MELROSE NEWSLETTER

November 13, 2026



SUNDAY WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- November 15, 2026
- November 22, 2026
- November 29, 2026
- December 6, 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 ~ November 19th @ 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

Mistletoe Bazaar!



The Mistletoe bazaar is coming up next week on Saturday, November 21st! Volunteers are still needed! Please speak with Libby, Margaret, Gwyn or Catherine about your baking contributions or if you are available to volunteer!

THE ONLINE STORE IS NOW OPEN FOR PRE-ORDERS TO BE PICKED UP ON THE DAY OF THE BAZAAR!

Please visit https://melrose-united-church.square.site/ to place your order. You will be provided with a receipt and an order number by email.

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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!

PAR

We love our monthly PAR (pre-authorised remittance) donors at Melrose United Church, and you can join the group! When you give monthly through PAR, you show that your giving and generosity are both dedicated and strategic. Your gifts help keep our mission sustainable and our community presence possible. Plus, it's so good for your spiritual health. So, if you've been thinking about becoming a monthly donor or thinking about making changes to your PAR contribution but have been holding out for the right time, this is it! PAR forms are available at the front of the Church or contact Sue in the Church Office for more information, melrose@melroseunited.ca. Speak with Tabitha for more information too!

Giving Hope This Holiday Season



At Wesley, we're committed to helping those most affected by poverty —many of whom have nowhere else to turn. This includes families experiencing homelessness, newcomers building a life in Canada, and youth, parents, and seniors seeking vital support.
The holiday season is a time for giving, connection and hope. At Wesley, we support individuals and families in Hamilton, Halton and Brantford who are facing poverty, homelessness and other challenges —and your support can make a meaningful difference.
This year, your support could be a family's greatest gift. Please help us offer shelter & care to those in need by making a cash donation to Wesley and/or purchasing a new item from our clients' wish list of most-needed items.
The most needed items are:

- Financial donations to Wesley to support programs & services: Cash, cheque, credit card, or gifts of securities are greatly appreciated.
- $25 gift cards: Walmart, grocery stores (Food Basics, No Frills, PC Stores), Dollarama, Giant Tiger, Canadian Tire.
- Essentials: New L/XL gloves, socks, slippers and underwear for teens, men & women.
- Linens: New towels, sheets and blankets for single and double, including knitted blankets.
- Kitchen: New microwaves, toaster ovens, electric kettles, air fryers.

If you would like to contribute to our efforts and help us continue creating positive change, please click the donate button below. Every contribution helps us provide essential services and support to those in need.
To dontate please go to **https://wesley.ca/giving/donate/**

Let it Snow!
Women of Song Christmas Concert

On Sunday, November 29, we will be presenting our Annual Holiday Concert, "Let It Snow!" at Melrose United Church from 2:30 to 4:00 PM. Women of Song have been busy rehearsing and will be joined by other local talent for your listening enjoyment.
Tickets will go on sale soon and will also be available at the door. For more information, contact the Church Office, melrose@melroseunited.ca.



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



A Shining Light

Madison's mother could see by the expression on her daughter's face that there was a question just bursting to get free.
"Mom," Maddie said, "can I have a night light like Tommy has?" Tommy was her five-year-old brother.
"Maddie, you used to have one when you were Tommy's age, but it's been a few years since you needed one. Why would you want one now?"
Maddie shrugged her shoulders. "I just thought it would be a good idea, that's all."
"Maddie," her mother frowned, "that's not an answer."
She watched her daughter squirm a little, as if she were trying to make up her mind what to say.
"Well," she finally admitted, "we were singing a song in Sunday school. 'This Little Light of Mine'."
"What does that have to do with a night light?"
"It reminded me of the night light I used to have," Maddie conceded. "It was just a little light, but it made me feel better."
"Are you saying that you've become afraid of the dark?"
Maddie stared off into the distance. "No," she said sheepishly, "not that. It's just that I thought it might make me more . . ." She struggled for a word.
"Comfortable?" her mother suggested.
"Yeah," Maddie agreed. "I guess that's a good word for it. Comfortable."
"I'll see what your father thinks," Maddie's mother said, as much to herself as to her daughter. "Night lights don't use much power."
"They're only little," Maddie said helpfully, "but they can make a big difference." She paused for a moment. "Didn't Jesus say something like that?"
Her mother smiled. "Well, not in so many words. But he did say how a little yeast is all that it takes to make bread rise."
"And small mustard seed can become a big tree!" Maddie exclaimed.
"You're right, Maddie. And he told a story about talents, or gifts. The man with only one thought his was too small to do anything with, so he did nothing. But Jesus was saying that even if what we have seems small, God can do great things with it."
"Like a night light," Maddie giggled. "It's only small, but it made me feel comfortable."
"Do you really want a night light, Maddie?"
"Not really, I guess. I was just thinking about the song, and about letting my little light shine."
"There you go, Maddie. Maybe you don't need a night light after all. But maybe you can be one."
Maddie's eyes widened. "I can be a night light? What do you mean?"
"I mean you can be like a light, someone who can make others feel comfortable and happy by being kind to them. Just a little light is all it takes. And you're never too young or too small for God to work through you."



Looking Ahead!

Mistletoe Bazaar



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



Community Knitting and Crochet (and needlework too!)

Saturday, November 21st ~ 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. We will be meeting on the stage in the Auditorium during the Bazaar!

Progressive Euchre



Friday, November 27th ~ @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!

McMaster University Choir Presents: A World Alive

Saturday, November 28th @ 2pm and 5pm ~ The McMaster University Choir and Vocal Ensemble come together in performance at Melrose, sharing timeless sacred and secular works that nourish the soul, alongside contemporary explorations of timbre (and big data). Through sound, we explore the many ways we make meaning, find connection, and listen for life within us, around us, and beyond us. Tickets are $10 for students, $25 for general admission. Tickets are available at https://www.showpass.com/muc-fall-concert/



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Christmas Movie Party



Friday, December 4th @ 5:30pm ~ Join us for our annual Christmas Movie Party in the Auditorium! A classic Christmas movie! Crafts! Cookies! Hot Chocolate! Fun for all ages!



Board Games

Sunday, December 13th @ 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!

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 hours are Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm.

This week's cover photo was taken at Lambton Centre on the shore of Lake Huron by Sue.