

NEWSLETTER

March 21, 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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- March 23, 2025
- March 30, 2025
- April 6, 2025
- April 13, 2025

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A Message from the Board

Wednesday, April 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.

Upcoming Services At Melrose!

Sunday, March 23 ~ Worship Service at 10:30am with Tabitha de Bruin

Sunday, March 30 ~ Worship Service at 10:30 am with Mary Parsons

Sunday, April 6 ~ Worship Service at 10:30am with Rev Brenna Baker

Sunday, April 13 ~ **Palm Sunday Service** at 10:30am with Rev Margot Feyerer

Friday, April 18 ~ **Good Friday Service** at 10:30 am with Rev Brenna Baker

Sunday, April 20 ~ **Easter Sunday Service** at 10:30am with Rev Margot Feyerer



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Easter Flowers

Every year we decorate our Sanctuary with beautiful flowers for Easter. If you wish to donate towards the Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, there will be envelopes available from Libby on Sunday morning. You can also email the office at melrose@melroseunited.ca. We accept cash, cheque or etransfers.



Vacant Unit Tax ~ A Friendly Reminder!

All residential property owners in the City of Hamilton are required to declare the occupancy status of their properties for the 2024 tax year by Wednesday, April 30, 2025. Failure to submit a declaration by the deadline will result in the residential unit being deemed vacant, and the Vacant Unit Tax will be applied.

How to declare: Residential property owners can submit their declaration online at <https://hamilton.ca/VacantUnitTax> or by phone at 905-546-2573.



[Hamilton](https://hamilton.ca)

All residential property owners must submit their 2024 occupancy status!

Items Needed for Willow's Place

Do you have an extra full length mirror or two? Willow's Place is in need of 2 full length mirrors for their women's shelter. Please contact Gwyn if you can help! gwynxag@gmail.com

Thank you!



Thank you to everyone who brought pies for sharing last Sunday for P.I.E. Day! It was a "fruitful" event!

Join the Conversation: Live Cross Country Check-in with Rev. Michael Blair:



Join us for another [Cross-Country Check in](#) on April 2 at 6:00 p.m. ET, for a live, insightful conversation with General Secretary, Rev. Michael Blair, and General Council Executive guests.

Following their final meeting, we'll dive into the key decisions and dialogues. Our previous Cross-Country Check In drew over 330 participants, and we're eager to connect with you again! This is your chance to directly engage with leadership, whether you're

listening or participating actively. The General Secretary and GCE members are ready to hear from you, live and in real time. All are welcome. [Register now on CHURCHx](#). The discussion will be facilitated by Treena Duncan, Regional Executive Minister, Pacific Mountain Regional Council.



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Fiddes Fresh Food Drive

A friendly congregational competition between Melrose United and St. John's Anglican!

Fiddes will deliver fresh fruit and vegetables to Mission Services (Melrose) and the Good Shepherd (St. John's) food banks. Produce is the most requested item provided to service users.

The food drive will run from **March 17-27 with delivery on March 28.**

Here is a list of items, with Country of Origin attached. All contributions are deeply appreciated. Last year we purchased over \$1000 worth of fresh foods thanks to the generous donors who supported this project.

Please support this social outreach program by E-transfer (dustin@fwp1.ca), calling with a credit card (905-570-7900 -ask for Dustin), cash or debit (60 Ewen Road, Hamilton). Thanks to all!

50lb Carrots (Mexico) - \$39.50	25lb Red Onion (USA) - \$31.25
24x2lb onion (Canada) - \$38.00	Cabbage x 12 (Canada) - \$36.00
Butternut Squash x 35lb (Mexico) - \$54.50	Acorn Squash x 35lb (Mexico) - \$68.50
Mac apples 12x3lb (Canada) - \$54.50	Gala Apples x 100 (Canada) - \$61.00
Oranges 72ct (USA) - \$54.50	Banana 40lb (Guatemala) - \$42.00
Lettuce x 30 (USA) - \$54.50	Broccoli x 20lb (Mexico) - \$34.75
Beets x 50lb (Canada) - \$34.00	50lb Potatoes - \$25



Looking Ahead!



Progressive Euchre

Friday, March 28th @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.



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Community Knitting and Crochet

Saturday, April 5th ~ 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 April 13th @2:00pm to 5:00pm ~ All ages are welcome! Bring along your favourite board games. You do not need a partner. Entry fee, \$5.00 for individuals,, \$10 for families.



The Gospel of Motown: A Lenten Journey of Faith & Music

Thursdays: March 13, 20, 27, & April 3, 10, 7:30–8:45pm on Zoom ~ The 1960s brought change—war, justice movements, and evolving faith. Sound familiar? The Gospel of Motown invites us to reflect and find hope in the voices of the past.

Join us for a Lenten study pairing scripture with the prophetic voices of Motown artists—exploring themes of prophecy, lament, faith, and grace. Together, we'll seek justice, peace, and joy. Presented by Rev Brenna Baker. Please email Brenna for the Zoom link: brennalea@gmail.com

Textile Drive



Until April 9th ~ Do you have clothing, socks, towels, sheets, and other items you no longer need and are no longer wearable or usable? Bring your unwanted items to Melrose! All items will be recycled and diverted from landfills! You'll find a large bin in the Auditorium ready to receive your generous donations! For more information, please speak with Gwyn.

A Message From the Office

Tax receipts have now been mailed! If you have not received yours, please contact the office.

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



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