

# MELROSE NEWSLETTER

June 19, 2026

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Pride  
MONTH



## SUNDAY WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- June 21, 2026
- June 28, 2026
- July 5, 2026
- July 12, 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

**Thursday, July 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, [melrose@melroseunited.ca](mailto:melrose@melroseunited.ca)

## Summer Services

**Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** ~ Starting this Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> the 10:30am Worship Service will be held in our air conditioned parlour for the summer months.

### Upcoming Services At Melrose!

Summer Services will be held in the Parlour

**Sunday, June 21** ~ Worship Service @ 10:30am with Tabitha de Bruin

**Sunday, June 28** ~ Worship Service @ 10:30am with Lance Wright

**Sunday, July 5** ~ Worship Service @ 10:30am with Lance Wright

**Sunday, July 12** ~ Worship Service @ 10:30am with Lance Wright

**Sunday, July 19** ~ Worship Service @ 10:30am with Margaret Duff

## Connect With Us



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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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# Thank You! Wesley Case for Kids



A huge **THANK YOU** for all your support for Case for Kids! The total amount raised so far is **\$1435** exceeding our \$1000 goal! **Way to go Melrose!**

We had 13 participants this year including one 4 legged friend!

If you have not donated yet and would like to, your kind donations can be made online at Wesley Case for Kids <https://wesley.ca/giving/case-for-kids/>, scanning the QR code to the left or by cheque or cash at the Church Office. The campaign will end on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## From the United Church of Canada June is Pride Month!



Oh, Love that will not let us go...

Our hearts are filled and overflowing with joy, deep love, and gratitude.

We are thankful, for the gifts of all Affirming Ministries and communities of faith who open their churches, their homes and their hearts to Two-Spirit and LGBTQ+ people and all their intersecting identities. for music, friendship, and for family.

We are thankful for the Love that will not let us go.

We are thankful, for Pride Marches and Pride Month, for all those who publicly, intentionally, and explicitly affirm that 2S-LGBTQ+ people are children of God.

We are thankful most of all, for the blessing of a Love that is and always has been there for us.

The truth at the heart of our faith – that you are Love - echoes today in words and in music, in friendships and family, in our hearts and minds, and continues to challenge us to Love.

We pray for our hearts and minds to be open to our own homophobia, transphobia, and biphobia, to be open to our own racism, sexism, ableism, sizeism, and all the ways we fear those who are different from us.

We pray to learn how to recognize the kinship between our souls and the souls of those who, to us, are strangers.

We pray that we will never cease in our journey to learn how to Love more radically.

We pray in the name of the Love that flips tables and cracks whips, the Love that heals those judged by religious leaders and powers, the Love who lives and loves among the marginalized and outcast.

In Jesus name. Amen.

—Prayer by Jordan Sullivan, a trans man and a survivor of conversion practices and change efforts (SOGIECE). He is currently the SOCIECE/CP Prevention and Survivor Support Coordinator at the [Community-Based Research Centre](#)(opens in a new tab). Jordan is passionate about working through cross-sector collaboration to end conversion practices and change efforts in Canada. He is particularly aware of the need to address the intersections of religion, mental health, and 2S/LGBTQIA+ people.



# Melrose Roof Fund Update!



**THANK YOU** to everyone who has generously supported the Melrose Roof Fund through donations and participation in our recent Community Spaghetti Dinner! We are delighted to share that the dinner raised **\$2,475!** Combined with **\$2,168** in roof fund donations received by the end of May, we have raised a total of **\$4,643** toward this important project in 2026. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated! Stay tuned for more fundraising events to support this project!



## Looking Ahead!

### Community Knitting and Crochet (and needlework too!)

**Saturday, June 20th ~ 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.



### Rev. Dr. Philip Gardner Retires!

**Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> @3:00pm** ~ West Plains United Church cordially invites everyone to a Retirement Celebration for Philip! RSVP's are now closed.

### Euchre

**Friday, June 26th ~ @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!



### Board Games

**Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> @ 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, the wider church and for messages of inspiration! Please like and share our posts!



## A Message From the Office

Office hours are Monday to Friday, 9am to 2pm. Please be sure to submit your church related items for the bulletin or newsletter by Wednesday of each week. Kindly email [melrose@melroseunited.ca](mailto:melrose@melroseunited.ca). Our summer hours will take effect July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Church Office will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am to 2pm. Thank you!

