

NEWSLETTER

May 5th, 2023

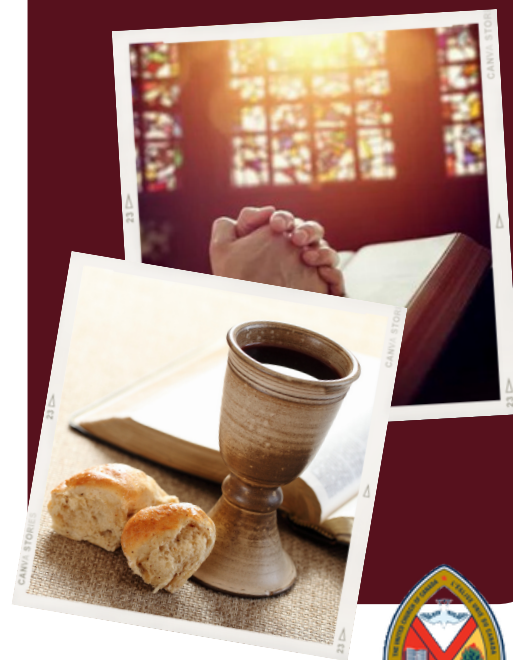


WORSHIP DATES

- 14th May 2023
(Mother's Day)
- 21st May 2023
- 28th May 2023

Sacrament of Holy Communion

14th May 2023
(Mother's Day)



DIVERSE
INCLUSIVE
ACCEPTING
WELCOMING
SAFE SPACE
FOR EVERYONE

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.



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LOOKING AHEAD

May 12th: Family Movie Night, 6:30

May 20th: Community Knitting & Crochet, 9:30-11:30 AM

May 26th: Progressive Euchre (No Partners necessary) Doors open at 7 PM Games at 7:30 PM

April 3 - Community Knitting & Crochet Circle 9:30-11:30

June 4 - Case for Kids Wesley Urban Ministries. Let's hope for sunny weather! Keep this date on your calendar as a fun way to spend an hour or two walking around Bayfront Park in support of Wesley Summer Children's Programs. Libby and Gwyn will be collecting pledges starting May 21.

Melrose United church cosponsors this event... come out and discover how you can reduce your carbon footprint



THANK YOU

Many thanks to the folk who volunteered their time last Friday and Saturday in preparation and execution of the Garage Sale. It was a lot of work! At least the sun shone on our endeavours.

Thanks to **Jeff** for the initial organizing of the event!

Total proceeds from the event: \$340.00 on the day of the event with some sales after..

So thanks so much for all the work! Our church is a lot less cluttered with the clean out!

NOTICE

no coffee
hour after
service on
May 21

Movie Night at Melrose



Friday, May 12th

Doors open at 6:30 pm
for fun in the gym.

Movie starts at 7 pm

Free Admission

There will be Popcorn,
snacks, and juice
available for sale!

An all ages evening
of fun (film rated PG)

Brought to you by the Young People at Melrose

Melrose United Church

On Locke Street South,
enter off parking lot at Stanley Avenue

Join us at Melrose United Church
for a monthly

Community Knitting and Crochet Circle

When? 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month!

Where? Melrose United on Locke Street

(Enter off parking lot on Stanley Avenue)

April 15th, May 6th, May 20th,
June 3rd & June 17th
9:30 am - 11:30 am

Bring your current
project and materials.
Beginners welcome!

There will be coffee, tea, and cookies!
Small donations are welcome.

Our Website: www.melroseunited.ca

Please join us at Melrose for a great night of

Progressive Euchre



April 28th, May 26th & June 23rd

Doors open at 7:00 pm; Games begin at 7:30 pm

You do not need a partner!

\$5 entry fee

Coffee, tea and snacks available all night!

Melrose United Church on Locke
Street South, enter off parking
lot on Stanley Avenue



Minister's Corner

From Leap in Faith – United Church 2004 Confirmation Resource – These are statements of Characteristics of a Radical Christian Lifestyle: Communal Living – sharing property and goods in common; Non-Violence – will not resort to violence even to defend oneself; Vow of Poverty – Keep only what is needed for basic survival, keep no savings and no financial security; Voluntary Simplicity – reject a consumer lifestyle including TVs and cars; Itinerancy – voluntary homelessness, relying on others to take you in; Hospitality – welcome strangers and be generous with all you have; Celibacy – relate as brother or sister, no lover; Spiritual Practice – engage in prayer, meditation regularly; Church Membership – be part of a faith community that gathers for worship, reflection and service; Being a Hermit – Withdraw from society and live separate from community, no distractions from God; Tithing – devote 10 per cent income to church; Volunteerism – devote time and money to worthy causes; Instilling Values – raise my family according to Christian principles.

Affirming Ministry

The May 7 service challenged all of us to live out our United Church principles of being open and welcoming to all peoples, specifically focusing on individuals who identify as LGBTQ2S+. The pie potluck that followed included lots of great conversations as well as delicious pies of all different varieties! We look forward to continuing our journey of conversations, reflections, and learning as we consider what it means to be truly affirming.

Now this list goes on for another three pages. As you can see it is pretty radical. I'm not sure even the most devout would be able to live up to all these principles. Each of us as Christians decide how far we will go in our devotion to God. The radical Christian lifestyle is certainly one in which all sense of self is eradicated in favour of the greater good of humankind.

From the desk of
Rev. Sonia Ireson



Message from the Board

Everyone is welcome to attend each and every official board meeting!

Always a Monday evening at 730pm.

June 12 (Zoom only)

September 11 (in person only)

November 6 (in person only)

December 11 (in person only)

Zoom details will be provided by request to church office.



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