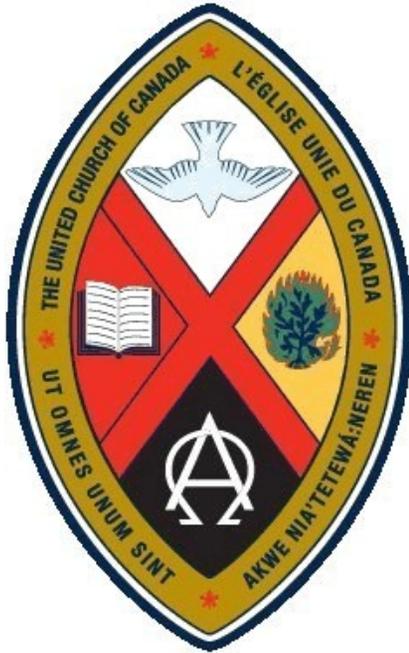


Welcome to Melville United Church
January 20, 2013 - 2nd after Epiphany
MINISTERS: The People of the Congregation



*You are invited to stand in body and/or in spirit.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Gathering Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

Time of Quieting and Lighting of Candles.

One: We light this candle to remind us of the presence of Christ.

All: **May the light of love surround us.**

Introit: More Voices 28 God of the Bible verse 1 and Chorus.

**God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.**

**Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
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God always faithful, You do not change.**

Call to worship

One: All is ready: the couple, the guests, the food, and the wine.
The wedding can begin.

All: We have gathered to celebrate and give thanks.

One: The gifts are here - each one given in the Spirit's name

All: We have gathered to celebrate and give thanks.

One: We are here all of us, in the name of God, in the name of Jesus,
and in the name of the Spirit.

May we, like this water, be transformed.

All: Let us worship and give thanks.

(Heather McClure in Gathering)

Melville United Church

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Interim Minister:	Valerie Pitt
Youth Ministry Leader:	Susanne Schmidt-McQuillan
Director of Music:	Matthias Schmidt
Church Secretary:	Gerri McCullough
Custodian:	Robert Mitchell
Chair of Church Council:	David Gohn
Pastoral Care:	Millie Cumming, Elizabeth Stinson
Chair of Pastoral Care & Prayer Chain Captain	Alison Rainford
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*OPENING HYMN: VU 222 Come Let Us Sing

Centering Prayer (unison)

God of water and God of wine. You take the ordinary and make it special. You take our brokenness and make it whole. You bless us with gifts of the spirit and encourage us to use them for the common good. Be with us now as we worship, you stir our spirits and open our hearts and minds. In Jesus name Amen.

One: May peace be with you

All: **And also with you.**

One: Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.

WE APPROACH GOD

Band Song: You Shine

(children and young people please come forward during the singing of the last verse)

Theme Conversation

Blessing

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 - Different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same spirit.
Psalm 19 Refrain 2: , VU 740-741

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Reader: Vicki Forsythe

Choir Anthem: The Heavens are Telling - L. Beethoven

Gospel Reading: John 2: 1-11 The Wedding in Cana.

REFLECTION: "WATER INTO WINE"

Valerie Pitt

Moment of Meditation

*HYMN: MV 506 Take My Life

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offertory Invitation

Jesus turned hundreds of litres of water into wine.
Now that's an abundant and delightful God!
Let us now show our own abundance
as we present our offerings.

Offertory Response: VU 55 In the Bleak Midwinter - vs 4

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise one, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him, give him my heart.**

Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God,
sometimes a gift becomes more valuable when it is given away
to someone who needs it more than we do.
Help us to see ways to "change our water into wine" for others.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN: VU 416 Forth in Your Name

SENDING AND BLESSING

Let us go from this place to help our neighbour,
knowing that we have gifts to share.

May our presence in the world turn water into wine
restoring, renewing and transforming.

Go, knowing that God goes with you.

May you be blessed. Amen.

Choral Response: Go Tell It on the Mountain

Chorus: **Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.**

**While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. Repeat Chorus**

POSTLUDE: Prelude in D - J. S. Bach

OUR WORSHIP ENDS - OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

Partners in Prayer: St. John's Anglican Church, Elora

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: Hagersville, Springvale

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: Karen Smillie, Peggie Dickie
Graeme Chalmers, Virginia Ingleby

Counters: Karen Smillie (C), Norm Porritt
Phil Brown

ANNOUNCEMENTS January 20, 2013

Your Reports for the Annual Congregational Meeting are due! Please remember to get your annual committee get your reports into the office AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. If yours is ready please bring it in!

Val is away from January 25th - February 1st. Marion Loree from Alma United Church is on call for pastoral emergencies. She can be reached at 519-826-9385 H and 519-835-8605 Cell.

A heart felt thank you to my Melville Family for the lovely prayer shawl and gift certificate, I will treasure them always. My time as your Youth Ministry Leader was very rewarding and I appreciated the kind words which I so often heard. It is my hope that with the return of Jen we can continue our spiritual journey together and serve others in the Wellington Community in many new and exciting ways. Blessings,
Susanne

The Annual Congregational Meeting is fast approaching. Will you serve our church and community by joining one of Melville's Ministry Teams? Sign-up sheets, showing where there is the most need for new members, will be available in early February.

From the transition Team - Results of of visioning day are in. We will be launching your visioning ideas on February 3rd in our worship service. Please plan to be there and add your voice.

Soup and Spirituality meets each Tuesday at noon for soup and study. We will be working with the upcoming Scripture readings for each Sunday. All are welcome to one or any of these sessions.
Next week readings: 1 Corinthians 12: 12 - 31a: Luke 4: 14-21

Family-sized meat pies for sale - 7 available - they will feed 6. Cost \$9 - \$10 depending on size. The meat pies are pre-cooked. Just heat and serve. Contact Bev Anticknap 519-843-2491.

Welcome, welcome, welcome! If you would like to be a Welcomer at Melville, please see Ralph Rainford. Excellent benefits and on the job training. Apply anytime with enthusiasm.

Next Sunday Nancy Revie - Motivational Speaker - will be leading our worship service. She brings enthusiasm and optimism to everything she does. You don't want to miss her.

Shrove Tuesday is just around the corner. Tuesday, February 12 is our annual pancake supper here at Melville. Lots of good food and fellowship. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. More details to follow. If you would like to help with the dinner, please see Ralph Rainford.

LENTEN STUDY DIVING DEEPLY: DAILY RELECTIONS FOR LENT

edited by Betty Lynn Schwab

Diving Deeply is a Lenten reflections resource for 2013. The daily devotions, for both individual and small group study, are written by spiritual directors and chaplains and are drawn from their work on university campuses, at airports, correctional facilities, and hospitals, and from their visitations with people in their own homes. Each devotion dives down with the person whose story is central to the reflection to seek the depth of their loss, fear, or despair. Each time, the writer helps the person to find a source of spiritual help and hope deep within their own being, a source that helps them rise to the surface and celebrate the joy that Easter promises. Books will be available shortly.

Melville Book Group is presently reading “The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society” by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

Copies are in the library if you would like to join us. We will be meeting to discuss the book on Sunday, February 10th after the service.

Observer subscription renewal time - If you subscribe to the United Church magazine, the Observer, the \$20 subscription fee for the 2013 year is now due. Please make cheques payable to Melville United Church, note the amount is for the Observer subscription and put in the offering plate or into the church office by January 31. If you wish to subscribe to this excellent magazine, please give your \$20 and name and address to Gerri in the office or phone Lorri at 519-843-2018.

On Saturday January 26, 2013 at 12 p.m. (noon hour), we are having a pot luck luncheon. If you would like to join us please come sometime for lunch and fellowship. Contact Doreen Ecclestone for more information 519-843-1998.

If you are a guest today, please know you are most welcome! Please sign our Guest Book at the back of the church or in the entranceway.

Melville & Waterloo Presbytery - Presbytery is the second level of Governance within the United Church of Canada. When Ministerial staff engage in a covenant, this is between their pastoral charge, their presbytery and themselves.

All Ministerial staff are expected to give several hours per month to the work of Presbytery. Additionally, each Pastoral Charge is allocated a number of Lay positions on Presbytery. In Melville's case we are expected to provide three lay representatives. We currently have two. Each representative is expected to support the work of Presbytery, usually by their work on a committee.

Currently Susan Barth is Chair of the Communications Committee and also sits on Presbytery Executive. Ken McManus is a member of the Pastoral Relations committee and area representative for the churches in Guelph and surrounding areas.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 21 to Sun. Jan. 27, 2013

Mon. 21	10:30	Spirituality Circle	Parlour
Tues. 22	9:00	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	11:45	Soup and Spirituality	Parlour
Wed. 23	7:30	Church Council	Heritage Hall
Thurs. 24	6:30	Transition Team	Heritage Hall
	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 25	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	11:00	Meditation	Library
Sun. 27	9:30	Choir	Choir Room
	10.30	Sunday Service	Sanctuary