

# NEWSLETTER

May 19th, 2023



## WORSHIP DATES

- 21st May 2023
- 28th May 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.

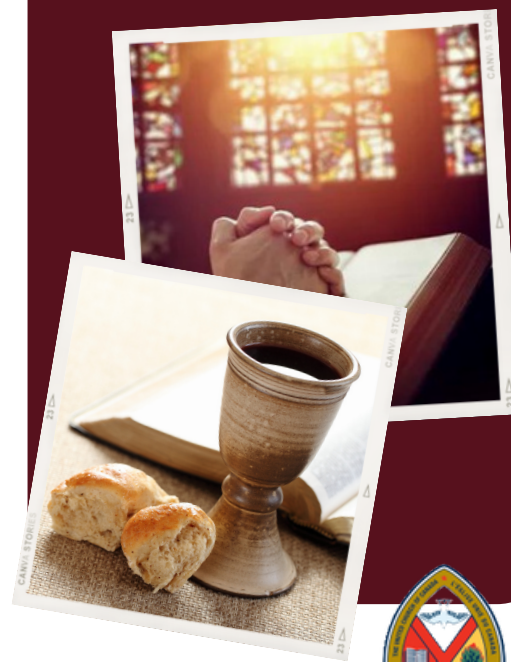
### Lay-leaders Needed for Summer Services

Thank you to all of the individuals who have stepped forward to lead services in June, July, and August during Rev. Sonia's study leave and vacation.

Stay tuned for the full schedule of old friends and new faces over the summer months. The Worship Committee is still looking for volunteers to lead the Aug. 6 service. 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.**

### Sacrament of Holy Communion



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# LOOKING AHEAD

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

**May 21st:** Gardening at Melrose 1-3pm Bring your shovels, shears, paper waste bags, and gloves. We'll be tackling the thorny hedge that surrounds Melrose!


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


**May 27th:** Climate Ready Kirkendall @ Locke & Charlton,  
noon-4:00 PM

**June 3:** Community Knitting & Crochet Circle 9:30-11:30 AM




**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.

**June 9th:** Movie Night, Zootopia, 6:30 PM

**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual**  
**CASE FOR KIDS**  
**WALK, RUN, RIDE**  
Sunday June 4, 2023  
12-2:30 p.m.  
Bayfront Park in Hamilton



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[wesley.ca/caseforkids](http://wesley.ca/caseforkids)



Join us at Melrose United Church  
for a monthly

## Community Knitting and Crochet Circle



**When?** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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



## NOTICE

no coffee hour after  
service on May 21



# Minister's Corner

Victoria Day is rolling around once again which always seems like a special time of year, a new beginning, in a sense. Gardeners wait for this day to plant in the ground when the fear of frost has passed. Although we have had frost out here a couple of nights this week. The threat of the WestJet strike is past and a few of our parishioners can breathe a sigh of relief – being able to get home from their travels to visit family.



From the desk of  
Rev. Sonia Ireson

For a number of you, this marks the start of your summer back and forth to the cottage. Wishing you safe travels and a wonderful, peaceful summer. I hope you find time to enjoy some pleasurable reading, reconnect with family and old friends, and do some of the things that you most enjoy. God bless each and every one of you in the ways that you specifically need, whether you are able to change your locale for the summer, or just chilling out at home.

## 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.