



Melville United Church

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Welcome to Melville United Church

November 3, 2013 God's Mission

– Our Gifts as a people who practice generosity.

Stewardship Theme: Give What You Can and Give Regularly.

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

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

All: May the light of love surround us.

Introit: MV 16 Come and Fill Our Hearts

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O God are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

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Call to Worship

Voice 1: Jesus travelled to many places.

Voice 2: Some made him welcome, others did not.

Voice 1: Yet in all places, Jesus tried to make others feel welcomed.

Voice 2: Jesus seldom missed a chance to tell someone that they were a beloved child of God.

Voice 1: And so in Jesus' name, we welcome you here,

Voice 2: daughters and sons of God, beloved children of our Creator.

Voice 1: When we welcome on another,
indeed we welcome the Christ into our midst as well.

Voice 2: Sisters and brothers, let us worship God.

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

GATHERING PRAYER (unison)

God we find our being in you.

God we seek our becoming in you.

God, we find our belonging in you.

Come to this place, this day as we gather as people of God.

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

HYMN: VU 585 Jesus Bids Us Shine

THEME CONVERSATION

Blessing of One Another

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)

Hebrew Scripture: Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4 Making a vision of justice clear to all.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 19: 1 – 10 Jesus dines with Zacchaeus.

(read from the Message)

All Sing: "My Soul cries out" (MV 120 *refrain only*)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Ruth Sproule

Ministry of Music: Anthem: Every Day is a Gift From the Lord D. Besig

Message: "BRIDGE ACROSS THE GRAND"

Valerie Pitt

HYMN: VU 402 We Are One

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Offering and Stewardship Commitment

Generosity cannot be measured.

When we give from our hearts and seek to meet needs,

there is no such thing as being more or less generous.

Because God has been generous to us, let us offer our gifts.

Minute for Mission:

Deb Bodiam

Offering Response VU 537 Your Work, O God (in unison)

**Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.**

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

**Holy God we pray that these gifts may enable the life of this
congregation and may bless the lives of many in the world. We pray in
the name of love and hope. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Prayer Jesus taught to us.

HYMN: VU 427 To Show by Touch and Word

Blessing:

And now, surrounded by the wonderful love of God,

which will not let us go,

which holds us,

enfolds us,

forgives us,

empowers us,

encourages us,

and gives us hope,

let us go forth with confidence and joy

to live the lives to which God calls us.

(Bob Root)

Choral Response MV 209 Go Make a Difference

Go make a diff'rence, we can make a diff'rence

Go make a diff'rence in the world

Go make a diff'rence, we can make a diff'rence

Go make a diff'rence in the world

We are the salt in the earth, called to let the people see

The love of God in you and me

We are the light of the world, not to be hidden, but be seen

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POSTLUDE: Prelude in d J. S. Bach

Prayers for this worship service may be from Seasons of the Spirit or Gathering Magazine.

Commitments may be brought up at this time.

"The future is not some place we are going, but one we are creating. The paths are not to be found, but made. And the activity of making them changes both the maker and the destination." John H. Schaar

OUR WORSHIP ENDS - OUR SERVICE BEGINS

Partners in Prayer: The Door Youth Centre

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: Cooksville, Mississauga

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: Isabel Weaver, Elizabeth Stintson,
Eleanor Brown, Karen Smillie

Counters: Ruth Sproule (C), Helen Lacroix
Claude Lacroix

ANNOUNCEMENTS Nov. 3, 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.

Hot Dog Day - today! Proceeds for the luncheon today is for the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Come on down.. there is plenty to go around!

The Joint Search Committee has completed three extensive interviews and has selected two candidates to visit at their church for a Sunday worship. These visits will be completed by the end of November.

Christmas Cantata. The choir will perform an easy Christmas Cantata on Advent 4th (Dec. 22nd) If you like to join the choir for that please come out on Thursday Nights for our Choir practice starting October 24th at 7pm. Hope to see you then. Please contact Matthias Schmidt for any questions.

Be ready... we're coming for your food! This Hallowe'en, lend a hand and fight for hunger during our 5th annual Trick or Eat campaign. We're trading our candy for canned food for the CW Foodbank. We will be in the Milburn/St David St S neighborhood between 6-7 p.m. this year. If we're not in your area but you would like to contribute, food can be dropped off at the church up to November 4th.

Have you ever been to the Kitchener Christmas market? Well, if you liked that then come and celebrate St Nicholas Day at our own DIY Christ Kindle Market! Friday Dec. 6th. Potluck at 5:30 p.m., followed by DIY Bazaar booths, storytelling and puppet show, music from The Band, and more! For all ages.

Fall Garage & Bake Sale: Fri. Sat. & Mon. Nov. 8, 9 & 11 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Donations are being received on Thurs. Nov. 7th from 9 a.m - 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a good time to take a walk through your residence and de-clutter any items that you can do without. Melville can benefit from them. Baking items can be brought in on Thurs. Or Fri. morning. Thanks for your support. Lorna Bevcar 519-787-0570.

Melville Financial Update – September 30, 2013

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Givings	120,965	136,500
Other Revenue	28,345	37,125
Total Revenue	149,310	173,625
Expenses	172,484	200,587
Net Income (Loss)	(23,174)	(26,962)

Givings continue to be behind budget, although the gap has narrowed due to a significant one-time donation received in September. Expenses also continue to be less than budgeted resulting in the year-to-date loss being lower than budget. Please contact a member of the Finance team with any questions or concerns.

CW Food Bank Christmas Hamper program has begun!! Melville has been asked to contribute 300 cereal boxes....healthier choices please. These items need to be collected by December 8th to allow time to deliver to the Sportsplex to be included in the hampers. The food bank is also looking for a few volunteers to help with the distribution of the hampers... if you would like to help in this manner, please speak to Mary Lloyd for more details.

Movie Nights at Melville! Join us for a series of very entertaining and perhaps even inspiring movies on Sunday evenings in November at Melville. Admission is free, and we will even provide the popcorn and refreshments. Movies will be shown in the chapel, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Our movies for November are:

November 3 - "Local Hero", written and directed by Bill Forsyth. This 1983 film remains touching and topical today. An American oil tycoon sends a company representative to a quaint Scottish town with the intent of buying the entire town to service an off-shore oil drilling boom. The travelling American becomes entangled with dozens of the colourful local folk, which changes his attitude toward his job and life in general. Starring Burt Lancaster, Peter Riegert and a host of marvellous Scottish actors, this film won several British Film Awards (the British "Oscars") including best picture and screenplay.

November 17 - "The Straight Story", a 1999 film directed by David Lynch. This touching tale concerns a man in his 70s, suffering from poor health, who on learning that his long estranged brother is also ill, determines to visit his brother to make amends before it is too late. However, unable to drive a car, he makes the distant journey aboard his riding lawn mower. Starring Richard Farnsworth, in an Academy Award nominated performance, the movie also features Academy Award winner Sissy Spacek as his very concerned daughter.

November 24 - "Big Night", an award winning film from 1996, directed by Campbell Scott and Stanley Tucci. Tucci and co-star Tony Shaloub appear as two Italian-America brothers, trying to keep their struggling Italian restaurant above water. Their rival, in a very prosperous nearby restaurant, offers to help them by having noted 1940s and 50s entertainer Louis Prima come to dine at their restaurant. The two brothers begin working on the huge preparations for their "big night". Their anticipation perhaps mirrors our own as we prepare for the Advent season.

Val will be away from November 11 - 25 to be part of a United Church immersion experience in Palestine-Israel. The study group will explore best practices and processes around planning and implementing short term mission trips, while also meeting with global, ecumenical and local partners that live in the context of Palestine and Israel.

Our first task in approaching

Another people

Another culture

Another religion

Is to take off your shoes

For The place we are approaching is holy.

Else we may find ourselves treading on another's dream.

More serious still

We may forget

That God was there before our arrival.

(Max Warren)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Nov. 4 to Sun. Nov. 10, 2013

Tues. 5	9:00	Quilting	Heritage Hall
Thurs. 7	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 8	8:00	Garage & Bake Sale	Fellowship Hall
	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	10.30	Pastoral Care Meeting	Choir Room
	11:00	Meditation	Library
Sat. 9	12:00	Garage & Bake Sale	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 10	9:30	Choir	Choir Room
	10.30	Sunday Service	Sanctuary