

# Baptism



## Melville United Church

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Sept 29, 2013 Baptism Sunday

Welcome to Melville United Church  
Sept. 29, 2013 - 18th after Pentecost - Baptism Sunday

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

### TIME OF QUIETING AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES

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

All: **May the light of love surround us.**

Introit: 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: Living God, you are the source of our security;

All: **in the midst of our troubles, you will be with us.**

One: Living God, you are the source of our strength;

All: **when uncertainty and weakness grip us, you will build us up.**

One: Living God, you are the source of our faith;

All: **in Jesus Christ you have given us the Sign to follow.**

One: Living God, you are the source of all our time;

All: **Be with us now, your love lasts through all eternity.**

*Pastoral Prayers to Share, Year C*

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OPENING HYMN: VU 405 New Every Morning

Opening Prayer

**God, our refuge and fortress, our shelter and strength,  
we dwell in your shadow  
and trust in your presence.**

**Grant us safety under your wings,  
protect us from the terror of the night,  
and the dangers of the day.**

**Teach us, God, to know you and love you,  
encourage us to call on you.**

**be with us in our times of joy and sorrow**

**Protect us from all that would separate us from you. 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.

### **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

Baptism Hymn: VU 444 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** (see insert)

**We welcome:**

Kinley Caroline Detta - daughter of Jeffrey and Natasha Detta  
and sister of Adalyn

Blessing of One Another

**Scripture Readings**

Timothy 6: 6 - 19

Luke 16: 19-31

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Reader: Mary Lloyd

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Message: *"JUST ENOUGH TO WET MY LIPS?"*

Valerie Pitt

HYMN: MV 127 I Saw the Rich Ones

Invitation to Offering

ANTHEM: On Eagle's Wings - M. Jonas (Psalm 91b, VU 808)

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 (in unison)

**Gracious and loving God,  
we pray that you bless this offering,  
given in response to your generous teaching,  
that these gifts may promote peace and good will among all people,  
and advance the ministries of your church. Amen.**

**Joy and Concerns**

Covenanting with the Joint Search Committee

**Committee Members:** Peggie Dickie, Neil Dunsmore

Patti Foster, Les Frayne

Alison Rainford, Elizabeth Stinson

Lorri Wright

**Presbytery Reps:** Sarah Leffler, Rev. John Markvart

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus

CLOSING HYMN: VU 506 Take My Life and Let It Be

**Blessing:** *(From 1 Timothy)*

May God, who gives life to all things

and richly provides us with everything we need,  
grant us all peace combined with contentment.

Through the love of Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
may we take hold of the life that really is life,  
the life of compassion of faith, love, endurance, and gentleness,  
both now and forevermore. Amen.

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!**

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
(clap, clap)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
(clap, clap)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands  
(clap, clap)  
while you go out with joy.**

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POSTLUDE:

*OUR WORSHIP ENDS - OUR SERVICE BEGINS*

**Partners in Prayer:** Unitarian Universalist Association

**Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference:** Bloomingdale

**Prayer Tree Captain:** Alison Rainford

**Welcomers:**

Karen Smillie, Eleanor Johnston

Joan and John Cuming

**Counters:**

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

Eleanor Johnston

**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 Ellen Brown for being here** to share her gift of music.

**There will be a Joint Search Committee meeting** on Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 8 p.m. in the Chapel.

**Thank you for the ongoing support** of the Centre Wellington Food Bank... the need for September and October is cans of baked beans and "Side kicks" ... Please drop your donations off in the baskets at the rear of the church ... God Bless.

**The Finance Team is pleased to announce that Kaillie Rawn** has agreed to take on the role of Treasurer at Melville. Thank you Kaillie!

**Financial results to the end of August 2013 are as follows:**

Actual net income was a loss of \$30,937.

Budgeted net income was a loss of \$24,009.

Full year annual budget is a loss of \$36,291.

Please contact a member of the Finance team with any questions or concerns.

**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.

**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

**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

**Friends and Food and No Strings Attached Potluck Lunch on Sat. Oct 5<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**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

**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.

**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.

**TCOW CELEBRATES A DECADE OF ENGAGEMENT WITH OUR U.C. YOUTH IN CENTRAL AMERICA** Two Countries - One World is a Waterloo Presbytery service and learning initiative for high school youth, Grade 10 and up, expanding faith beyond a North American perspective and encouraging global citizenship. Six trips have given over 100 of our young people a benchmark experience from which university studies, and careers and lives have been transformed for the greater good.

**March Break, 2015, TCOW will return to Managua, Nicaragua**, where we have developed a wonderful relationship with Barrio Grenada, a struggling community committed to its ongoing development and the education of its children. Compañeros, our hosting organization, will guide us in an encounter with the historical, social/political, and cultural realities of Nicaragua, hearing the stories of its people, and involving us in ongoing projects of service.

**COME HEAR ABOUT PLANS FOR TCOW 2015!**

WHEN? Wednesday, October 23rd 2013 @ 7:00 PM

WHERE? First United, 16 William St. W, Waterloo - in the chapel

WHO? Youth Groups, Leaders, Outreach Committee members, interested youth and parents,

MEET GONZALO DUARTE - DIRECTOR OF COMPAÑEROS

Bring your interests, questions, concerns & hopes!

Now is the time to consider this opportunity for yourself and/or your youth!

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Mon. Sept. 30 to Sun. Oct. 6, 2013

Tues. 1	9:00	Quilting	Heritage Hall
Thurs. 3	7:00	Choir	Parlour
	8:00	Joint Search Committee	Chapel
Fri. 4	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	11:00	Meditation	Library
Sat. 5	12:00	Friendship Potluck Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 6	9:30	Choir	Choir Room
	10.30	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
	11:00	Spirit Goose Program 0-2	Nursery
	6:00	Bananas	Upper Auditorium