

Baptism



Melville United Church

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June 2, 2013
Baptism Sunday

Welcome to Melville United Church
June 2, 2013 Sacrament of Baptism

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.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE: Prelude on "Who trust in God" - J. S. Bach

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light this candle to remind us of the presence of Christ as we celebrate the past, honour the present and look forward to the future.

All: May God's love surround and encourage us.

INTROIT: MV 2 Come All You People

**Come all you people, Come and praise your maker, (3x)
Come now and worship your God.**

Call to worship

One: Raise your voice and join with me:

All: Let us praise God together!

One: Encourage your friend – join with us!

All: Let us praise God together!

One: Share your stories; listen to mine
understand in new ways the gifts of God to us all.

All: Let us praise God together!

One: The seas, the sky, the land – all sing to God's praise

All: We shall join in – we shall praise God together!

One: Peace be with you

All: And also with you.

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

OPENING SONG: VU 820 Make a Joyful Noise Band Song

Gathering Prayer: (One)

We enter into this space singing different songs,

sometimes in the same key and sometimes not.

Gather our songs and transform them into your song.

Gather each one of us and transform us once again into you church:

your loving and loved people, your hands and feet in this world,

eager to dance according to your tune. Amen.

Words of Assurance: (One)

A song begins with an intake of breath.

As we breathe in God's love, let us breathe out our regrets.

And ask God to enable us to breathe in a chance to turn and begin again.

Thank you God.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Baptism Song: VU 644 I was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (see insert)

We welcome:

Harper Jamieson Luxton - daughter James and Jami-Lynn Luxton

and

Evelyn Raewyn Sulley - daughter of Brian and June Sulley

Blessing of One Another

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 96 - A paraphrase

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Alison Rainford

Ministry of Music: Anthem: You Are Mine - arr. - M. Hayes

Message: *“THE FOUR AGREEMENTS – BE IMPECCABLE WITH YOUR WORD”*

Song: MV 30 It’s a Song of Praise to The Maker

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Minute for Mission

Invitation to the Offering

One: God asks us for an offering. What shall we give?

**All: Some of us have very little to give; some of us have a lot.
But all of us can share something with God's world**

One: As the plate comes to you, share as you can,
knowing that all the gifts you offer are pleasing to God.

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 (together)

Holy God, we offer to you a portion of what we have received from you:

a part of our treasure,

our effort,

our attention,

our songs,

our desire to say “thank you.”

Thank you God for all that we have.

Thank you God for all that we can do.

**May our gifts bless your church and your people,
so that others many sing and dance and praise your name,
however they call you. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern.**Prayer of Jesus.****WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD**

CLOSING SONG: VU 421 Lead On O Cloud of Presence

Blessing and Sending

May God who made the sun and moon light your path.

May God who made the earth and the sea
make your days full and meaningful.

May God who breathes new life into all things
keep our words sacred and make our hearts sing.

Closing Blessing: Melville Benediction

**Let's go out from here and take our place,
Respect creation, sharing all God's grace.
Treasure the past and things we have done,
Open our minds to new things yet to come.
God will be with us within, around, above,
Bless all our doings. Let us go and love!
Bless all our doings. Let us go and love!**

Matthias Schmidt

POSTLUDE: Prelude on "Who trust in God" - J. S. Bach

OUR WORSHIP - OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

Prayers used in today's service are from Seasons of the Spirit

Partners in Prayer: Centre Wellington Food Bank

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: Mount Hope, Southampton

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: Isabel Weaver, Mary Hume
Ruth Sproule, David Gohn
Counters: David Gohn (C), Les Frayne
Marg Frayne

ANNOUNCEMENTS June 2, 2013

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, welcome! Please sign our Guest Book at the back of the church or in the entranceway.

The Spirituality Circle will next meet on Monday, June 10th at 10:00 a.m. in the parlour.

At the invitation of Rev. Gary Patterson, Moderator of the United Church, we have been invited to take part in conversations related to challenges of the church. If you are interested in joining a small group for discussion, please contact Ralph Rainford 519 843-3841

Mark your calendars! Family Camp weekend at Camp Edgewood will be June 22-23rd, 2013. All are invited to join us in Eden Mills for fellowship, food, workshops for the adults, and games, activities and crafts for the young. So bring your kids, your grandkids, or any other loved ones for a great time. Come for a day, part of a day, or the whole weekend.

Registration will begin Sunday May 19th. Please note: Our main worship will be held at Camp Edgewood at 11 a.m. on Sunday the 23rd, followed by lunch and traditional Sunday School Picnic activities. Carpooling will be available from Melville's parking lot at 10:30 a.m. to the camp. There will also be a small gathering for worship in the Chapel at Melville for any who are unable to make the trip out to camp.

Please help us to hear and see better. Volunteers are needed to run the power point and the sound system. Please see Barry Rawn or Ralph Rainford. On the job training is provided free and comes with benefits!

Congregational Meeting - Sunday Jun 9th - to vote on the ministry model proposed by the Joint Needs Assessment Committee. The meeting will be held immediately following the Camp Fundraising Luncheon. Please keep the process in your prayers, and please plan to attend. This is an important step to move Melville forward.

There are no more meat pies until the Fall.

Join Us For a Prayer Shawl Creators Gathering at St. James Anglican Church, 171 Queen Street East Wednesday, June 26th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Butterfly Hall and Garden. There will be a Special Service/Displays/Discussion/Sharing Ideas/Refreshments. An opportunity to meet parishes involved in this special ministry and/or learn how to start a group at your church. RSVP to Anne Warner, 519-843-5687, by June 21st - afwarner@bell.net

30 days + 30 amazing United Church leaders and over a dozen posts by special guests (Shane Claiborne, Lois Wilson, Dennis Gruending, Donna Sinclair, Fulata Lusungu Moyo, our Moderator and more...) = one of the coolest, free (yep free) social media based Bible studies ever.

FOR THE WHOLE MONTH OF JUNE, join spiritual seekers coast to coast to rock the Bible from various perspectives and have a rockin' time doing it. Get ready! Join the Facebook Group "Rock The Bible" today.

On Friday, June 7, the Pastoral Care group is holding a communion service for our seniors who are unable to attend church on Sunday mornings. This 11 am service will be followed by a lunch, served by the UCW ladies. If you are able to help with rides, please contact the church office or Alison Rainford. We would also like to invite other members of the congregation so that there is fellowship offered to each other.

The Pastoral Care Ministry Team is pleased to announce that Ken McManus has agreed to be a co-ordinator for rides and drivers for the congregation. If you are ever in need of a ride or are willing to be a driver please let Ken know either by phone(843-3710) or email (ken@kenmcmanus.com).

Interested in sharing ideas and learning more about Stewardship? You are welcome to join a meeting being held at the church on Tuesday, June 4th Rev Bill Steadman will be leading a mini-workshop and inviting our ideas and experiences. Come at 6 p.m. for supper or 6:30 p.m. for the meeting start time.

Historical Roll Book: If you know of anyone in our Congregation who has: moved, married, died, etc. please advise Lorna Bevcar 519-7870570. She is in charge of Melville's Historical Roll for the Pastoral Care Ministry Team from now on.

Howell Fish Fry: As your busy Summer starts up please reserve Fri. Sept. 6th for our annual delicious Fish Fry. Take outs start at 4:30 p.m. with continuous serve from 5 - 7 p.m.. Cost is \$14 for adults; \$7 for children 12 and under and toddlers receive a complimentary hot dog meal. Reserve your tickets at 519-787-0570.

Over the months of June, July and August donations to the food bank will continue to be collected. Items of focus are "Sidekicks", tomato sauce, canned pasta and peanut butter.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. June 3 to Sun. June 9, 2013

Mon. 3	9:00	U.C.W. Presbyterial	Heritage Hall
Tues. 4	9:00	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	5:45	Stewardship	Heritage Hall
Wed. 5	7:00	Transition Team	Heritage Hall
Thurs. 6	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 7	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	11:00	Meditation	Library
	11:00	Pastoral Care Communion	Sanctuary, HH, FH
Sun. 9	9:30	Choir	Choir Room
	10.30	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
		followed by Mission and Outreach luncheon and congregational meeting in the Fellowship Hall.	