

NEWSLETTER

April 19, 2024



WORSHIP DATES

- 21st April, 2024
- 28th April, 2024
- 5th May, 2024
- 12th 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!

Monday, May 6 ~ Congregational Meeting on Zoom @7:30pm. The purpose of this meeting will be to adopt the 2023 Annual Report, to share more information about future collaborative arrangements, and to discuss a draft statement of Welcome and Inclusion. An email will be sent out a few days before with the Zoom invitation.

Congratulations!

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Alan Ritcey!

Al has successfully completed the requirements for certification with the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT) as a certified Technician and is entitled to use the title C.Tech. As part of the requirements of certification, Alan submitted detailed drawings of the heating system at Melrose and undertook the required examinations and documentation. OACETT is a self-governing professional association with more than 21,000 members, dedicated to maintaining the highest possible standards in the practice of engineering and applied science technology in Ontario. Well done Al!



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Thank You!

Thank You! Marilyn Wright, Alan Bentley and Tim Bentley have removed the roots of several hedge plants along Locke Street. We truly appreciate the hard work that went into this project, and the beautiful, smooth surface that was left!



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 to be put in touch with their senior's coordinator.

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!

Friday, April 19 @7:30p.m: The Back Elgar Choir presents SPACE JOURNEY. Tickets are \$20/\$45 available at bachelgar.ca. A live concert set to Mark Bochslers'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.

Sunday, April 28 @2:30: The Duet Club Presents ~ Harmony in the Hammer. The Duet Club of Hamilton's 135th Anniversary Concert showcasing Women of Song with guests The Rosewood Consort. Tickets \$15/\$20 at the door.

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



Minister's Corner

The Mysteries of God –

As children, we ask many questions around the existence of God. We really never grow out of them as adults, God's ways are still a mystery. We learn and grow through scripture, prayer and our spiritual readings how to be more in tune with God, but we never fully get our answers.

we breathe, the water we require to sustain us, the food, we need for growth and livelihood, the materials we need to clothe and house us, and the entertainment for our pleasure – all have been crafted for us, to ensure our physical, mental, and spiritual wellbeing.

The diversity of our created species leaves us in awe. There are over 10,000 kinds of birds, each with their own peculiar characteristics. They were designed by an intelligent Creator who cares for and thought out the intricacies of their existence in a world that supports their needs for life. Similarly, we have been beautifully "made." Everything we need for life on this earth has been provided. The air

Why? Why involves our quest to find answers. Or we may take our existence for granted, going about our lives assuming life just happens randomly. The more we explore, the more we learn of God's majesty and hand in all things that surround us, not just in the beginning of Creation, but in the life blood of our day-to-day-existence. God's works fill us with awe even though we do not understand how we come to rate such care and attention. May we be grateful people.

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