



◆ Melrose Vision ◆

To respond to God's call by being a people of faith who open our hearts and minds to the true power and love of Jesus Christ. To live our faith by providing within our changing community a welcoming environment which encourages all people to care for and accept one another.

◆ Worship Next Week ◆

Today's Old Testament Scripture involves Moses bantering with God, audaciously standing up to Him and demanding that God continue to journey with His people. God is ticked off. The people left on their own while Moses was obtaining the Ten Commandments, had Aaron fashion a golden calf idol. Remember the Second Commandment, it got broken very quickly. To date, God had journeyed in a cloud, and in a tent, His presence both before and behind the people throughout their Exodus travels. But no more, God was going to send an angel to accompany them until Moses stepped in and intervened. Then Moses had another request, to see God in full glory. God granted his request, but for his protection placed him in the crevice of a rock and passed overhead so that what Moses saw was God from behind. God is beyond our comprehension to visualize no matter how hard we try.

The Gospel reading in Matthew brings us the familiar discourse involving an attempted political entrapment concerning the validity of paying taxes to the emperor. "Show me the coin" Jesus says, the one with the head of Caesar. Jesus replies: "give to the emperor the things that belong to the emperor, and to God the things that are God's." Once again, He managed to avoid their game-playing. The physical and the spiritual world do not need to be at odds with one another. There is place for allegiance to both. His words beg the question, what is it that you think rightfully belong to God?



◆ Updated Building Hours ◆

We are slowly increasing our building hours. However, we are still requesting that visiting the building is **by scheduled visit only**. These hours may change at any time due to evolving situation with COVID-19 and staffing availability. Additionally, masks are required at all times when you are in the building. Please see planned hours below:

Updated Building Hours

Monday: 8:00am-9:00pm

Tuesday: 9:00am-1:00pm; 3:00-9:00pm

Wednesday: 9:00am-6:30pm

Thursday: 9:00am-1:00pm; 3:00-9:00pm

Friday: 8am-4:00pm

Please note – we are closed tomorrow Monday October 12 for Thanksgiving Monday.

◆ Donations ◆

The Melrose staff team (and volunteer base) continues to do work behind the scenes even though we cannot use the building to worship together. If you are looking to support the ongoing work of the church you can:

1. Sign up for P.A.R. (preauthorized remittance) through the office.
2. Make a one time or ongoing donation through Canada Helps.Org
3. Send a donation through e-transfer to donations@melroseunited.ca.



Yes! We are still having the
MISTLETOE BAZAAR

NOVEMBER 28, 2020 - 10:00am-12:00pm

We need your help!

It will be very modified in appearance. We will not have the lunchroom, book nook, Christmas treasures table, jewellery table, or sewing table.

We will be focusing our strengths on advanced online orders through our website. A fillable form and details on everything that can be purchased or ordered will be available online.

We will be selling: jams, jellies, preserves, jarred soup, christmas cakes, our chicken/turkey meat pies, peach and apple pies. Instead of the cookie walk we will sell boxed cookies. Again these can be ordered in advance.

The organizers of this year's Bazaar would like to request that if congregational members have contributed to the cookie walk in the past and would like to contribute to this years cookie box, we are ONLY asking for Shortbread Cookies. Shortbread Cookies meet no nuts, dairy dietary restrictions and there are vast varieties of Shortbread Cookies that can be made. Please consider this donation request! More information will follow on where and when to drop off your cookie donations.

We will need volunteers to monitor pedestrian traffic, assist with guiding people flow into and out of the church and volunteers to set up and sell the baked goods and preserves. Public Health Guidelines will be observed.

Please let Gwyn know if you will be able to assist with this year's modified Bazaar!

Thanks

