



Welcome to Melville United Church

April 14, 2013 3<sup>rd</sup> of Easter

MINISTERS: The People of the Congregation

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

### Our Mission

We seek, we pray, we act knowing that Jesus is amongst us.

### Our Vision

Knowing we are not alone on our spiritual journeys, Melville United Church seeks to be an open, compassionate and inclusive Christian community; honouring and serving the living Christ in all that we do.

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## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE: Improvisation

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

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

All: **May God's peace surround us.**

INTROIT MV 173 Put Peace into Each Other's Hands

**1 Put peace into each other's hands  
and like a treasure hold it,  
Protect it like a candle flame,  
with tenderness enfold it.**

### Call to worship

One: In the streets, in the busyness of daily living, we encounter Christ,

All: **and our lives are changed.**

One: At home, with family and friends, or on our own,  
we encounter Christ,

All: **and our lives are changed.**

One: In unexpected places, and in times of prayer, we encounter Christ,

All: **and our lives are changed.**

One: Bring your changed lives. Come into this place,  
and let us worship God.



### Melville United Church

St. Andrew Street West, Fergus, ON: 519-843-1781

#### Team Ministry

Interim Minister:	Valerie Pitt
Youth Ministry Leader:	Jennifer Auger
Director of Music:	Matthias Schmidt
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OPENING SONG: VU 187 The Spring Has Come

### WE APPROACH GOD

#### Opening Prayer

As you have met us in many places, O God,  
meet us again here and now.  
In this time of worship,  
in one another,  
in the music,  
in the prayers,  
in the scripture,  
and times of sharing,  
and all we do,  
may we encounter Christ,  
and in so doing, find our lives transformed and renewed. Amen.

Prayer of Reminder (unison)

**We come before you, O God, in search of new life. We notice ways we avoid confrontation and speak differently before those we fear or do not understand. Remove from us the things that keep us from loving, from trusting, and from getting to know those who we judge as different. Re-create us, O God, and fashion us to be free in all times and places to as you want us to live. Amen.**

#### Assurance of Grace

One: God has created and is recreating. God assures us that each day we are born anew to live fully into life. Thanks be to God for new beginnings and the chance to try again.  
Amen.

SONG: Teach Me to Dance

#### Theme Conversation

Megan Smith

Blessing of One Another

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### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

#### SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 9:1-6 Saul's conversion on the road to Damascus (paraphrase)  
John 21:1-19 Jesus appears to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Reader: Les Frayne

Ministry of Music - Choir Anthem: Make a Joyful Noise - A. Pote

REFLECTION:

Valerie Pitt

Song of Response: VU 563 Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

#### Offering Invitation

Offering: MV 191 What can I do?

**What can I do? What can I bring?**

**What can I say? What can I sing?**

**I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.**

**I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

Offering Prayer

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

CLOSING SONG: VU 288 Great is Thy Faithfulness

**Commissioning and Benediction**

One: As Jesus said to Peter, so Jesus asks us: "Do you love me?"

**All: Yes, Jesus, you know that we love you.**

One: Jesus says, "Feed my lambs."

Jesus asks: "Do you love me?"

**All: Yes, Jesus, you know that we love you.**

One: Jesus says, "Tend my sheep."

Jesus asks: "Do you love me?"

**All: Yes, Jesus, you know everything. You know that we love you.**

One: Go in peace to serve God. Amen.

**Choral Benediction:** MV 209 Go and Make a Difference

**Go make a diff'rence, we can make a diff'rence**

**Go make a diff'rence in the world**

**Go make a diff'rence, we can make a diff'rence**

**Go make a diff'rence in the world**

**We are the salt in the earth,**

**called to let the people see**

**The love of God in you and me**

**We are the light of the world, not to be hidden,**

**but be seen**

**Go make a diff'rence in the world**

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POSTLUDE: Prelude in E - N. Bruhns

*OUR WORSHIP - OUR SERVICE BEGINS.*

Prayers used in today's service may be from "*Seasons of the Spirit*" or "*Gathering*" Magazine

**Partners in Prayer:** Knox Presbyterian Church, Elora, St. Andrew's, Alma

**Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference:** Parkminster, Waterloo

**Prayer Tree Captain:** Alison Rainford

**Welcomers:** Graeme Chalmers, Mary Hume,  
Dorothy and George Collin

**Counters:** Les Frayne (C), Marg Frayne  
Kaillie Rawn

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**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.

**Unit Joy Meeting: on Tues. Apr. 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30pm, in the Parlour. Our guest speaker is Lorna Bevcar, presenting her recent trip to Belize and Guatemala, with the S.H.A.R.E. group. This is really interesting for those who may never get there, and also for those who might! Please attend!

**Spring Garage & Bake Sale** is fast approaching! Please keep your Melville Church in mind, while doing your spring clean-up or de-cluttering! We can use "Anything & Everything"! You may want to start freezing your baking! Drop-off date for items: Thurs. May 9th Sale Date: Fri, Sat & Mon, May 10, 11 & 13th Contact Lorna for info: 519-787-0570

**Hopefully winter is over!:** Thank you, Ron Anticknap, for clearing the snow and ice from the steps and walks this winter. You did not get much of a break this year.

**Lunch & Learn, Tues. April 16, 12:00 - 1:30pm, Bookshelf Cafe, 41** Quebec St. Guelph. International Development issues: Canadians supporting Hondurans. Guest Teresa Lopez, Simiente Foundation, Honduras. Hosted by Horizons of Friendship. For a ride from Melville in Fergus contact Marg 519-843-3274

**April 21 after church.** Delicious freewill lunch for Julie Miner's (paramedic student) mission trip to work in Dominican Republic. Delicious hearty soups and desserts.

**Advance notice - mark the date. Centre Wellington Singers** present their Spring Concert, Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Fergus at 3:30 p.m.

**The next Spirituality Circle** will next meet Monday, April 22 at 10 a.m. in the parlour.

**Mission and Outreach is supporting the Food Bank** with cookies and crackers for the month of April.

**Saturday, April 27, 8pm: Guelph Chamber Choir presents "Songfest 2013: World Music"**. Their annual Community Concert featuring special guests: The Antler River Projec and the talents of other choirs from our local community. At the River Run Centre. Single tickets \$25 each or 4 for only \$80. Students \$10. And only \$5 for youth with eyeGO. Reserve at: 519-767-0792

**Baptism Sunday is April 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please speak to Val or Jen if you are interested.

**On May 5<sup>th</sup>** after church, there will be a Congregational meeting in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a JNAC report presented.

**Upcoming Hot Dog lunch!** Please join us for lunch after the service on May 5<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. All proceeds will be going to Women in Crisis.

**In case of emergency alarm all children and youth will be directed to** exit via the fire escape from the Upper Auditorium directly to the parking lot. We ask that in such an event, all parents please make their way directly to the parking lot to meet their children.

**Our next Book Group will be reading Crow Lake** by Mary Lawson. Book is available in the library.

**Spring Garage Sale coming up.** Please save your items from your spring cleaning for it. For info call Lorna at 5190787-0570.

**There are meat pies for sale** for \$4/each. Please contact Bev Anticknap at 519-843-2491.

**TREASURE SHOP - A free GOOD used clothing giveaway.** May 4th , 2013 9:00 a.m. till 12 noon. Held at Bethel Baptist Church, 675 Victoria Terrace, Fergus

**Taizé Evening Service:** Thursday, April 18th at 7:30pm at St James Church, 171 Queen St E, Fergus. A quiet evening of song, prayer and healing. All are welcome. Tel: 519-843-2141.

**On May 11 and 12 at 2pm, the United Church Youth Theatre presents: An Evening/Afternoon with Victor Hugo** - a mixed programme of story, reflection and song based on Victor Hugo's Les Miserables including Les Miserables - a new drama by B.A. Schwartkopf.

A limited number of tickets for these performances, which take place at Harcourt( 87 Dean Ave, Guelph), will be available for pick up next Sunday, Please sign our ticket request clipboard after church today. There is no charge, but non-perishables will be accepted for the Chalmers Food Shelf (Our goal is 25,000 lbs of food). The UCG has generously funded this production. Please note that people may attend the dress rehearsal May 9<sup>th</sup> but should notify Pat Harland 519.829.2225 patharland@hotmail.com

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Mon. Apr. 15 to Sun. Apr. 21, 2013

Tues. 16	9:00	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	7:30	Unit Joy	Parlour
Wed. 17	7:00	Transition Team	Heritage Hall
	7:30	Men's Spirituality Group	Rainford's Home
Thurs. 18	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 19	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	11:00	Spiritual Meditation	Library
Sun. 21	9:30	Choir	Choir Room
	10.30	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
		Freewill lunch for Julie Miner's mission trip	