



◆ 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, we turn to one of the least understood books of the Bible. Revelation, believed to be written by John, not likely to be the apostle John, on the Island of Patmos, portrays his visions of a cosmic battle between good and evil. Scholars debate whether it refers to past or future. This passage we look at today is a very famous one, often quoted at funerals. It depicts a time when there will be no more tears. As one stands at the gravesite of a loved one, that is a promise that we all seek.

Human civilization has never been free from pain and suffering and the idea of a utopian life free from hunger, thirst, scorching heat and emotional pain is very appealing. The imagery depicts Jesus, the sacrificial lamb, on the throne as the centre of redemption for all. Surrounding his throne are the multitudes from every nation who cannot help themselves from singing praises to the God who brings about salvation from the ravages of human life. How we all yearn to have every tear wiped away.

The Gospel brings us into the Beatitudes again. Rather than a study of the individual blessings, we will look at them from a perspective of revealing the character of God. Matthew presents Jesus as teaching from a hillside and his discourse is known as the Sermon on the Mount. Luke's account is slightly different. He has 4 Beatitudes compared to Matthew's 8 and his takes place as the Sermon on the Plains. The two authors also speak in different persons - Luke preferring the second person "you" and Matthew preferring the third



person “those.” When we come across differences in text between the four gospels, we need to take into account the context of the gospel writer and the audience they are trying to reach. Luke was primarily interested in social transformation, whereas, Matthew emphasized discipleship.

◆ 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.



MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

VIRTUAL *Pumpkin Carving Contest*



Send in a photo of your creation to
mucfamilyministries@gmail.com by **Fri, Oct 30th** -
be sure to include what category you are entering!

Pumpkin submissions will be posted to melroseunited.ca

Be sure to vote for your favorites! Prizes to be won!

Pumpkin Categories

Most Creative

Most Spookiest

Most Artistic

Most Classic





◆ 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

