

NEWSLETTER

March 3rd, 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

- 5th March 2023
- 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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March 3rd-16th

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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.



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

A COLLABORATIVE VENTURE WITH
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FRESH FOOD DRIVE

March 3-16th

Order your Fresh Food items from
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- St Matthews House- St. John's Anglican Church
- Mission Services- Melrose United Church

Please contact Gwyn at (905) 628-0516
for help in placing orders.

A decorative vertical banner on the right side of the flyer. It features large, outlined, sans-serif letters spelling out "FAZG" vertically. Overlaid on and around these letters are various colorful illustrations of fresh produce: a red chili pepper, a green bell pepper, an orange carrot, a yellow lemon slice, a pink watermelon slice, and other smaller vegetable shapes. The overall theme is fresh food.

Minister's Corner

Everyone needs a confidante, someone they can share their innermost concerns with. The road of life is not easy and its many twists and turns find us straddling many potholes. Almost no family is untouched by heartache. In one group in which I belong, grandparents are aching over a grandchild that has twice attempted suicide and suffers from severe anxiety. Another has a son in extreme depression, that has shut his family all out after his separation and pending divorce. We say goodbye to children who move across the country to begin studies or a new job; we receive bad news about an aggressive illness that leaves one living on borrowed time. There seems to be no end to heart break.

Having a grasp on faith does not eliminate our problems or even make them easier to bear. We believe in God and we trust in God, but we still hurt. God neither causes our turmoil nor allows it to happen. If, I as a parent would not stand by waiting for something bad to disrupt my child's life, I cannot conceive of how a loving God would either.

We do not have all the answers; we do not even know which of the questions to ask in some cases. I do know that believing that there is a divine being that loves me and all those around me, opens my eyes to the provisions this benevolent being places in my path. I cannot go it alone, nor was I ever intended to. There are many that care and uphold me because they are the face of God that reminds me that life is precious and a gift to be shared.

Do not try to go it alone. Find someone you can trust and watch them help you find ways to withstand the buffering that life sends your way. And pray. Pray like your life depends on it.

– It does!



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

Special Event

Join us for a night of music from the musicians who dutifully got out on their porches every Wednesday evening and played music to bring a little bit of joy to their neighbours.

We have decided to make this event a fundraiser for Wesley Resettlement Assistance for Refugees.

Admission is a suggested cash donation of \$10, with all proceeds going to Wesley.

Refreshments & snacks will be available for cash donation.

Please tell your friends and family about this event and join us for an evening of music and community

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7:00PM - 9:00PM 86 HOMEWOOD AVE, HAMILTON
866-960-7888 (TOLL FREE) OR 905-522-1323

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES BY:
Mark Caruana / Matt Coleman, Mike & Eamonn Vallely
PINES (Johan de Zoete & Paul Hogeterp)
Miles Koseleci Vieira, Philip Luke,
Stephen Ruttan & Tony Vieira

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