

Welcome to Melville United Church

Sept. 15, 2013 - Season of Creation

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: Improvisation

Time of Quietening and Lighting of Candles (chorus only)

Come, Now is the Time to Worship - Brian Doerksen

Come, now is the time to worship;

Come, now is the time

to give your heart.

Come, just as your are to worship;

Come, just as you are

before your God, come.

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Call to worship *(Based on Psalm 29)*

One: Ascribe to God, O heavenly beings.

Ascribe to God glory and strength.

All; Glory is in the holy name.

Worship God in holy splendour.

One: Let all in creation show honour.

All: Let all in God's temple say, "Glory." Amen.

OPENING HYMN VU 240 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



Storm Sunday

Melville United Church

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

Team Ministry

Interim Minister:	Valerie Pitt
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Director of Music:	Matthias Schmidt
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Opening Prayer

From where does wisdom come from?

Where is the place of understanding?

It is hidden from our eyes, O God.

But it is you, the source of divine wonder,

that understands the way to it and knows its place.

It is you, O God, that opens up the way and place of wisdom

Passing of the Peace

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

HYMN VU 646 We Are Marching

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Readings

Psalm 29 *The Voice of God - Based on Psalm 29*

Luke 15:11-32

Reader: Ruth Sproule

Message: *“WELCOME HOME”*

Guest Speaker: Jill McPherson

HYMN VU 574 Come, Let Us Sing of Your Wonderful Love

Invitation to Offering

ANTHEM: The Storm is Passing Over - arr. - B. W. Baker

Offering Response VU 538 Gift of Creation (in unison)

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you
the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed
by the gifts that we give.**

Prayer of Dedication

Holy One,

we recognize that all life is at risk when we live in selfish consumption. May these gifts go to make a shelter in the storm, and a sanctuary of hope for future generations. Amen.

Joy and Concerns

Prayers of the People, Jesus’ Prayer

HYMN VU 304 O God, Beyond All Face and Form

Blessing

May the rain bless you with new soil and growth,
and the shelter you find in the storm remind you of God's love
meant for you to share with everyone.

May God bless you.

Amen.

Prayers for this service are from Seasons of the Spirit.

Choral Closing VU 884 You Shall Go Out With Joy

**You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!**

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POSTLUDE: Prelude in F - D. Buxtehude

OUR WORSHIP ENDS - OUR SERVICE BEGINS

Partners in Prayer: St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church, Fergus
Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: Bethany, Dunnville
Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers:

Lorna Bevcar, Diane Maloney,
Eleanor Brown, Isabel Weaver

Counters:

Jane O'Leary (Captain), Gary O'Leary
Norma Martin

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.

We thank our guest speaker, Jill McPherson for leading us in our Sunday worship today.

Val will be away from September 10 - 20th. Rev Kate Gregory at 519-843-1277 is on call for pastoral care emergencies along with our regular pastoral care ministry team.

You are welcome to join in Meditation Fridays at 11:00 a.m. in the Library.

New Handrails: Thank you, Don Grant, for fabricating and installing new handrails at the St. Andrew St. entrance doors recently.

Unit Joy Meeting Tues Sept 17th at 7:30pm, in the Parlour: Please come and if you wish, you may bring a friend.

Unit Grace Meeting on Tues. Sept. 24 at 2:00 p.m. in the parlour. Vivian Andrews and Marg Woods are in care of the meeting. Do come and join us.

Fall Festival Sat Oct 26th, from 10am to 3pm: Our Children's Choir will present "Rescue in the Night" from 1:15 - 1:45pm. We wish to remind you that we are in need of: items for the Attic Treasures, knitted items for the Craft Table, Christmas Crafts, Silent Auction Items, Baking and Preserves, Books CD's & DVD's for the Book Table, etc. We need helpers: in the Kitchen, Dining Room, to operate the Lift, Greeters for the Hall ways, Parking Attendants, etc. Please speak to Lorna Bevcar soon for direction! 519-787-0570

Melville United Book Group will be reading "the namesake"- a detailed family saga that "brilliantly illuminates the immigrant experience and the tangled ties between generations" by Jhumpa Lahiri. Copies are available in the library.

Fall Garage Sale Fri, Sat & Mon Nov 8, 9 & 11: We hope you are keeping Melville in mind, as you do your fall clean-up! We can use "Anything & Everything"! For info, contact Lorna 519-787-0570

The Door's 4th Annual Shantytown is being held on Fri. Sept. 20th and Sat. 21st at the campground behind the Centre Wellington Sportsplex. This is a Fund and Awareness Raiser for *The Door Youth Centre* that seeks to draw attention to the issue of homelessness even in our rural community. Participants will raise at least \$25 to be involved. For more information please call the staff of *The Door Youth Centre* at 519-787-0925.

Mark your calendars for St James Church 7th Annual Pork BBQ on Saturday, September 28th in the beautiful Butterfly Garden. Cocktails (cash bar) at 5:00pm and Dinner at 6:00pm. Adults \$15:00 and Children 10yrs old and under \$7:50. Tickets available from the church office (519) 843-2141. Come and have some fun. St James Anglican Church, 171 Queen St E, Fergus.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Sept. 16 to Sun. Sept. 22, 2013

Tues. 17	9:00	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	7:30	Unit Joy	Parlour
Wed. 18	7:30	Special Council Meeting	Parlour
Thurs. 19	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 20	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	11:00	Meditation	Library
Sun. 22	9:30	Choir	Choir Room
	10.30	Sunday Service	Sanctuary