

NEWSLETTER

August 16, 2024



WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- 1st Sept, 2024
- 8th Sept 2024
- 15th Sept, 2024
- 22nd Sept, 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

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

All are welcome at any board meeting!

Sonia's Retirement

Sunday, August 18th ~ Join us this Sunday, August 18th, for a special Communion Service as we celebrate the retirement of our beloved Reverend Sonia Ireson. A reception will follow the service. We hope you can join us to extend your best wishes to Sonia!

Upcoming Worship Services

Sunday, August 25th ~ Join us for worship at McNeil Baptist Church, located at 1145 King Street West, at 10:00 AM.

Sunday, September 1st ~ Our worship service will take place at Westdale United Church at 10:30 AM.

Sunday, September 8th ~ Worship services return to Melrose, with Margaret Duff leading the service.

Sunday, September 15th ~ Worship at Melrose.

Sunday, September 22nd ~ Worship at Melrose, with Gwyn Xagoraris leading the service.

Sunday, October 3rd ~ Celebrate World Wide Communion Day at Melrose with our sisters and brothers from Westdale United Church. The service will be led by Rev. Evan Swance-Smith.

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Mark Your Calendar!



The Mistletoe Bazaar is right around the corner! This year's bazaar will be held on **Saturday, November 23rd** from gam to noon. Start stocking up on sugar and butter for baking! Donations of 250ml jam jars can be dropped off in the kitchen.

Circles of Care

We are very grateful to Rev Sonia for volunteering to continue to visit our members who are homebound, after her retirement. We also want to be sure that we are taking care of each other. As discussed in the congregational meeting, we will be creating circles of care. We are looking for people, young and older, who are prepared to be responsible for keeping in touch with between one and six other families. Duties include calling every couple of months to ensure all is well; to help connect with a minister for pastoral care if ever needed; to help arrange lay pastoral care, such as meals, rides or visits, in the event of illness; and to keep people informed about what is happening at Melrose if they aren't able to get to church often on Sundays. We don't know what to call this 'role formerly known as elder'. We are debating between 'elder' and 'friendly visitor' and would welcome your feedback, or alternative suggestions, through Sue. Whatever we call it, please strongly consider doing this so that we can grow stronger and increase our connectedness. Contact Sue and let her know how many families you would like in your circle.

Message from the Office

In July, our summer office hours will be Wednesday Thursday and Friday from 9:00am until 2:00pm. If you have any news items or announcements for the bulletin or newsletter, please be sure to submit them to Sue in the office by Wednesday of each week, Just send your items to melrose@melroseunited.ca. Thank you!

Looking Ahead!

Friday, August 23 ~ Progressive Euchre. Doors open @7pm. Games start @7:30pm sharp! Beginners welcome, you do not need a partner!



Saturday September 7 & 21: Community Knitting and Crochet. Bring your current project and materials, beginners welcome! Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.

Saturday, November 23rd ~ Mistletoe Bazaar gam to noon. Enjoy vendors, bake table, Cookie Walk and Tea room

Minister's Corner

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Experimental swab tests have been done in a California University on cell phones to identify traits and lifestyle habits. Imagine being able to determine usage of food types, drinks, medications, etc. to give a profile of each person's lifestyle. That sounds pretty advanced, doesn't it?

If someone was to look back over our lives for visible traces of how we have conducted our lives, would they confirm our integrity intact? Would they be able to determine that we had conducted ourselves following Christian values? "They will know we are Christians by our love."

Margaret Mead, a modern-day anthropologist is reported to have said that the first signs of civilization occurred in finding a healed femur. This provided evidence that someone had helped the wounded person to heal. The validity of this statement has been disputed as coming from her. However, the idea that humans care for the vulnerable, is a Christian ideal to which we are called to emulate. When your time comes to an end, will there be traces left behind of your care and love?

