

MELROSE NEWSLETTER

October 9, 2026

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SUNDAY WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- October 11, 2026
- October 18, 2026
- October 25, 2026
- November 1, 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

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

Children's T-Shirts Needed!

We are looking for old children's t-shirts to use with messy crafts on Sunday mornings to keep everyone's Sunday best their best! Please drop off in our Pray and Play Room or give to Jasmine, Libby or Gwyn. Thanks!

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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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Wedding Congratulations!!!

Melrose extends its warmest congratulations to Tony Acocella & Justin Whitside on their wedding this past Saturday, October 10th. May God bless their marriage with a lifetime of love, joy, faith, and happiness as they begin this beautiful journey together. We wish them many wonderful and blessed years ahead!

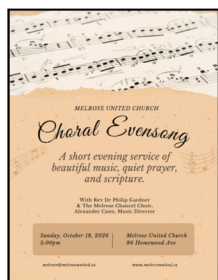
Mistletoe Bazaar!

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!!!



Choral Evensong

Sunday, October 18 ~ @ 5:00pm

A short evening service of beautiful music, quiet prayer and scripture with Rev. Dr. Philip Gardner and the Melrose Chancel Choir.

All Candidates Climate Townhall

What are your climate-action views and intentions?

Join us for an evening conversation with Mayoral and Councillor incumbents and candidates, focused on practical climate action and Hamilton's future.

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Doors open 6:30 pm • Event starts 7:00 pm
Rock on Locke, 320 Charlton Ave W, Hamilton

Live-streamed on Ecolocke's Facebook page during and after the event.

Candidates will be invited to address three questions, including climate leadership, making Hamilton the Solar Capital of Ontario, and their "doable" climate-action ideas.

Facilitators: Lucia Iannantuono & Graham Cubitt

Sponsors: Hamilton 350 • Ecolocke • SCAN

Hamilton All-Candidates Climate Townhall

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Event will be live-streamed.

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Sponsors: Hamilton 350, Ecolocke (Eco-Churches of Locke St), SCAN (Seniors' Climate Action Network)

Townhall Format: After a brief introduction, candidates will each be invited to speak for 3-4 minutes to address the following three questions:
1. How will you lead climate conversations towards the hopeful future we need?
2. Would you support an initiative to make Hamilton the Solar Capital of Ontario?
3. Give us one or two of your 'doable' climate-action ideas.
If time-permits, we'll have a question-and-answer period with the audience.

Why It Matters
Citizens of Hamilton care about the changing climate. Climate issues, including flooding and poor air quality, are harmful to all of us already and these issues will only intensify as the climate crisis continues.
Climate is an issue that affects all other election issues, such as housing, affordability, and health.
Climate solutions exist and can make life better. We can't stop the fires but there are many smart things we can do. Citizens are looking for strong leadership.

What Are Your Climate Action Views and Intentions?

Live stream can be found during and after the event on the Ecolocke Hamilton Facebook page - www.facebook.com/ecolockehamilton.



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



Giving Thanks

Madison walked into the living room, where her mother sat on the sofa, reading a book.

"It's Thanksgiving tomorrow," Maddie said with a frown, "but I don't feel very thankful."

"Why not, Maddie?"

"Grandma's sick and won't be coming for Thanksgiving dinner," she moaned.

"I know," her mother said. "But it's nothing serious, just a bad cold. She'll come and see us when she's feeling better."

"But that's not all," Maddie complained. "You said Aunt Gwen and Uncle Bob can't make it this year, and that means Wesley and Hillary won't either. I know my cousins are a few years older than me, but we always have fun and play games every Thanksgiving. I just don't think there's much to be thankful about this year."

"Hmm," her mother said, putting her book down. "Maybe that's the problem, Maddie. You don't think."

"What do you mean?"

Her mother patted the seat beside her. "Come sit with me." Maddie did as her mother asked. "I know this Thanksgiving will be different. With no visitors to share our thanks with this year, we may not be able to enjoy our Thanksgiving quite the way we have in the past," her mother said, "but that doesn't mean we can't be thankful. You just have to think."

Maddie stared at her mother. "How?"

"Well, think about a colour. What colour comes into your mind?"

"Yellow," Maddie said.

"Okay. What do you like that's yellow?"

"Um . . . butter! We put it in things we bake. And . . . the sun! Even though it's getting colder, the sun is still warm. And . . . my school bus—and I like my driver, she's really nice. And I see my friends on the bus."

"Another colour," her mother said.

"Uh . . . blue. The sky is blue. And the earth, because of the oceans. Like those pictures of it from space. And your eyes are blue. They're very pretty, Mom."

"Uh-huh. Another colour."

"Red! My favourite sweater is red, and I get to wear it now that it's fall. And . . . the leaves! They're turning a really nice red right now. And Dad's red tie that we got him for his birthday."

"Are you thankful for those things?"

Maddie bobbed her head from side to side. "Yes, I guess so."

"You've mentioned food and friends and parents and clothes, and the things God made, like the sun, the sky and the oceans. That's a lot to be thankful for. If you thought of more colours, I'll bet you could come up with a very long list of things."

"I see what you mean about thinking, Mom. I guess I do have a lot to be thankful for, when I think about it."

"Now you've got the idea."

"Mom?"

"Yes, Maddie?"

"Maybe tomorrow we should say, 'Happy Thinksgiving!'"





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!



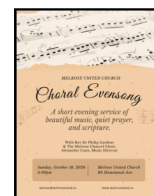
Community Knitting and Crochet (and needlework too!)

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.

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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.

