



◆ 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 ◆

We have followed the life of Moses pretty well through his 120 years, from the time he was placed in the basket in the reeds as a small baby to ensure his protection and his ironic rescue and upbringing at the hands of the daughter of the very Pharaoh who wanted to terminate his life.

We were aware that he was marked from that humble beginning as someone God had set aside to lead his people, the chosen ones, towards the hope of new life and land.

Moses confronted many God-given moments – the burning bush that was not consumed; the moment where he killed an Egyptian captor to protect a Jewish slave; God appointing him leader in spite of his fear about speaking, and allowing his brother Aaron to speak for him; preparation and plans for the escape; the crossing of the Red Sea and miraculous parting in safety; the complaints for food and water he brought to God for his people and God's resolution; leadership through forty years of dry and dusty desert wandering; the mountain receipt of the Ten Commandments from God; finding the golden calf idol and pleading on his people's behalf; arrival at the edge of the Promised Land without entering it. And today we arrive at Moses' journey's end. He is to be gathered up and his leadership passed to Joshua for the actual entry into the Promised Land. The Bible tells us one misdeed during his presentation of water, one misstep of faith was to prevent him from being the one to lead them to their final destination.



Throughout his life Moses was led, spoken to, and cherished, as God's voice to the people. Between he and Abraham it would be difficult to say which was the greater Patriarch. They both command admiration and respect as men who were role models for, and who had faith in and followed God.

Matthew brings us the discourse where Jesus is asked which is the greatest commandment. There are Ten Commandments which hold equal footing, thus the question was designed to create one more challenge to Jesus. Jesus pointed us to a new focus on the commandments. In essence he gave us the desire behind them. He summed them up by stating God's intent behind them -Love God and love neighbour. If you do that, then you automatically keep all ten. One who puts heart and soul and mind into loving God will choose and follow the one true God without reservation. One who loves neighbour as oneself will want only what is best for the neighbour and the seven rules involving the people will become part of their best desire for everyone.

◆ 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 due to evolving situation with COVID-19. 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



◆ 2021 Envelopes ◆

We are beginning to prepare for distribution of 2021 donation envelopes. If you would like envelopes and currently do not have envelopes let the office know. If you currently have envelopes and want to donate to the church in a different way and no longer need envelopes let us know as well. Donations are tracked and a single yearly tax receipt can still be issued even if you would prefer to not use paper envelopes.

◆ 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

