

# NEWSLETTER

October 6, 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, October 9 ~ Official Board Meeting @7:30 pm.**

Please note the change of day! All are welcome at any board meeting!

## Upcoming Worship Services

**Sunday, October 6th** ~ Celebrate World Wide Communion Day at Melrose with our friends from Westdale United Church at 10:30AM. The service will be led by Rev. Evan Swance-Smith.

**Sunday, October 13th** ~ Thanksgiving Sunday with Jan Landeen at 10:30AM. at Melrose.

**Sunday, October 20th** ~ World Hunger and Food Insecurity Sunday. Please bring a non-perishable food item!

**Sunday, October 27th** ~ All Saints Sunday.

## Save The Date!

**Sunday, November 3rd** ~ We are planning a retirement party for Sonia on that day, with a delicious luncheon and presentation. Details will be finalized in the coming weeks, but we would like everyone to plan to be part of this special event.

## WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- 6th October, 2024
- 13th October, 2024
- 20th October, 2024
- 27th October, 2024

## Connect With Us



[melroseuc](https://www.instagram.com/melroseuc)



[melroseunitedchurch](https://www.facebook.com/melroseunitedchurch)



[http://](http://melroseunited.ca)

[melroseunited.ca](http://melroseunited.ca)

86 Homewood Avenue  
Hamilton, ON  
L8P 2M4

## Retirement Party for Rev Sonia!



Sunday, November 3rd

Join us for a delicious luncheon  
and presentation  
after our Worship Service!



905-522-1323



[melrose@melroseunited.ca](mailto:melrose@melroseunited.ca)



# 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!

## 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.



## Message from the Office

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!

## 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. Start stocking up on sugar and butter for baking! Donations of 250ml jam jars can be dropped off in the kitchen. Pre-order forms 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 dates are: Sept 30, Oct 7, 21, 28. 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!



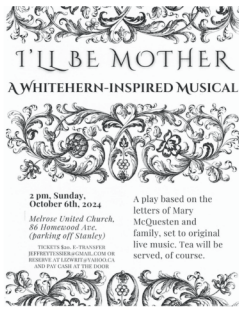
905-522-1323



[melrose@melroseunited.ca](mailto:melrose@melroseunited.ca)







# I'll Be Mother ~ A Whitehern Inspired Musical

**Sunday, October 6th @2:00pm** ~ A play based on the letters of Mary McQuesten and family set to original live music. Tea will be served of course!

- Melrose United Church Auditorium.
- Tickets \$20, etransfer [jeffreytessier@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreytessier@gmail.com) or reserve at [lizwrit@yahoo.ca](mailto:lizwrit@yahoo.ca) and pay cash at the door.

## 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 Evenbrite via the website. [www.westdaleunited.ca](http://www.westdaleunited.ca)



## Westdale Hamilton Youth

A safe place to ask questions and explore faith. All high school and university aged youth and young adults welcome. This group meets on the second Monday of each month from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at Westdale United Church.

## Looking Ahead!

**Saturday, October 5th & 19th ~ Community Knitting and Crochet.** Bring your current project and materials, beginners welcome! Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.

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

**Sunday, November 3rd ~ Retirement Party for Rev Sonia!** ~ Join us after Sunday Worship to celebrate Rev Sonia's retirement. More details to come soon!

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



**SHARED SERVICE BETWEEN  
MELROSE AND WESTDALE  
UNITED CHURCHES**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 6TH, 2025**  
**10:30AM**  
**AT MELROSE UC-86 HOMEWOOD AVE**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

