

Welcome to Melville United Church
Sept. 22, 2013 18th after Pentecost - Cosmos Sunday

MINISTERS: The People of the Congregation

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

Cosmos Sunday



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

God Prepare Me

God prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

sanctuary for you.

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Call to Worship

One: Praise God from the heavens,

All: praise God from the heights.

One: Praise God, sun and moon,

All: praise God, stars that shine and skies that rain.

One: Let them praise the holy name as God commanded
and created them.

All: God established them forever and ever.

One: Praise God from the earth.

**All: On earth, we sing God's praise with the depth of the sea,
with the fire and the hail, the snow and the frost.
We fulfill God's command to praise. Amen.**

Melville United Church

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Season of Creation - Cosmos Sunday

OPENING HYMN: VU 409 Morning Has Broken

Prayer of Reminder

**Source of wisdom, Source of joy,
we confess that we do not rejoice in the cosmos
nor delight in the earth.**

**We cower, seeking safety rather than opening ourselves to wisdom.
We complain about our smallness rather than celebrating
the greatness of the whole universe and beyond.
Help us, O God, to find our place in the cosmos and to accept
how vastly your vision lies beyond it. Amen.**

Words of Affirmation

Since the beginning of days,
God has celebrated in the emergence of the heavens,
rejoiced in the foundations of Earth,
delighted in inhabitants of the world, loved the face of humankind –
and so God celebrates, rejoices, delights in and loves you.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

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: Creation Calls

The Band

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings

Psalm 148

Proverbs 8: 22-31 (as told in story)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Don Grant

Message

Val Pitt

HYMN: MV 30 It's a Song of Praise to Our Maker

Invitation to Offering

ANTHEM: The Light of Endless Love - M. Hayes

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.**

OFFERING PRAYER

One: God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and signs of our concern for those in need, including our fellow creatures on planet Earth.

All: With all creation, we praise our Creator

Joy and Concerns

Prayers of the People, Jesus' Prayer

HYMN: VU 242 Let All Things Now Living

Blessing

May you always be in God's delight,
rejoicing before God always,
rejoicing in the cosmos and in the inhabited Earth
and delighting in the neighbourhood of the human race.
Amen *Prayers for this worship 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!**

POSTLUDE: Minuet Gotique - L. Boelman

OUR WORSHIP ENDS - OUR SERVICE BEGINS

Partners in Prayer: St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Elora

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: Bethel - Cook's Mills

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: Mary Lloyd, Susan Barth,

Ken McManus, Mary Hume

Counters: Mary Lloyd (Captain), Eleanor Johnston

Kaillie Rawn

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.

Spirituality Circle meets on Mon. Sept 23 at 10:00 a.m. in the parlour.

Unit Faith Meeting on Mon. Sept. 23 at 2:00 p.m. in the parlour.

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.

Church Council Meeting on Wed. Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel.

There will be a Joint Search Committee meeting on Thursday September 26 at 8 p.m. in the Chapel.

Walk Thru the Bible - New Testament on Saturday September 28th at Melville United Church from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Cost \$30.00 includes manual, lunch and breaks. It is a fun time for all ages! Pastor Jack Strickland is the speaker and the event is being hosted by the Canadian Bible Society. Call Ruth at 519-843-5863 for more information.

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

Name tags need to be found and worn! If you have lost yours, see Ralph Rainford or call the office to order a new one. There are also forms in the photo copy room. As we search for a new minister to join our team, please get into the habit of wearing your button again. Of course, it always helps the rest of us, too.

Friends and Food and No Strings Attached Potluck Lunch on Sat. Oct 5th at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome! For more info call Doreen 519-843-1998. If you need a ride, please call Art Russell at 519-4140.

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 prayer chain continues to help with prayer for those in need. The group is small and discreet. We keep things confidential when requested. If you have a concern, contact Ruth Sproule or myself. If you are sincere in your prayers and would be willing to pray for the needs of others, we are open to more people in our caring group. There are no meetings, just messages sent with prayer requests. Thank you. Alison Rainford, Prayer Chain Captain

Thank you to all that attended our "Hot Dog Day" on Sept. 8th. We were able to donate \$470.00 to S.H.A.R.E. Also, a big thanks to the crew that turned up to serve and clean up as our committee needed a little assistance that day - Mission and Outreach Committee

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.

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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.

United Church Response to Crisis in Syria: The United Church of Canada has donated \$75,000 from its Emergency Response Fund to ACT Alliance for their work with Syrian refugees, and an additional \$15,000 through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank for its work with Syrian refugees and internally displaced Syrians. The United Church continues to closely monitor the crisis in Syria through consultation with the Middle East Council of Churches, ACT Alliance, the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, the World Council of Churches, media, and other sources, and to pray for a peaceful resolution to this ongoing conflict. For more information: <http://ow.ly/oqedh>

Stay in Touch - A REMINDER from your Communications Ministry Team. Visit Melville's web site at www.Melvilleunited.com to get your Sunday bulletin, newsletters or calendar updates. And please continue to provide information to our committee for good communications. Chair - Eleanor Johnston - 519-843-2558.

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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WEEKLY CALENDAR
Mon. Sept. 23 to Sun. Sept. 29, 2013

Mon. 23	10:00	Spirituality Circle	Parlour
	2:00	Unit Faith	Parlour
Tues. 24	9:00	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	2:00	Unit Grace	Parlour
	7:30	Stewardship	Parlour
Wed. 25	7:30	Church Council Meeting	Chapel
Thurs. 26	7:00	Choir	Parlour
	8:00	Joint Search Committee	Parlour
Fri. 27	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	11:00	Meditation	Library
Sat. 28	8:30	Walk Through the Bible	Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
Sun. 29	9:30	Choir	Choir Room
	10.30	Baptism Sunday Service	Sanctuary
	11:00	Spirit Goose Program 0-2	Nursery