

Welcome to Melville United Church
January 27, 2013 - 3rd 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: Voluntary in C (part one) - John Stanley

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

Call to worship

One: God is in our midst.

All: Come, let us celebrate God's presence

One: Christ is in our midst

All: We are hear to listen for the call to serve others

One: The Spirit is in our midst

**All: We welcome a power greater than ourselves, to lead, to
guide, and uplift us.
Come, let us worship.**

Melville United Church

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Team Ministry

Guest Speaker:	Nancy Revie
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*OPENING HYMN: VU 389 God is Here

Centering Prayer (unison)

Living God, Light of the World:

**Give to us this day ears to hear your Word,
hearts to trust your message of hope,
and courage to respond with our prayers, our praise, and our lives.
In the strong and tender name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(paraphrase on a prayer by Paul Fayter)

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: May the Word Of My Mouth (Psalm 19)

*(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:

Hebrew Scripture	Genesis 6:9-22
Responsive Psalm	46, VU pg. 770 Refrain 2
New Testament	James 1:1-6, 12

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Liam Ogilvie

Choir Anthem: Order My Steps - Jack Schrader

REFLECTION: *"DELIVER ME FROM DELAY"*

Nancy Revie

Moment of Meditation

*HYMN: VU 657 He Leadeth Me

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offertory Invitation

When Jesus stood in the synagogue in Nazareth

and read the scripture, he said,

"Today, scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

What does it mean to fulfill something?

It means to embody, to incarnate something.

Giving our offering is the incarnation of our faith

in a God of abundance and promise.

Let us 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

Loving God, help us to remember to live our

faith by worshipping, studying and sharing our gifts with others.

Bless these gifts and may they be used to bring

peace, hope and justice in your world. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus

*CLOSING HYMN: VU 333 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD**SENDING AND BLESSING**

The love of the faithful Creator

The peace of the wounded Healer

The joy of the challenging Spirit

The hope of the Three in One

Surround and encourage you, today and forever. Amen

(from the Iona Community)

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: Voluntary in C (part two) - John Stanley

OUR WORSHIP ENDS - OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

Partners in Prayer: St. James Anglican Church, Fergus

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: Jerseyville

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: Susan Barth, Ken McManus
David Gohn, Bob Zirk

Counters: Richard Wright (C), Graeme Chalmers
Bob Foster

ANNOUNCEMENTS January 27, 2013

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.

Today Nancy Revie, a Motivational Speaker, is leading our worship service. She brings enthusiasm and optimism to everything she does. We thank Nancy for sharing her gifts with the Melville Congregation.

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.

Unit Faith meets on Mon. January 28 at 2:00 p.m. in the parlour. All are welcome!

Unit Grace meets on Tues. January 29 at 2:00 p.m. in the parlour. Vickie Forsyth will be speaking. Everyone welcome!

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: Jeremiah 1: 4-10; Psalm 71: 1-6;
1 Corinthians 13: 1-13; Luke 4: 21- 30

From the transition Team - Results 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. Please join us for a Hot Dog lunch and discussion after the service.

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.**

Monies collected from the "Pennies from Heaven" jar will be directed towards Big Brothers Big Sisters of Centre Wellington Bowl for Kids sake from now until the end of February.

Wii Bowl for Kids Sake. Friday February 22 from 6-8 p.m. at Melville United Church. Please bring \$10 towards Big Brothers Big Sisters to participate, or get a pledge form from Jen to collect sponsors instead.

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.

Organist/Choir Director -- St. John's United Church in Belwood is searching for an experienced organist and music director. The choir has 23 members and sings a diverse array of music. The congregation's musical talent runs to guitar, flute, cello, piano, violin and bassoon. The organ is a Rogers Essex series. Position is available now. Please send resume and references to belwoodmetz@xplornet.ca or St. John's United, 28 Queen St., Belwood, ON N0B 1J0

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.

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 28 to Sun. Feb. 3, 2013

Mon. 28	2:00	Unit Faith	Parlour
Tues. 29	9:00	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	11:45	Soup and Spirituality	Parlour
	2:00	Unit Grace	Parlour
Thurs. 31	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 1	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	11:00	Meditation	Library
Sun. 3	9:30	Choir	Choir Room
	10.30	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
	After Service	Hot Dog Lunch	Fellowship Hall
		Vision Statement Discussion	