

# NEWSLETTER

June 14, 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..

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### Message from the Board

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

All are welcome at any board meeting!

### Name That Room!

Huge thanks to Jeff Ogino and team for redecorating the parlour! We are holding a competition to rename the room, looking for a name that can, in time, replace 'the parlour' when we speak of it. Please send your suggestions to Sue in the office by email ([melrose@melrose.ca](mailto:melrose@melrose.ca)) with the title 'Name that Room', or drop a note on her desk. All suggestions will be made anonymous before being reviewed by a subcommittee and their choice will go to the board for approval. Please submit by Sunday, June 16.

### 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.

## WORSHIP DATES

- 9th June, 2024
- 16th June, 2024
- 23rd June, 2024
- 30th June, 2024

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## Thank you!

Thank you for the wonderful turnout on Pride Sunday at Westdale. Westdale, and many of our neighbours, streams and records its service. We encourage you to review services from this and other local United Churches. Westdale: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckL3rb-6f6SqDlbPRJyvjvCg> | Delta: <https://www.facebook.com/DeltaUnitedChurch> | St Paul's <https://stpaulsdundas.com/video> | New Vision (zoom only) <https://newvisionunited.org/>

## National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

To honour the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) this past May, consider joining our letter writing campaign! Just click on <https://melroseunited.ca/actions>. Letters and envelopes will also be available during coffee hour after our Sunday Worship service for your convenience from Catherine. Let's do our part!



## A Conversation in Indigenous Education and Reconciliation

**Emmanuel United** is inviting us to join a conversation in Indigenous education and reconciliation that they are starting with Indigenous and non-Indigenous people who are interest in learning about and working on the challenges facing Indigenous people in Hamilton. This is hosted by Nations United (a UCC mission project (<https://united-church/nations-uniting>) and partnered with Neighbour-to-Neighbour (<https://www.n2cenre.com>). The first organized conversation at the Neighbour-to-Neighbour Food Centre is on **Monday, June 24 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm**. Please consider whether you can contribute by attending and reporting back.

## From the Church Office

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

## Looking Ahead!

**Saturday June 15: Community Knitting and Crochet.** Bring your current project and materials, beginners welcome! Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.



**Monday, June 24 ~ A Conversation in Indigenous Education and Reconciliation @1:30-3:30 ~ Emmanuel United Church** is inviting us to join a conversation in Indigenous education and reconciliation.

**Friday, June 28 ~ 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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