

NEWSLETTER

November 15, 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

Wednesday, Dec ~ 11th 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.

Future Directions

At our most recent Board Meeting, a decision was made to wait to take any further action on the proposal which was presented on November 10th until our next meeting on December 11th at 7:30 p.m. At the December 11th Board Meeting, we will be re-examining the the proposal, along with any concrete revisions or alternative options that are submitted by Wednesday December 4th. If you wish to submit concrete revisions or alternative options, please do so by email to the church office and/or to Margaret Duff. melrose@melroseunited.ca

Upcoming Worship Services

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

Sunday, November 24th ~ with Meg Chalmers at 10:30am

WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- 17th Nov, 2024
- 24th Nov, 2024
- 1st Dec, 2024
- 8th Dec, 2024

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Mistletoe Bazaar Online Ordering!

Advanced ordering is now available on our new online store!

Ordering will close on Monday, Nov 18th

Go to our website or click

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Advent & Christmas at Melrose

Sunday, December 1st ~ Advent 1 at Westdale United at 10:30am with free catered lunch!

Sunday, December 8th ~ Advent II at Melrose with Meg Chalmers

Sunday, December 8th ~ Carol Service at 7:00pm

Sunday, December 15th ~ Advent III at Melrose with Rev Margot Feyerer

Wednesday, December 18th ~ Light in December Darkness Service at 7:00.

Sunday, December 22nd ~ Advent IV at Melrose with Dianne Coons

Tuesday, December 24th ~ Family Christmas Eve at Westdale United at 4:00pm

Tuesday, December 24th ~ Candlelight Service at 10:30pm



MISTLETOE BAZAAR!

Advanced Ordering Now Available!

Our new online store is now accepting orders! Please go to our website or click [here!](#)

All orders must be picked up on the day of the Bazaar. Online ordering will close November 18th.

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!

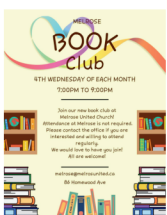


Volunteers Are Needed at the Bazaar!

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. Thank you!

Advent I at Westdale United ~ Sun, Dec 1st

Join Melrose at Westdale United for our shared Advent I service at Westdale followed by a free catered lunch! All are welcome, 99 North Oval



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.



Donations for Mission to Seafarers

Did you know that the men and women who staff the ocean going ships you see in the Port of Hamilton are often away from their families, countries, and cultures for 4 to 9 months or more each year? The Mission to Seafarers Centres in Hamilton and Oshawa provide a safe haven where seafarers can use free Wi-Fi to connect with their families after long periods of isolation. These centres also offer a comfortable lounge, books, periodicals, a meditation room, a pool table and a selection of new and gently used warm clothing - especially needed during the cold weather on the Great Lakes, St Lawrence River and Atlantic Ocean.

This November, we are asking for donations of adult socks and large chocolate bars. A large basket will be placed in the Sanctuary for your contributions.

Each year, the Mission assembles approximately 600 bags to be distributed in December to all seafarers on international ships.

The Mission to Seafarers is grateful to Melrose United Church and the Knitting Circle for their generous donations of beautiful hand-knit hats and scarves!

For more information, please speak with Geoff Harrison.

Looking Ahead!

Saturday, November 16th ~ 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 gam to noon. Enjoy vendors, bake table, Cookie Walk and Tea room! Online ordering will be available later shortly! Stay tuned!

Friday, November 29th ~ Progressive Euchre. Doors open @7pm. Games start @7:30pm sharp! Beginners welcome, you do not need a partner!

Sunday, December 1st ~ Advent I at Westdale United Church ~ Join Melrose and Westdale United for our shared Advent I service at Westdale followed by a free catered lunch! All are welcome, 99 North Oval.

Sunday, December 8th ~ Carol Service @ 7pm ~ Join us for our wonderful Carol Service!

