



Life and Work At Melrose

December 5, 2021

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR		
Monday – December 6		
Brownies, Pathfinders and Guides	6:00 p.m.	Aud., Gym. N.S. Room
Tuesday – December 7		
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Wednesday – December 8		
Memorial Service: Dawn Roberts	3:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Piano Lessons	3:30 p.m.	Parlour
Soccer Practice	6:00 p.m.	Gym
Yoga	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Thursday – December 9		
Soccer Practice	6:00 p.m.	Gym
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Friday – December 10		
Saturday – December 11		
Sunday – December 12		
Quartet Practice	9:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Melrose Worship: Advent III	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary



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◆ Worship Next Week ◆

Advent Three - Zephaniah is the fourth last book of the Old Testament containing a short three chapters. It was written around 630 B.C. dealing with the consequences of sin, and a call to humility before God. It begins with a warning, moves into a discussion about the corrupt nature of Jerusalem and moves into a song of joy for God's salvation and removal of judgment once the people have changed their ways.

Today's Gospel involves John's call to the people to look within and notice what is holding them back from following God that they claimed to believe in. This is a call to people of all time to review their actions and determine if they are living with generosity and justice. Perhaps, John's words have a biting edge and may cause us to wince a little as we reflect on whether we continue to live up to our calling as Jesus' disciples. As we move along in our faith journey, do you find John's words challenging, inspiring, encouraging or discouraging? Think about what motivates you in your own faith journey.

◆ Wanted- A/V Wizards-in-training ◆

We would like to begin training a few more youths and adults to use our A/V system. Would you like to learn more? Contact the office, and we will assist you to learn how to use the system, and mentor you until you are confident in using it.

◆ 2022 Envelopes now available ◆

2022 numbered envelopes are now available for pick up. They will be in the narthex after service for the next few weeks. As usual some numbers were changed so please take care to not use your new envelopes until 2022. If you would like envelopes or have any questions please contact the church office.





◆ A special thank you ◆

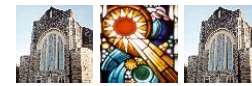
What an amazing job! \$4436.75 from the Mistletoe bazaar. Thanks to the Jammers :), the accounting team, the bakers, kitchen groups, corner treasures, and assistants who organized on the day before and day of the bazaar. Amazing team work with many happy customers! Success in an event comes from great team work! Hopefully we will be back to "normal" in 2022

Light in the December Darkness Service

Join us on Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m.

A quiet service for a time of recognition of the losses that you have experienced during this past year and in years past. Join us for a time of prayer, rest and renewal.

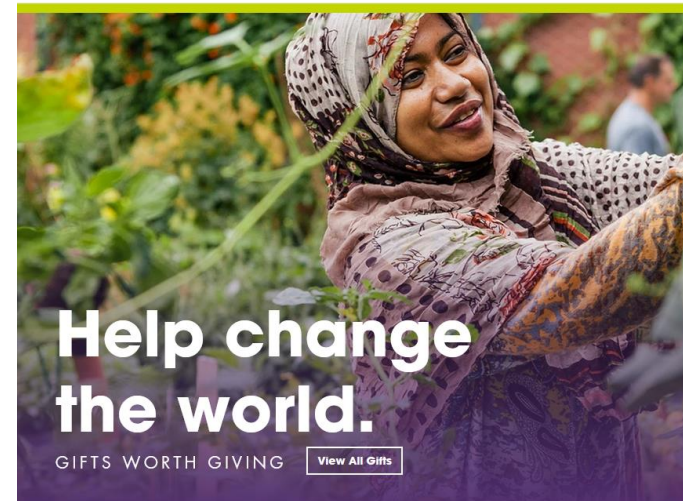
We would like to offer you the opportunity to request a candle to be lighted during this service in memory of a loved one, or in prayer of request or thanksgiving. Please let Michelle in our office know of your wishes.



Social Justice Action Committee *focus for December*

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