

NEWSLETTER

May 3, 2024



WORSHIP DATES

- 5th May, 2024
- 12th May, 2024
- 19th May, 2024
- 26th May, 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, May 13 ~ Official Board Meeting @7:30 pm. All are welcome at any board meeting!

Monday, May 6 ~ Congregational Meeting on Zoom @7:30pm. The purpose of this meeting will be to adopt the 2023 Annual Report, to share more information about future collaborative arrangements, and to discuss a draft statement of Welcome and Inclusion. An email has been sent out with the Zoom link, if you did not receive it, please contact the office.

Joint Pentecost Service With Westdale

Sunday, May 19 at Melrose! ~ This is the first of three joint services that we are planning with Westdale United Church. This service will be a collaboration between our ministers and our music directors. An opportunity to explore worship together and to get to know each other. It is the long weekend and we realize that many people will already have plans. If you are in town, please strongly consider coming to meet and welcome Westdale's minister Rev Evan (who uses he/she/they pronouns) and congregation. On Sunday June 2, we will all worship at Westdale, followed by lunch, and those of us who are walking will on to Case for Kids afterwards. There is much to celebrate in fellowship together and much to learn from each other!

May is P.A.R. Month!

P.A.R. is pre-authorized remittance, a method of giving that allows you to set up a monthly contribution that will continue to fund amazing work all year. The consistency of this type of donation helps both Melrose and Mission & Service to plan and reduces overhead costs so that your donation has more impact, and reduces volunteer time and effort. Please consider donating in this way. If you already donate, please consider a 3% increase in your monthly donation to keep in line with inflation. Go to <https://shorturl.at/nwSWZ> to learn more. Speake to Sue, Michael or Catherine, or just ask Sue for the one-page form. Thank you for all of your generous support of all our work

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Wesley's Case For Kids Walk

Sunday, June 2 ~ Melrose will be supporting Wesley's Case for Kids Walk this year! You may donate online to our team Melrose Movers M.U.C. by following the links on Wesley's website <https://wesley.ca/caseforkids/>. Tax receipts will be available. T-shirts will be provided for walkers and donation envelopes will be on hand for canvassing outside of our congregation. Please speak to Libby for more information.

Statement of Welcome and Inclusion, God Is Love

The following draft statement will be discussed at the Congregational Meeting on Zoom on May 6th.

We welcome everyone without exception. God gives gracious love to all, and you are welcome regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, family configuration, ancestry, ethnicity, age, faith history, physical and mental abilities, educational background, or socio-economic status.

We value the strength that comes from diversity. We strive to live our faith in Jesus Christ by providing a nurturing, inclusive and welcoming environment that encourages all people to care for and accept one another.

Even if you did not feel welcome at church in the past, know that you are welcome here today. Whoever you are, however you identify, whomever you love, or whatever your life circumstances, you are loved by God; you are welcome here.

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Looking Ahead!

Saturday, May 4 & 18: Community Knitting and Crochet. Bring your current project and materials, beginners welcome! Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.

Monday, May 6: Congregational Meeting on Zoom @7:30pm: To adopt the 2023 Annual Report, to share more information about the future of Melrose and to discuss a draft statement of Welcome and Inclusion. An email has been sent out with the Zoom invitation. If you did not receive it, please contact the office.

Sunday, May 12 ~ Marvellous Music Sunday! The Choir will be performing Mozart's Missa Brevis in B Flat. There will be children's programming and cake during coffee hour!

Sunday, May 19 ~ Pentecost Shared Service. A shared service with our sisters and brothers from Westdale United Church.

Friday, May 24 ~ Progressive Euchre. Doors open @7pm. Games start @7:30pm sharp! Beginners welcome, you do not need a partner!

Sunday, June 2 ~ Pride Sunday Service. We will be worshipping at Westdale United Church followed by a BBQ. All are welcome!

Sunday, June 2 ~ Wesley's Case For Kid's Walk. Melrose will be supporting Wesley's Case for Kids Walk again this year! You can donate to our team Melrose Movers M.U.C. at <https://wesley.ca/casforkids/>. Speak with Libby for more information.



Minister's Corner



REV. SONIA IRESON

Rev. Sonia is away this week

Stay Tuned for next week's Minister's Corner!

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