

NEWSLETTER

December 12, 2025



SUNDAY WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- December 14, 2025
- December 21, 2025
- December 28, 2025
- January 4, 2025

GREETINGS!

In the name of the One who loves us and holds us dear

We are an inclusive community on Locke Street, dedicated to seeking justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with God. We are a progressive church with traditional elements to

our service and quite a lot of music. We welcome people who are questioning. We dress informally and understand that children often run around and make noise.

A Message from the Board

Thursday, January 8th ~ Official Board Meeting @7:30

All are welcome at any board meeting! If you would like to attend, please contact the office for more information, melrose@melroseunited.ca

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Upcoming Services At Melrose!

Sunday, December 14 ~ Advent III Service @ 10:30am with Rev Brenna Baker

Sunday, December 21 ~ Advent IV Service @ 10:30am

Wednesday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve 10:30pm with Rev Brenna Baker

Sunday, December 28 ~ Jazz Carol Service @ 10:30am in the Parlour

Sunday, January 4, ~ Worship Service @ 10:30am

Sunday, January 11~ Worship Service @ 10:30am

Sunday, January 18 ~ Worship Service @10:30am



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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT MELROSE



December 14th @ 10:30am ~ CHRISTMAS GIVING SUNDAY

Help us spread the joy of Christmas. If you are able, please bring gifts for Wesley Urban Centre (gloves and socks) and Operation Santa Claus (toys).

December 21st @ 10:30am ~ FAMILY CHRISMAS

Calling all sheep, shepherds and angels! Join us for our Christmas pageant – everyone is welcome to participate (even the adults)! No rehearsals necessary!

December 24th @ 10:30pm ~ CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

A beautiful service of carols and readings to celebrate the birth of Jesus and the promise of peace, hope, joy and love. All are welcome to take Communion.

December 28th @ 10:30am ~ JAZZ CAROLS

And now for something completely different! Join us for an informal service in the church parlour.

Mistletoe Bazaar



There are still a few frozen pies left! The online store has been re-opened for orders for a short time! Just order online and Gwyn will contact you and set up a time when you can pick up your order. <https://melrose-united-church.square.site/>

Spreading the Joy of Christmas Through Giving

**Wesley
Holiday Drive**
A 70 year tradition


467 Main Street East, Hamilton, ON L8N 1K1
(905) 528-5429 x 285
gwyn@wesley.ca

DONATE TODAY!
The most needed items are:

- Financial donations to Wesley to support programs & services. Cash, cheque, credit card, or gifts of securities are greatly appreciated.
- \$25 gift cards: Walmart, grocery stores (Food Basics, No Frills, PC Stores), Dollarama, Giant Tiger.
- Essentials: L/XL gloves for men & women, socks for men, women & children.
- Items: Towels, sheets and blankets for queen and double.
- Kitchen: Microwaves, toasters, toaster ovens, electric kettles, blenders, air fryers.



We need your help!
Your support could be a family's greatest gift this year at our programs in Hamilton, Halton, and Brantford. Please help us offer shelter & care to those in need by making a cash donation to Wesley and/or purchasing a new item from our clients' wish list of most-needed items.

Items can be dropped off:
Sun Dec 7 & 14, from 12-2pm
Mon Dec 8 to Wed Dec 10, from 10:30am-12pm
Mon Dec 15 to Wed Dec 17, from 10:30am-12pm
467 Main Street East, Hamilton, ON L8N 1K1

wesley.ca/holidays

As we enter this season of generosity, we are reminded of the many who are in need. We invite you to help us spread the joy of Christmas by supporting several local initiatives:

- Wesley: We are collecting gloves and socks to help those facing homelessness stay warm this winter.
- Operation Santa Claus: Please bring unwrapped toys to brighten a child's Christmas.
- Helping Hands: We are collecting gently used clothing for those in need.

Donation boxes are available in the auditorium and will be accepted until **December 14th**.

Thank you for sharing the love and hope of Christ through your generosity!



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Family Christmas Sunday

Calling all sheep, shepherds and angels! Join us on Sunday, December 21st @ 10:30am for our Christmas Pageant! Everyone is welcome to participate (even the adults!) No rehearsal necessary! Just come on out and have fun!

Christmas Eve at Melrose

Join us on Wednesday, December 24th @ 10:30pm for a beautiful service of carols, readings and holy communion to celebrate the birth of Jesus and the promise of peace, hope, joy and love with the Melrose Choir and Rev Brenna Baker. All are welcome!



A Public Service Announcement From Our Healthcare Workers!



Remember to get your vaccines! Influenza and RSV will start to take off in December, and covid is with us year-round. Almost everyone should have a flu vaccine and covid vaccine every fall, and some people should have a covid vaccine in the spring, as well. These are available without a prescription in pharmacies. The RSV vaccine is a relatively new vaccine that shown to be safe and effective at keeping people out of hospital. If you've had it, you don't need to have it again. If you haven't had it, it is covered for the first time this year for people over 75 years, and some high-risk people over 60 years. There is a new pneumonia vaccine in the last year, called Prevnar-20; one dose for everyone over 65 years, and for people at high risk of any age. If you've had the older pneumonia vaccine, you should still get this new one. Finally, shingles vaccine, Shingrix, is useful at any age, if you haven't had it. It is publicly funded for people between age 65 to 70 years, and available at cost (around \$200 * 2 doses) for anyone. If you've had two doses of this, you don't need to have it again. If you have allergies to any vaccine components, discuss vaccines with your family doctor.



Looking Ahead!



Community Knitting and Crochet

Saturday, December 20th ~ 9:30am - 11:30am ~ Bring your current project and materials, beginners welcome! Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided. Please enter through the doors off of the Stanley Ave parking lot.

Boards Games

Sunday, December 14th @1:00pm ~ Come on out and enjoy your favourite board or card game! There is a \$5 entry fee, Children up to grade 1 get in for free! Bring along your favourite board or card game! Refreshments will be available.



Canadian Orpheus Male Choir Annual Christmas Concert



Sunday, December 14th @ 3:00pm ~ Enjoy the Canadian Orpheus Male Choir's Christmas Concert here at Melrose featuring Gabriella Kowalik, soprano, Emmanuel Dye, baritone, Richard Cunningham, Music Director and Trevor Price, accompanist. Tickets are \$25 before November 30th by email tickets@comc.ca or by phone 905-581-1461. After November or at the door, tickets are \$30.

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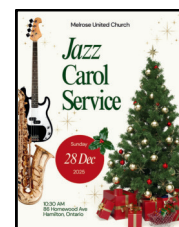


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Jazz Carol Service

Sunday, December 28th @10:30 am in the Parlour ~ And now for something completely different! Join us for an informal service in the parlour with Mary Parsons and guest musicians!



Social Media at Melrose

Did you know? Melrose has an active social media presence on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)! Check out our pages for information on Melrose events, the wider church and for messages of inspiration!

A Message From the Office

Office hours are Monday to Friday, 9am to 2pm. Please be sure to submit your church related items for the bulletin or newsletter by Wednesday of each week. Kindly email melrose@melroseunited.ca. Thank you!



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