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June 9, 2013
3rd after Pentecost

Welcome to Melville United Church
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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

Gathering Music

The Life and Work of the Church

PRELUDE Improvisation

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: VU 951 Holy, Holy, Holy.

Holy, holy, holy, my heart my heart adores you.

My heart is glad to say the word: You are holy, God. (X2)

Call to Worship

One: At times our days and our dreams may seem dry.

All: Our resources may seem to be running short.

One: We may feel far from home,

All: but God will meet us on the road.

God will nourish our weary souls.

One: God can water our dry places and bring forth new fruit
of how we may live and thrive.

Come, meet us here!

All: Come, sense God’s renewing welcome!

One: Let us begin worship by sharing the peace of Christ
with one another

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

OPENING SONG VU 374 "Come and Find the Quiet Centre"

Opening Prayer (together)

**Whether we have journeyed a long way
or have just come down the street,
we come seeking living water to quench our thirst.
We all seek spiritual food to feed our spirits.
We gather, O God, to be fed by you. Amen.**

Prayer of Reminder (one)

Holy One, you send us out – but we don’t want to go.
You ask us to meet the stranger;
we would rather stay among those we know.
You give us work to do;
we would rather choose our own, easier paths.

Forgive us, dear God, for the roads we have not taken,
for those in need whom we have avoided,
for the ways in which we sidestep the tasks that are ours to do.
Help us to name what we have left undone. Amen.

One: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel.
God’s amazing grace meets us wherever we are,
inviting us to change our paths,
alter our ways and follow God’s leading.
As we listen, so we change,
All: Thanks be to God.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

SONG Jesus Loves Me.....na na na na

Theme Conversation

Blessing of One Another

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit open our hearts and minds that as the scriptures are read
and the word proclaimed, we may hear what you are saying to us
today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 17: 8-16 Feeding One Another
Psalm 146, pg. 868 Voices United - Give Praise to God

Reader: May we hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Don Grant

Anthem - When in Our Music God is Glorified - A. Ziegenhals

REFLECTION *"HEALING LOVE"*

Valerie Pitt

SONG VU 593 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Minute for Mission

OFFERING INVITATION

Jesus call us to follow him. One way we respond is in the offering of our
gifts – time, talent and treasure. Our offering will now be received.

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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)

**Just as you did for the widow of Zarephath, we know that
our jar is filled by you;**

our pitcher is filled by you.

**For all that you give to us, we give you thanks,
and we return a portion here.**

**May our gifts, in their turn, fill another's jar
and replenish another's pitcher. Amen.**

CLOSING SONG: VU 236 Now Thank We All Our God

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

SENDING AND BLESSING

May God bless you with enough,
and may you in turn bless others, as you share who you are
for you are always enough.

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!
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Matthias Schmidt

POSTLUDE: Prelude in C - F. Mendelsohn

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OUR WORSHIP ENDS - OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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Gathering Magazine and Seasons of the Spirit. (Used with permission)*

You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step
Martin Luther King Jnr.

Partners in Prayer: The Door Youth Centre

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: St. Andrew's, Brantford

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: Bob Zirk, Karen Smillie
Joan and John Cuming

Counters: Lara Johnston (C), Eleanor Johnston
Art Russell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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.**

TODAY! 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.

Please save some stamps - pick up your Newsletter at the back of the
church!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Senior's Worship Service &
Communion so meaningful and special.

The Spirituality Circle meets this Mon., June 10th at 10:00 in the parlour.

Ladies' Pot Luck Dinner on June 17th at 5:30 p.m. in the Heritage Hall.
Neil Dunsmore will be our guest speaker.

Stewardship Working Group - Are you looking for a place to share your gifts and interested in a short term commitment? Then check out the Stewardship Working Group as they gather on Wednesday June 12 at 6:30 to plan our fall Stewardship event. We would love to have you join us there.

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!

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

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).

Help is needed for our Sunday morning after service coffee time. Please sign up on the list near the Parlour door. Marg Frayne or Lorna Bevcar will train you and help you.

Did you know that last year our garden produced 70 lbs of fresh produce for the Food bank? Amazing! Too bad the garden is unusable this year because of the construction... but wait! Thanks to the Frayne's we have a satellite garden this year out at their farm. We're still growing and producing, and hope everyone can be a part of this great project.

Community Ministry Fundraising Concert - Sunday June 23- Bob Milne is considered the best ragtime/boogie-woogie pianist in the world. He is performing a benefit concert for our Community Ministry on Sunday June 23 at 3:00 at Calvary Memorial United Church. Tickets are \$20.00 each or two for \$30.00. Children 13 and under are \$5.00 and a family ticket is \$40.00. Purchase tickets in advance from Calvary Memorial Church office 519-744-9696 or St. Mark's Church office 519-743-6309.

"Everywhere Fun Fair" Vacation Bible Camp will be at Elora United Church Tuesday, July 9 – Friday, July 12, from 9 am – 12 noon. Any children who have finished JK – Grade 5 are welcome to attend. Cost is \$15 for the first child in the family, \$10 for additional children. Registration forms can be printed from Elora United Church website www.elorauc.org. For more information contact Barb Smith-Young at 519-846-2542, barb_sy@sympatico.ca

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.

Please bring your Zehrs tapes to the church. They will be given to The Door who can still redeem them. You can put them in the boxes out by the elevator door lobby.

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From your Church Library

The Melville Book Club has had a good year. We have enjoyed a diverse selection of books, from "I Shall Not Hate", to "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society", to "Crow Lake". They have all led to thoughtful and interesting discussions. And we have had a lot of fun, thanks to Diane Maloney, imagining going on field trips to the various book settings. By far our favourite would be Guernsey.

We are taking a break now for the summer,
but we already have a good line-up for the fall.

Sept.1 "The Namesake" by Jhampa Lahiri

Oct.6 "The Thirteenth Tale" by Diane Sutterfield

Nov.25 "Left Neglected" by Lisa Genova

Anyone may borrow one of these books when they are available, even if you are unable to join the discussion group. Just sign up on the book club sheet in the church library.

Missing Books

We have a number of books that have been missing for some time. Please check your shelves at home, if you have borrowed books, and see if any of the lost are lingering there.

Some of the books are from Christmas:

Kneeling in Bethlehem

The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey

Franklin's Christmas Gift

The True Meaning of Crumbfest

A Celebration of Christmas

"PSSST! Who is that?"

"I don't remember his name."

Wouldn't it be nice if more people would wear their name buttons? Please remember to wear yours if you have one. If you need a new name button, please ask Ralph Rainford or call the church office.

Thursday Garden Gatherings. We know weekends are busy in summer, so we're trying something new! Before you head out camping or to the cottage, come join us Thursdays 4-6:30 p.m. from June 27th to August 29th at the Frayne Farm for a celebration of summer, friendship, and our satellite garden. Come alone, or with family for food, hiking, games, gardening and songs. Email Jen (youthleader@melvilleunited.com) for directions.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. June 10 to Sun. June 16, 2013

Mon. 10	10:00	Spirituality Circle	Parlour
Tues. 11	9:00	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	7:00	Worship & CD	Heritage Hall
Wed. 12	4:00	Trustees	Parlour
	6:30	Stewardship	Heritage Hall
Fri. 14	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	11:00	Meditation	Library
	11:00	Pastoral Care	Choir Room
Sun. 16	9:30	Choir	Choir Room
	10.30	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
		JNAC	Heritage Hall