

# NEWSLETTER

March 10th, 2023



## 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.

### Choir Practice

Choir rehearsals take place on **Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.** and **Sundays from 9:50 to 10:30 a.m.**

Newcomers are always welcome to join us or to drop by and check things out!

Ages 16 and up.

### Lay-leaders Needed for Summer Services

This summer we are going to need to cover 12 weeks of services as Rev. Sonia takes a study leave and her vacation for June, July, and August.

The Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to lead some of these services and for your creative ideas on how best to meet your needs, especially in July and August. We have lots of resources to assist you.

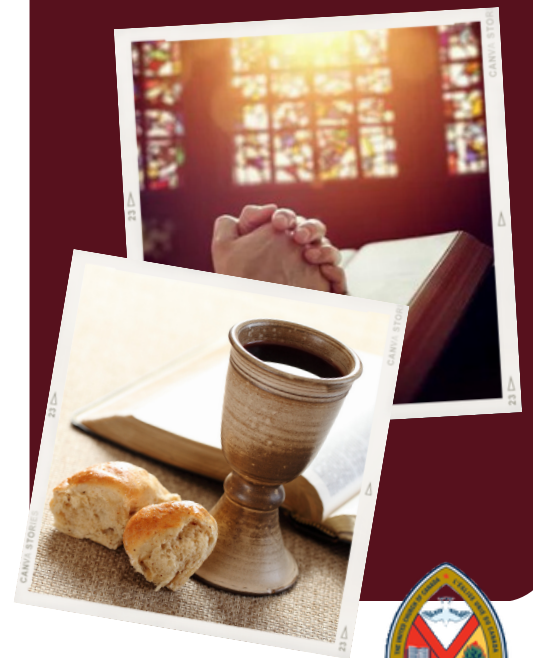
**Please contact Libby, Jan, or the Melrose Office with your ideas and when you would like to do this.**

## WORSHIP DATES

- 12th March 2023
- 19th March 2023
- 26th March 2023

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

- Sunday, March 19
- Sunday April 9 (Easter Sunday)



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# FRESH FOOD DRIVE

**March 3-16th**



Melrose is once again participating in purchasing Fresh Food from Fiddes Wholesale Produce

This year we are partnering with St. Johns Anglican Church in hopes that by collaborating we can exceed 2500 lbs of fresh food donations.

[Click Here for your Order Form NOW](#)

If you have any questions please contact **Gwyn at (905) 628-0516**

## THANK YOU

March 4th music concert, hosted by Melrose United was an amazing success!

Tony Vieira, from York University, and a local Locke street neighbour envisioned an evening of local musical talent.

**Sally Luke led the charge and organizing with enthusiasm and gusto.**

The auditorium was full with even folk sitting in the balcony area.

All monies raised went to Wesley Urban Ministries Refugee Resettlement Program.

How much!? **\$2000.00**. What a great support from the Locke street community.

A huge thank you to all the bakers, child minders, set up and tear down folks, dishwashers and custodial staff... working together makes a success out of every venture undertaken.

## REMINDERS

### JAM JARS

Our intrepid Jammers of Melrose are needing jam jars! We prefer 250ml size. If you have jars that are now empty of jam please drop off your jars to the church office or place in the church kitchen. We are happy to re use these for further jamming.

### STAMPS

Melrose is still collecting postage stamps (old, very old and new) We send them to Effect Hope to assist them raising funds for their outreach. Bring in your stamps and drop them off at the church office

# MARCH

## 16

Absolute last day to make fresh food purchase for **Fiddes Food Drive**

# APRIL

## 9

**Easter Breakfast** gam: in the parlour! RSVP with Gwyn OR Church Office Cost is \$10.00 per family

# MAY

## 10

**630pm parlour: congregational potluck dinner** with guest speaker

# LOOKING AHEAD

## Affirming Ministry Team

After the resounding endorsement at the Annual General Meeting, we are beginning to start the process of becoming an Affirming Congregation. So far, our group consists of Imogen Clase, Dianne Coons, Sally Luke, Carma McKay, Janet Landeen, and Marilyn Wright. We are holding our first planning meeting right after church this Sunday, March 12. Watch this space in the Newsletter for our updates and requests for your participation and feedback.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the congregational survey. Your feedback will help us identify priorities and next steps for our church community.

With thanks from the **Revitalization Task Force**

## Friendly Reminder from the Board...

## Family Ministries

**MELROSE FAMILY MINISTRIES**

**YOUTH NIGHT**

**FRIDAY MAR 24th 6:30**

Boardgames  
Make Your Own Pizza  
Fun & Fellowship



Here is your friendly reminder Daylight saving time is coming up soon, so consider this a sign and and mark it in your calendars now. The majority of Canadians will adjust their clocks forward an hour on **March 12, 2023**, marking the beginning of eight months of extended daylight into the evening. Before you go to bed on the evening of March 11, make sure to manually set any analog clocks and watches in your home an hour ahead so you don't show up to work or school late on Monday morning. Your digital and Wi-Fi connected devices should make the switch automatically, but it doesn't hurt to double-check them the morning of March 12, just to be sure.



# Minister's Corner

Integrity – being honest and having good moral principles. Being someone who can be trusted and respected, with a stellar reputation is one of the best attributes we can have. Dale Wimbrow in the early nineteen hundreds wrote a poem "The man in the Glass" which points out a sense of self-worth when we can look ourselves in the eye and know that we are true to ourselves.

When you get what you want in your struggle for self,  
And the world makes you King for a day,  
Then go to the mirror and look at yourself,  
And see what that man has to say.  
For it isn't your Father, or Mother, or Wife,  
Who judgment upon you must pass.  
The feller whose verdict counts most in your life  
Is the man staring back from the glass.  
He's the feller to please, never mind all the rest.  
For he's with you clear up to the end,  
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test,  
If the man in the glass is your friend.  
You may be like Jack Horner and "chisel" a plum,  
And think you're a wonderful man,  
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum  
If you can't look him straight in the eye.  
You can fool the whole world down the pathway of years,  
And get pats on the back as you pass,  
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears  
If you've cheated the man in the glass.

We can be our own harshest critics, at least I think there are times we should be. It's what we do when no one is looking that takes the measure of who we are. Be that person you were created to be!

Have you checked your inbox for the weekly letter from Rev. Sonia?

She's got some great things to share with all of us. If you haven't been receiving these emails, please **contact the office** to be added to the mailing list.

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WEEKLY LETTER  
FROM REV. SONIA



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If you have any additional updates, news or celebrations please have them into the office by Wednesday of each week.

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