Annual General Meeting
February 26th
After Service

Connect With Us



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Minister: Rev. Sonia Ireson
Music Director: Alexander Cann
Family Ministries Coordinator:
Meg Chalmers
Custodian: Kevin Geluch
Office Administrator: Lorraine
Lowry

Lawn Bowlers Wanted

Lawn Bowling meets Monday & Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

\$40 for half season

\$70 for full season

BYOB - Bring Your Own Balls

If you have any additional updates, news or celebrations please have them into the office by Wednesday of each week.

Get Involved

If you would like to be more involved in the Melrose Community, consider volunteering for Committee work, Task Force Projects, Ushering (**Connect with Cheryl Evans**) Or Serving and preparing Communion (**Connect with Libby Cook**)

