

MELROSE NEWSLETTER

October 2, 2026

SUNDAY WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- October 4, 2026
- October 11, 2026
- October 18, 2026
- October 25, 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 ~ October 22nd @ 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!

Can you help?

Gwyn is looking for an artistic individual who can paint detail structure on a wooden church model. This will be a vessel for fundraising for our roof at the bazaar. If you can paint lines, windows and a door on the small structure that will be provided, PLEASE GRAB Gwyn after the service. or email her at gwynxag@gmail.com

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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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Are you interested in becoming more involved at Melrose?

The following rewarding positions are available!

A) Trustee. This position, in conjunction with others, manages the investment portfolio of the church! Willingness to learn and ability to have one meeting every two months. Only one requirement: must be a member of Melrose United.

B) Ministry and Personnel - 2 positions. Your job would be to be paired with one of our paid personnel at Melrose. Meet with them, to discuss issues, work performance and support them. Again, all training provided!

C) Friendly Visitor! Are you sociable? Some of our older folks need a friendly caller, a short visit or even a simple drop-off of a baked food item! Just takes a smile and a hug!

Please speak with Gwyn, our Church Administrator Sue, or Rev Ken about any of these available and fulfilling positions!

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



God's Help

Madison was sitting at the kitchen table hunched over some schoolbooks when her mother came into the room. "Mom," she asked, looking up from her books, "do you think God could help me with my homework?" Her mother's eyebrows arched in surprise. "That's an interesting question, Maddie," she said carefully. "Why do you ask?" "It's this math that we're taking. I just don't get it. Everybody else does. Even Becky." "Hmm," her mother replied. "That's the girl you don't get along with, isn't it?" Maddie's face became animated. "Yes, and she says I'm a dummy if I don't get it. She makes me feel like one when she says that." "Maddie, you're not a dummy. Your marks have always been good." "Not if I can't get this math," Maddie grumbled. "I'm having trouble with it, and you said God would help me with my troubles." "I see. Well, God does help you, Maddie, but you shouldn't get the idea that God is like some magical genie who will give you anything you want. God doesn't work that way. God prefers to answer our needs rather than our wants." "But I need help," Maddie complained. "I need God's help." Her mother shook her head. "No, Maddie. You want God's help with your homework, but I don't think you need God's help for it." "What do you mean?" "When we ask for God's help, we ask for things like strength or wisdom or patience or peace. We usually don't ask for things we can do ourselves." "But I can't do this myself," Maddie protested. "Perhaps not, but God has already helped you with it." Maddie frowned. "I don't understand." "That's because God's help comes in ways we don't always recognize, but it's there all the same." "But I do need help," Maddie insisted. "Yes, you do. And there are people all around you who can help. If it's math you're having trouble with ask your father. He has a degree in math and computer science. See how God has provided for your needs?" Maddie looked sideways at her mother. "God's pretty sneaky, I think." "In a good way, Maddie. In a good way." "But it's only grade school math," Maddie said. "You could help me with it, too, couldn't you?" "Of course I could. But I'll let your father do it. It's something he knows a lot about, and it would make him happy to help you." "Mom?" "Yes, Maddie?" "You're pretty sneaky, too. In a good way."





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 many 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!!!



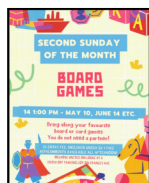
Looking Ahead!

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!

Community Knitting and Crochet (and needlework too!)

Saturday, October 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!

Progressive 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!



Mistletoe Bazaar

Saturday, November 21st @ 9:00am to noon ~ Enjoy new and returning vendors, Bake Table, Cookie Walk and Tea Room!

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 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.

