

NEWSLETTER

March 22, 2024



WORSHIP DATES

- 24th March, 2024
- 31st March, 2024
- 7th April, 2024
- 14th April, 2024

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!

Easter Flowers

Donations for Easter flowers are being accepted until Palm Sunday. The names of loved ones will appear in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Envelopes for donations are available at all Sanctuary entrances or email the office at melrose@melroseunited.ca. Please be sure the include the name of your loved one!

Easter Flowers Delivery Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to deliver flowers to our shut-ins on Easter morning. Please contact Kathy Ross if you can help.

Easter Breakfast

Please join us for an Easter Breakfast after the 8:30am Sunrise Easter Service. The cost is \$10 per person. All proceeds will help support Mission Services and the Moose Hide Campaign. Please RSVP [Gwynxag@gmail.com](mailto:gwynxag@gmail.com)

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Easter Services

Palm Sunday, March 24th
10:30am

Maundy Thursday, March 28th
6:00pm

Good Friday, March 29th
10:30am

Easter Sunday, March 31
Sunrise Service - 8:30am
Worship Service - 10:30am



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Maundy Thursday Time Change

Please note: The Maundy Thursday Service is at 6:00pm. not 6:30. We apologize for any confusion!

Warm Dry Socks for Cold Wet Feet

Join in on the Melrose Sock Hop Drop! Starting April 7, we will begin to collect NEW ADULT SOCKS. They will be dropped off by Wesley workers when they visit the unhoused in Hamilton's encampments. A container will be available during the Sunday service and in the Auditorium during the week. Thank you!

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 18**. Remember to clearly mark your bags as "TEXTILE DRIVE". The drop off bin will be in the Auditorium.

Looking Ahead!

Friday, March 22: Progressive Euchre. Doors open at 7:00, games start at 7:30 sharp!

Saturday, April 6 & 20: Community Knitting and Crochet. Bring your current project and materials, beginners welcome! Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.

Sunday, April 7: Warm Dry Socks for Cold Wet Feet We will be collecting NEW adult socks for Wesley to drop off to resident's of Hamilton's encampments. More info to come!

Wednesday, April 10, Melrose Lecture Series @12:30pm: Our next guest will be Rev Philip Gardner!

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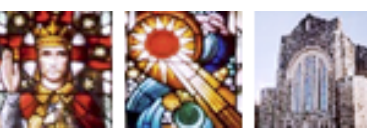
Fabric & Clothing Drop off: Start saving your old clothes and fabrics! The churches of Locke Street will be hosting another drop off event from **April 1 to 18**. The drop off will be located in the auditorium. Please label your bags "Textile Drive".



Minister's Corner



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We are closing in on the Lenten walk to Easter. In a few short days we will reach the holiest of weeks in the Christian year. What a rollercoaster of emotions. Sunday, we experience the highs of a triumphal entry and welcome into the holy city of Jerusalem. Picture the crowds and the cheering at seeing their Saviour coming in on a lowly donkey. This king comes in humility like a commoner, not touting the role of power and royal prestige.

We follow him into the upper room for his final meal with his friends. He wraps a towel around his waist and in love and servant hood begins to wash his guest's feet.

A short while later, he is betrayed into the hands of those who want him

eliminated. Good Friday will bring us into Alex and the Choir's portrayal of Bach's musical masterpiece of the Matthew Passion accompanied by the entire scriptural story of the events leading up to and including Jesus' death on the cross. We have two days to wait for the glory of an Easter Sunday morning, and the discovery of the empty tomb.

Come join us for a bit past - Sunrise service in the chapel, followed by breakfast in the parlour. Then we will gather for the glorious and heavenly music that portrays the Risen Christ with a celebration of Communion in gratitude and remembrance of what God has done for us.

Happy Easter to you all!