

Welcome to Melville United Church  
 October 6, 2013 20th after Pentecost - World-Wide Communion

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: World wide people gather at the Table of Christ this day.

**All: fancy, carved tables, rough, wobbly tables, all tables worthy of you, God.**

One: World wide people gather in worship today.

**All: fancily dressed people, barefoot, shirtless people, all people worthy of you, God.**

One: World wide people praise you now, God.

**All: in groups of two or three spread out, in multitudes of hundreds squeezed together.**

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One: All worthy of you O God.

**All: Unite us, bless us, be with us, for we all approach you humbly;**

One: Let the whole world praise you, Holy God.

*(paraphrase from a prayer by Elaine Bidgood Sweet)*

OPENING HYMN: MV 12 Come Touch Our Heart

Gathering Prayer (in unison)

**God of wonder and welcome, we gather to seek your love  
and to experience being cared for.**

**So that we in turn may care for others.**

**Open us to your wonder, open us to your grace,  
open us to your justice and compassion we pray.**

**In the name of our brother Jesus. 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

SONG: MV92 "Like a Rock" Linnea Good

#### Scripture Readings

God your word is a light to our path,

Your word is a breath to our stillness,

Your word is water to our thirst:

Refresh us now and speak through your word. Amen *(Kate Crawford)*

Exodus 6: 1-12 What does God command us to do?

Matthew 25:34-40 What needs to be done?

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Reader: Barb Gregory

Message *A CONVERSATION WITH LEE MAIDLOW*

*AND PAUL HOLYOKE CENTRE WELLINGTON SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP.*

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Invitation to Offering

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)

**Holy One, may our hearts be attentive to your voice.**

**Open our eyes to see the needs of our community and the world.**

**Bless and use these gifts to bring about peace and justice  
through Jesus the Christ Amen.**

#### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION.

We are mindful of the importance of being at peace with one another  
and with God if we are to live in community.

May the peace of Christ fill your heart.

**All: May we know peace and compassion.**

COMMUNION HYMN VU480 Let us Break Bread Together

Invitation to Communion

*(serving will be at the front. Servers will also serve those who  
wish to remain in the pews)*

During serving of Communion:

Ministry of Music: Anthem Do This in Remembrance - A. Pote

Closing Hymn: VU 596 Come and Bless Us God

#### Blessing

We have tasted God's goodness.

We have eaten the bread and drank from the cup.

Go out to love and serve others, to rejoice in this meal.

May communion with God and each other

inspire all our words and actions.

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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: Prelude on Come and Bless Us God - J. M. Michel

*OUR WORSHIP ENDS - OUR SERVICE BEGINS*

**Partners in Prayer:** Elora/Bethany Pastoral Charge

**Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference:** Burkholder, Hamilton

**Prayer Tree Captain:** Alison Rainford

**Welcomers:** Diane Maloney, Ruth Sproule,  
Lynne Lamb, Bob Zirk

**Counters:** Les Frayne (Captain), Marg Frayne  
Graeme Chalmers

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Oct. 6, 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.

**A warm welcome to Paul Holyoke and Lee Maidlow** from Centre Wellington Social Justice Group.

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**After church today please join us for a Hot Dog lunch.** Donations to support Habitat for Humanity.

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

**A small group of our Congregation will be meeting with Rev. Debra McGill** to discuss the Moderator's Review. We are getting together this Wednesday, October 9th at 7:30 in the Chapel. If you would like to join us, or want further information, please speak to Ralph Rainford. It would be good to have as many people as possible.

**Sunday, Oct. 20, 7pm. Linnea Good in Concert.** At Melville United Church, Fergus. Talented Christian singer, songwriter and story teller. Co sponsored by Belwood/Metz and Elora churches. Adults \$15, Youth/\$5, children free. 519-843-3841 or 843-1781. Children 6 & under free. Tickets also at door.

**Do you have some extra sweaters taking up space in your closet?**

Canadian Lutheran World Relief is calling on Canadians to donate new or gently used sweaters for Syrian refugees living in the Za'atari refugee camp in Jordan. Thousands of people in the camp are bracing for another cold, wet winter. Many still live in tents and lack warm clothing after having fled Syria's brutal civil war with little more than the clothes on their backs. Men's, women's and children's sweaters of all sizes are needed. Please drop off your sweaters at Faith Lutheran Church, 290 Belsyde Ave East in Fergus no later than October 27.  
<http://www.clwr.org/What-We-Do/SweatersforSyrianrefugees.cfm>

**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.

**A small group is meeting before church** in the chapel to pray for our worship and our congregation. Please feel welcome to join us.

**The Melville Book group** will meet on October 27th after church.

**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 hold Melville in your prayers. Contact a member of the Finance team with any questions or concerns.

**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

**We need your donations 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. for the Fall Festival Sat Oct 26th. If you can help please call Lorna - 519-787-0570

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Mon. Oct. 7 to Sun. Oct. 13, 2013

Tues. 8	9:00	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	7:30	Stewardship	Parlour
Wed. 9	7:00	Faith Formation	Parlour
	7:30	Moderator's Review	Chapel
Thurs. 10	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 11	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	11:00	Meditation	Library
Sun. 13	9:30	Choir	Choir Room
	10.30	Sunday Service	Sanctuary