

# NEWSLETTER

October 25, 2024



## WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- 20th Oct, 2024
- 27th Oct, 2024
- 3rd Nov, 2024
- 10th Nov, 2024

## 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.

## Message from the Board

**Sunday, Nov 10th ~ Congregational Gathering 12pm to 2pm**

with Rev Richard Bott to discuss future directions for Melrose.

**Wednesday, Nov 13 ~ Official Board Meeting @7:30 pm.**

Please note the change of day! All are welcome at any board meeting! If you would like to attend, please contact the office for more information.

## Upcoming Worship Services

**Sunday, October 27th ~ All Saints Sunday at 10:30AM.** Meg Chalmers will lead the service.

**Sunday, November 3rd ~** with Reverend Margot Feyerer at 10:30AM. Retirement Celebration for Rev Sonia afterwards!

**Sunday, November 10th ~** Remembrance Day with Reverend Margot Feyerer at 10:30AM.

**Sunday, November 17th ~** with Reverend Rick Maxwell at 10:30am

## Rev Sonia's Retirement Party

**Sunday, November 3rd ~** Plans for Rev Sonia's Retirement Party are well under way! Thank you to everyone who RSVP'd

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## Retirement Party for Rev Sonia!



Sunday, November 3rd

Thank you to  
everyone who sent in  
their RSVP!

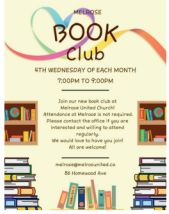


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## Melrose Book Club

We meet in the evening, on 4th Wednesdays, at Melrose, in the parlour. There's no particular theme to the books we are reading. New members are welcome: please speak to Catherine or Dianne or email Sue in the office.

## Music Feeds the Soul

**Sunday, November 2nd** ~ In celebration of Westdale United's 95th Anniversary. Tickets are sliding scale \$1 - \$95 and are available from the Westdale United Church office or on Eventbrite via the website. [www.westdaleunited.ca](http://www.westdaleunited.ca)



## Congregational Gathering

**Sunday, November 10th** ~ Please join us from **12:00pm to 2:00 p.m.** This important gathering will be an opportunity to discuss future directions for Melrose and will be facilitated by Richard Bott, a former United Church moderator and current minister at Grace United Church in Burlington.



## Joint Potluck

**Thursday, November 14th @ 6:00pm** ~ Join us in the parlour for a joint potluck with our friends from Westdale United Church. Our guest speaker will be Lucia Iannantuono who will be speaking about Climate Action: Hamilton and Beyond. Please bring a hot or cold item to share. RSVP Gwyn, [gwynxag@gmail.com](mailto:gwynxag@gmail.com).

## MISTLETOE BAZAAR!



## Mark Your Calendar!

The Mistletoe Bazaar is right around the corner! This year's bazaar will be held on **Saturday, November 23rd from 9am to noon**. Donations of 250ml jam jars can be dropped off in the kitchen. Pre-order information will be available soon on our website! Stay tuned!

## Help is Needed in the Kitchen!

Five to ten people are needed each week to assist in kitchen on Monday evenings from 6pm to 8pm to make pies, soups and cookies for the bazaar. The next date is October 28th. Please connect with Gwyn if you are able to attend, [gwynxag@gmail.com](mailto:gwynxag@gmail.com). Thank you!

## Baking for Cookie Walk

Our amazing and Cookie Walk is only successful with your assistance! Please consider making three recipes of your favourite cookies. Don't forget to freeze them for Bazaar day! Thank you!

## Volunteers Are Needed at the Bazaar!

There are lots of roles that need to be filled on the day of the Mistletoe Bazaar! Two cheerful greeters are needed from 8:45am to 10am and from 10am to noon. Table helpers are needed for the Cookie Walk, Bake Table, and Clear Out Table. If you are able to fill any of these roles, please speak to Gwyn or email her at [gwynxag@gmail.com](mailto:gwynxag@gmail.com). Thank you!



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# News From the Worship and Faith Formation Committee

The Worship and Faith Formation Committee have decided to trial a change in how we collect offerings. Many churches have stopped passing collection plates because so many people give their offering in ways that are not visible. For the month of October, we will place offering plates in the center aisle and near the Stanley Ave parking lot entrance for envelopes or cash offerings instead of passing the offering plates. The offering prayers will acknowledge offerings in all forms such as envelopes, PAR, e-transfers or online donations. We will reassess this after trying it for a few weeks to see if it works for us. If you have questions or feedback, please reach out to a member of the Worship and Faith Formation Committee. Thank you!

## News from the Office

**The office will be closed on Monday, October 28th and Tuesday October 29th** so Sue can attend the Professional Church Secretaries and Administrators Association Conference at Cave Springs!

If you have any news items or announcements for the bulletin or newsletter, please remember to submit them to Sue by Wednesday each week. Kindly send your submissions to [melrose@melroseunited.ca](mailto:melrose@melroseunited.ca). Thank you!

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## Looking Ahead!

**Friday, October 25th ~ Progressive Euchre.** Doors open @7pm. Games start @7:30pm sharp! Beginners welcome, you do not need a partner!

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**Saturday, November 29th ~ Community Knitting and Crochet @9:30** Bring your current project and materials, beginners welcome! Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.

**Saturday, November 23rd ~ Mistletoe Bazaar 9am to noon.** Enjoy vendors, bake table, Cookie Walk and Tea room! Online ordering will be available later shortly! Stay tuned!



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