

# NEWSLETTER

April 12, 2024



## WORSHIP DATES

- 14th April, 2024
- 21st April, 2024
- 28th April, 2024
- 5th May, 2024

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## Concerts at Melrose!

The Bach Elgar Choir presents  
SPACE JOURNEY  
April 19th @7:30pm  
Tickets \$20/\$45 @ [bachelgar.ca](#)

The Duet Club presents  
Harmony in the Hammer  
135th Anniversary Concert  
April 28th @2:30pm  
Tickets \$15/\$20 @ [duetclub.ca](#)

# 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.

## Message from the Board

**Monday, April 15** ~ Official Board Meeting @7:30 pm. All are welcome at any board meeting!

## Sunday, April 14 ~ Music Feeds the Soul

3pm ~ Westdale United Church. A benefit concert and silent auction in support of their community lunch and gift card program. Featuring the music and Gaby & Ryk, Hope and Harmony, Tomorrow's Voices and Chris Bee. Tickets \$25 at the door.

## Fabric and Clothing Drop Off

Got any items you no longer use? We're collecting socks, underwear, old clothes, worn out towels and fabric scraps to prevent them from ending up in landfills! Bring your textiles to us from **April 1 to April 17**. Remember to clearly mark your bags as "TEXTILE DRIVE". The drop off bin will be in the Auditorium. **The last day to drop off items is April 17th!**

## Volunteers Needed!

The Afro-Canadian Caribbean Association is holding a Mother's Day Brunch on May 8th. They could use help to set up, serve and take down. If you are interested, please contact our office [melrose@melroseunited.ca](mailto:melrose@melroseunited.ca) to be put in touch with their senior's coordinator.



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# Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who continually donates adult clothing for Helping Hands Street Mission! A large car full of clothes, towels and bedding went in last week. Keep the donations coming! Donation bins are located in the nursery.

# Jam Jars Needed!

Don't forget to drop off your empty 250ml jam jars. Jamming season is right around the corner! Our keen group will be jamming in the kitchen soon. Please drop off your jars in the kitchen.

# Tablecloths!

This is a call for the return of any and all tablecloths that may be waiting at home to be laundered or returned to the church. There are at least six white poly blend tablecloths missing. They are needed for functions coming up in the next few months. Many thanks!

# Looking Ahead!

## Sunday, April 14 ~ MUSIC FEEDS THE SOUL ~ 3pm at Westdale United Church

A benefit concert and silent auction in support of their community lunch and gift card program. Featuring the music and Gaby & Ryk, Hope ad Harmony, Tomorrow's Voices and Chris Bee. Tickets \$25 at the door.

**Friday, April 19 @7:30p.m: The Back Elgar Choir presents SPACE JOURNEY.** Tickets are \$20/\$45 available at [bachelgar.ca](http://bachelgar.ca). A live concert set to Mark Bochster's stunning film of high resolution imagery of the solar system and beyond, with works by Vaughan Williams, Vierne, and Stanford.

**Saturday, April 20: Community Knitting and Crochet.** Bring your current project and materials, beginners welcome! Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.

**Fabric & Clothing Drop off:** Start saving your old clothes and fabrics! The churches of Locke Street will be hosting another drop off event from **April 1 to 17**. The drop off will be located in the auditorium. Please label your bags "Textile Drive". **The last day to drop items off is April 17th!**

**Friday, April 26: Progressive Euchre.** Doors open @7pm. Games start @7:30pm sharp! Beginners welcome, you do not need a partner!



# Minister's Corner



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In 1866 A. Katherine Hankey composed a 50 stanza poem. The first 8 verses she called Tell Me the Old, Old Story; and the next 42 written a few months later was titled The Story Told.

Dr. W. H. Doane pulled out the words we know so well from Part One and William G. Fischer put it to music. It became one of the most loved hymns of all time. "I Love to Tell the Story."

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory  
Of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story,  
Because I know 'tis true;  
It satisfies my longings  
As nothing else can do.

A story is told about a young boy from British Columbia who was picked up in the park by a gentle woman. He had never been to church, however, he had heard the maidservants singing this hymn while scrubbing the door posts and cleaning windows and he learned of the gospel of salvation entirely from this hymn. Many years later he appeared in a church in Surrey, England and the curate found out his background. He was a Royal Marine, an abstainer who promoted temperance amongst his peers. "Hymns were the only channel through which divine truth had been conveyed to him and by which the first seed was sown in his heart that made him a man of character and usefulness."

