

NEWSLETTER

February 2, 2024



WORSHIP DATES

- 4th February, 2024
- 11th February, 2024
- 18th February, 2024
- 25th February, 2024

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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

February 4th: Congregational Meeting after the 10:30am service to continue discussions regarding the future of Melrose. All are welcome! You are vital to the future of Melrose!

Melrose Lecture Series

Wednesday, February 14th @12:30 to 2:00pm with Dr. Ellen Badone. Dr. Badone will explore the transitions encountered when older adults move to congregate care institutions, viewed from the perspective of family caregivers.

Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 25: Join us after the Worship Service for our Annual Meeting. Please bring a bag lunch.

Givings Envelopes

If you have used envelopes in the past or if you would like to start, please contact the office (melrose@melroseunited) or speak with Michael Clase.



Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 25
after the 10:30am
Sunday Worship Service



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Joint Potluck

Wednesday, February 28th @6:30

Come together with friends, family, and our Locke Street neighbours for a Joint Potluck! Our guest speaker will be Annabella Aoshana, Urban Forest Program Coordinator, Green Venture. Her topic will be Canopy for Community: Growing Hamilton's Urban Forest, One Tree at a Time. Please bring a hot or cold item to share.

Looking Ahead!

- Saturday, February 3 & 17:** Community Knitting and Crochet. Bring your current project and materials, beginners welcome! Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.
- Sunday, February 4:** Congregational Meeting after the 10:30 am service.
- Monday, February 12:** Baking muffins for Helping Hands Street Mission. Please rsvp Gwyn if you can help.
- Wednesday, February 14:** Melrose Lecture Series with Dr. Ellen Badone.
- Wednesday, February 14:** Ash Wednesday Service @6:00pm. Join us in the Chapel for a time of reconciliation.
- Friday, February 16:** Family Movie Night. This month's movie will be 101 Dalmatians. Free admission!
- Saturday, February 17 noon to 3pm:** Drive Through Drop Off Food Station at Central Presbyterian for Hamilton Food Share. Please drop off your non-perishable food donations in the alley between Hess and Caroline Sts next to Central.
- Friday, February 23:** Progressive Euchre. Doors open at 7:00, games start at 7:30 sharp!
- Sunday, February 25:** Annual Meeting after the 10:30 am service. Bring a bag lunch!



Minister's Corner



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There is much to be concerned about in reviewing the sorry state of the world. News coverage does not paint a pretty picture of life in any of our global countries. If we look closely, we will hear stories of war, famine, weather disasters, abuse of power, political instability, and neglect of children as a common occurrence.

Where do we find hope in the face of gloomy reports? An oceanographer reports that the health of the ocean and its underwater communities is critical, and it influences the inhabitants of earth as well. A change has been noted in restoration of some of the endangered species through the work of caring people internationally.

We can make a difference in impacting recovery and reversing deterioration in all areas of our society. We must do our part in living up to our responsibility as members of God's team. There is room and need for hope as we look towards God, whose unfailing love calls us to faithful service.