

# NEWSLETTER

October 3, 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, October 9th ~ 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](mailto:melrose@melroseunited.ca)

## Upcoming Services At Melrose!

**Sunday, October 5 ~** World Communion Day with Rev Margot Feyerer

**Sunday, October 12 ~** Thanksgiving Worship Service with Tabitha de Bruin

**Sunday, October 19 ~** Worship Service

**Sunday, October 26 ~** Worship Service with Rev Brenna Baker

**Sunday, November 2, ~** Worship Service

## SUNDAY WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- October 5, 2025
- October 12, 2025
- October 19, 2025
- October 26, 2025

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**100<sup>TH</sup>**  
ANNIVERSARY  
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# Melrose Congregation's 100th Anniversary Join the Celebration!

Our Congregation will turn 100 in November! We will joyfully celebrate the 100th anniversary of our Melrose congregation throughout the month of November. We're planning special events to honor our rich history and look forward to a bright future. If you're interested in helping plan our anniversary celebrations or have ideas to share, please reach out to Libby or Gwyn. Planning meetings will begin in late August or early September. We'd love to have your input as we prepare for this meaningful milestone! Contact Gwyn at [gwynxag@gmail.com](mailto:gwynxag@gmail.com) or Libby at [cook\\_feenstra@hotmail.ca](mailto:cook_feenstra@hotmail.ca).

## Help Spread the News!

Please help spread the word about our upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>! With the postal strike we cannot mail out our invitations as we had planned. Please invite any friends or family who would be interested in attending! Contact the office to RSVP, [melrose@melroseunited.ca](mailto:melrose@melroseunited.ca).



## Come Home & Celebrate With Us!

### Mark your calendars!

Join us on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>  
6pm-9pm!

### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

Tickets \$30 per person

We accept cash, cheque or e-transfer.

Please RSVP in advance to the office  
with your payment and a the names of all guests  
by October 25<sup>th</sup>.

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## Anniversary T-Shirts and Bags

The Anniversary Committee is considering selling t-shirts and bags to celebrate our upcoming anniversary if there is interest from the congregation. Please speak to Libby or Gwyn and let them know what you think!



\*\*Examples Only!\*\*

## Share Your Cherished Family Recipes!

Do you have an old family recipe that you love? Perhaps it's one passed down from your grandparents or great-grandparents? We would love to receive a copy! The Melrose Congregation is celebrating its 100th anniversary, and potluck meals and congregational dinners have been a part of our journey since the beginning.

Libby and Gwyn are excited to compile a small booklet featuring all the submitted recipes. We kindly ask that you send them in by the end of September. You can write them down on paper and drop them off at the church office, or simply email them to the church office, [melrose@melroseunited.ca](mailto:melrose@melroseunited.ca).

We can't wait to savor these delicious food memories!



# Celebration of Life for Jim Roberts

**Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm**

Sadly, Jim Roberts passed away earlier in September. Jim was a long-time member of Melrose United Church and a resident of Aberdeen Gardens. A Celebration of Jim's life, conducted by Rev William MacKinnon, will be held on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 2pm with a reception afterwards in the Parlour. All are welcome!



## Rental Groups at Melrose

Melrose United Church is home to many community rental groups. Now that Fall is here many are taking new members or have wonderful services to offer!

- [Bach Elgar Choir](#)
- [Royal Scottish Country Dancers](#)
- [Human Performance Solutions Mobile](#)
- Basketball
- [Steel City Swing](#)
- [Women of Song](#)
- Indoor Soccer
- [Embers, Guides and Pathfinders](#)
- Carpet Bowling
- [Vocalway Vocal Instruction](#)
- Sandra Ramunno, Piano Instructor
- Tai Chi
- [Music Together, Giggle and Groove](#)
- Ball Hockey
- [Ingelbert Lievaart II Photography](#)
- [Little Learning House Daycare](#)



If you are interested in any of these groups, please click on the link or contact the office for more information! [melrose@melroseunited.ca](mailto:melrose@melroseunited.ca)

## Did You Know?



Did you know? The Duet Club of Hamilton's chorus, Women of Song rehearse right here at Melrose every Wednesday morning at 10am and they hold several concerts here throughout the year!

If you love to sing, come and join Women of Song! We meet every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at Melrose United Church. Women of Song is a four-voice women's choir (1st soprano, 2nd soprano, 1st alto, 2nd alto) established in 1964. We sing for the joy of it! Membership draws from all around the greater Hamilton area. The chorus is led by Artistic Director Dawn Martens, with Ethan Lacey as our Accompanist. As a member of the chorus, you join the longest-standing women's musical club in Canada. The Duet Club's long and storied history in the Hamilton community dates back to its establishment in 1889 by music teacher Ellen Ambrose. You have now established an unparalleled connection to Hamilton's musical past and created a unique way to contribute to its future, supporting and nurturing music in Hamilton through the promotion of intelligent study of music, the awarding of student scholarships, and the provision of a platform and audience for scholarship winners. If you want to learn more about The Duet Club Women of Song, visit our website at [duetclub.ca](http://duetclub.ca) or contact our Chorus Liaison, Muriel Westmorland, at [druidbard@hotmail.com](mailto:druidbard@hotmail.com). If you are ready to join, please come and try us out and/or contact Katie Carr at [catherinecarr58@gmail.com](mailto:catherinecarr58@gmail.com). You can also speak to Sue in the office for more information. We promise that, along with singing, you will have fun too!



## Jam Jars Needed!

Its jamming time again! We are in need of 250ml and 500ml jars. Please drop them off at the office. No spaghetti sauce jars or other glass! Thanks!

## Mistletoe Bazaar ~ Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> 9am to noon

The Mistletoe Bazaar is only **two months away!** This means it is time to start baking (and freezing!) cookies for our cookie walk. If you are a creative and talented baker, we need YOU! Please consider baking squares or tasty treats for our famous bake table. If you have an old family favourite recipe to share, that would be great! Fire up those ovens! Any questions? Speak to Gwyn or Libby!



## 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!



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## Can you help?

Melrose is in need of a snowblower! If you have a gently used snowblower that is at least 8hp, 2 stage and 27 inches or larger, please contact the office and we can talk! Thank you!



## Melrose is Hiring!

Melrose is looking for a part time daytime cleaner. Ten hours per week during the day with the scheduling coordinated by Kevin our custodian. The hourly pay is \$17.60. Please send an email to [melrose@melroseunited.ca](mailto:melrose@melroseunited.ca) if interested or if you have a referral that we may contact. Thank you for your assistance. Ministry & Personnel Committee.



## Looking Ahead!



### Community Knitting and Crochet

**Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 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.

## World Food Sunday

**Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> is World Food Sunday!** It's the United Church's Week of Action on food insecurity. As part of this outreach and recognition, we are asking everyone who is able to contribute any of the following: canned proteins such as fish, lentils, beans, chickpeas, ham, peanut butter, canned hearty soups, instant hot oatmeal or cold cereal, tea/coffee. All donations will go to Mission Services of Hamilton. Thank you for your support! We will have a box at the front of the Sanctuary to receive your gifts.

## Progressive Euchre

**Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> @7:00pm** ~ Doors open at 6:30pm, games start at 7:30pm sharp! Beginners welcome! You do not need a partner! Please enter through the doors off of the Stanley Ave Parking lot.



## Congregational Dinner!

**Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>!** ~ Mark your calendars and join us for a grand Melrose Dinner to celebrate 100 years of congregational dining. Tickets are \$30. Please RSVP to the office with your payment by October 25<sup>th</sup>. We will accept cash, cheque or e-transfer to [melrose@melroseunited.ca](mailto:melrose@melroseunited.ca) This event will fund various church projects. Questions? Contact Gwyn, Libby or Sue in the office!

## Mistletoe Bazaar

**Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9am to noon**

This year's Mistletoe Bazaar promises to be the best ever! Enjoy this year's vendors, bake table, cookie walk and tea room! Our online store will open in early November so you can pre-order your sweet treats!



## A Message From the Office

Office hours have now returned to Monday to Friday, 9am to 2pm. Please be sure to submit your items for the bulletin or newsletter by the beginning of each week. Kindly email [melrose@melroseunited.ca](mailto:melrose@melroseunited.ca). Thank you!



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