

MELROSE NEWSLETTER

September 25, 2026



SUNDAY WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- September 27, 2026
- October 4, 2026
- October 11, 2026
- October 18, 2026

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

Official Board Meeting ~ TBA @ 7:30pm

All are welcome at any board meeting! Our meetings are held in person and on Zoom. If you would like to attend, please contact the office for more information, melrose@melroseunited.ca

Melrose Name Tags



To help us get to know and welcome our new staff and members, we'll be offering beautiful pre-made name tags to everyone on Sunday mornings. We hope this will be a simple way to help us connect and build community! A special thank you to Rosella for leading this project!

Greeters and Readers Needed!

A sign-up sheet will be available during coffee hour over the next few weeks after the service. Please speak to Libby or drop her an email for more information about these two important ministries! cook_fenstra@hotmail.ca

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We always welcome children and understand that they may not be quiet during the service. We appreciate their joyful noise and are glad that they are here!



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National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



On **Sunday September 27th** Melrose will observe the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, or Orange Shirt Day**. We will honour the healing journey of survivors and families of the residential school experience, and we will remember those who didn't make it home.

Please remember to wear your orange shirt to church this Sunday and on September 30th!

A Prayer for Orange Shirt Day

Today we wear orange
to remember and honour all the Indigenous children who went to residential schools.
Today we wear orange and we pray
for the residential school and intergenerational survivors who are still struggling.
Today we wear orange and we are thankful
for those who speak the truth, and who work to shine a light on injustice.
Today we wear orange in the name of compassion and the spirit of truth and reconciliation.
Help us, God, to remember and act on this this every day. Amen.

A Story from Rev Ken's Book Maddie and Mom, Lessons in Christian Living



Following Through

Madison cringed when she walked into the kitchen. Her mother was taking the dishes out of the dishwasher and putting them away. Maddie had said she would do it, but hadn't got around to it.

"Oh!" she said. "I'm sorry, Mom."

Her mother stopped what she was doing and looked at her daughter. "The dishes were done two hours ago, Maddie. It's almost bedtime, and they need to be put away."

"Are you mad at me, Mom?"

"No, I'm not mad. But I think..." Her mother paused a moment. "I think I must feel a little like you did last weekend."

"Last weekend?" Maddie frowned at her mother's comment.

"When your friend told you she'd come over to play with you, but went to another girl's house instead."

"Oh, Sarah!" Maddie said.

"Were you mad at her?"

"Well, not really. We are good friends. I was more . . . disappointed than anything. And besides, Sarah said she was sorry and would make it up to me. She's coming over on Saturday—if that's okay."

"Of course. But now do you know how I feel?"

"Disappointed?" Maddie asked.

"Uh-huh."

Maddie shrugged. "I'm sorry, Mom."

"I believe you are," her mother said. "You know, Jesus once told a story about a farmer with two sons. One said he wouldn't help in the fields, and the other said he would, but didn't."

"Oh," Maddie exclaimed, "the farmer must have been disappointed."

"I suppose so. But the first son changed his mind and went to help. I think one of the things Jesus was saying by that was that if we have a change of heart, and do the right thing after all, then God's okay with that."

"Just like I was okay with Sarah promising she'd make it up to me."

Her mother smiled. "Now you've got it."

"Uh, Mom?" Maddie asked. "Why don't you go sit down and relax? I'll finish putting the dishes away."





Mistletoe Bazaar!

Start planning !! we are going ahead with our Annual Mistletoe Bazaar on **Saturday, November 21st, 9am to Noon**. Please put this event in your calendars NOW!

We will need cookies, baked goods, and plenty of those!! If anyone has empty 250ml jam jars please drop them off to the church during the summer. We will need them for peach jamming in early August!

Please consider the myriad of ways that you can help: kitchen tea room, greeters, set up, tear down and selling our amazing goods.

We are no longer accepting vendor applications, tables are SOLD OUT! Stayed tuned for more updates!!!



Looking Ahead!

Cooking in the Kitchen!

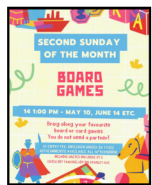
Cooking in the Kitchen ~ Starting **Monday, Sept 21st from 6 pm - 8 pm**. Everyone is welcome to assist on Monday evenings with baking cookies, putting together pies and soups for our frozen food section and Bake Table at the bazaar. We need 4 people every Monday evening (excluding Thanksgiving Monday) to assist in making this year's Bazaar a success. Please contact Libby or Gwyn and let us know your availability!

Duet Club Scholarship Winner's Concert

Sunday, September 27th @ 2:30pm ~ Please join the Duet Club as they celebrate this year's talented Scholarship Winners! This is a pay what you can concert.

Community Knitting and Crochet (and needlework too!)

Saturday, October 3rd & 17th ~ 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.



Board Games

Sunday, October 20th @ 1:00pm ~ Come and play your favourite board game or bring your own! You do not need a partner. Entry fee is \$5, children under grade 1 are free!

Euchre

Friday, October 23rd ~ @7pm ~ Doors open at 7pm, games start at 7:30pm. You do not need a partner! Entry fee \$5, coffee, tea and snacks available all night!



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! Please like and share our posts!

A Message From the Church Office

Please be sure to submit your church related items for the bulletin or newsletter by Wednesday of each week. Kindly email melrose@melroseunited.ca.

The Church Office has returned to regular hours, Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm.

