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**Welcome to Melville United Church
February 2, 2014 - 4th after Epiphany**

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

Lighting of Candles

One: We light these candles to remind us of the presence of God

All: May the light of love surround us

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us bind unto ourselves today

The virtues of the star-lit heaven,

The glorious sun's life-giving rays

The whiteness of the moon at even,

The flashing of the lightening free,

The whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,

The stable earth, the deep salt sea

Around the old eternal rocks.

(from a hymn by St. Patrick)

OPENING HYMN: VU 409 Morning Has Broken

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Team Ministry

Guest Speaker:	John Markvart
Youth Ministry Leader:	Jennifer Auger
Director of Music:	Matthias Schmidt
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GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)

Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore, every mist
in the dark woods, every clearing and humming insect is
holy in the memory and experience of my people. Teach
your children what we have taught our children, that the
Earth is our mother. The rivers are our siblings, they quench
our thirst and feed our children. The air is precious to my
people, for all things share the same breath – the beast, the
tree, humankind, they all share the same breath. And what is
humankind without the beasts? If all the beasts were gone,
we would die from a great loneliness of spirit.

This we know. The Earth does not belong to us; we belong
to the Earth. Humankind did not weave the web of life, we
are merely a strand in it. Whatever humankind does to the
web, we do to ourselves. All things are connected like the
blood which unites one family. All things are connected.” *Chief Seattle*

SONG OF PRAISE: We Shall Overcome - Pete Seeger

Theme Conversation: Jen Auger

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading:

First Reading: Micah 6 1-8

Second Reading: Matthew 5 1 - 12

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

All: Thanks be to God.

Readers: Martha and Evan Duncan

Choir Anthem: You Raise Me Up - T. Fettke

Reflection: “WALK HUMBL Y” John Markvart

HYMN: VU 595 We are Pilgrims

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING INVITATION

To give is better than to receive.

May our gifts be a grateful response for all we have been given.

Offertory Response: MV 191 What can I do?

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

OFFERING PRAYER

May these gifts and the spirit in which they are given help to create a
compassionate community here at Melville and help to create justice
throughout the world.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of the People,

Jesus Prayer: VU 916 A Paraphrase

CLOSING HYMN: VU 307 Touch The Earth Lightly

An Old Irish Blessing

May love and laughter light your days

And warm your heart and home

May good and faithful friends be yours

Wherever you may roam

May peace and plenty bless your world

With joy that long endures

May all life's passing seasons

Bring the best to you and yours!

Choral Closing:

Melville Benediction

**Let's go out from here and take our place,
 Respect creation, sharing all God's grace.
 Treasure the past and things we have done,
 Open our minds to new things yet to come.
 God will be with us within, around, above,
 Bless all our doings. Let us go and love!
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OUR WORSHIP ENDS - OUR SERVICE BEGINS

POSTLUDE: Prelude in F - J. S. Bach

Partners in Prayer: Maranatha Canadian reformed Church, Fergus
 Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: Hornby (Bethel, Hillcrest)
 Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: Virginia Ingelby, Mary Hume,
 Diane Maloney, Elizabeth Stinson
Counters: Gary O'Leary (C) Jane O'Leary
 Brenda Ecclestone/Oates

ANNOUNCEMENTS Feb. 2, 2014

If you are worshiping with us for the first time, welcome! Please sign our Guest Book at the back of the church or in the entranceway.

We thank Rev. John Markvart for being part of our worship service this morning.

"Our time for worship will be changed for the month of February to 11 a.m. We welcome feedback about how to best accommodate this change and enhance our time together as a community on Sunday mornings. Please forward feedback and suggestions to Alison Rainford."

Many thanks From Bunny and Art: - Many thanks for the cards, food, flowers and best wishes for a speedy recovery after our car accident of January 13'th. We are most fortunate to have so many good friends in Melville! Gizmo is almost back to his old self now...still not up to walking for more than 10 minutes or so, but happy to get out. Bunny has a lot more sore spots than I do and finds it difficult to sit for a long period....a cushion helps! We did not have any broken bones, but have a lot of bruises and contusions, some in places we never dreamt of....mostly from the air bags!! Thank you very much for your best wishes and kindnesses after our unfortunate incident.

Musical at Melville. Spring will come and as in the past years we are planing our own - original - Musical production: THE WALL. This is planned for the Sunday after Easter, April 27th with rehearsing starting in February. We need Children for the Choir and Actors (non-singing parts) If you or you child/ren are interested please contact Matthias Schmidt at (519) 836-9720 or matsch@rogers.com

Steve Michaels as Elvis. Come hear the best of Elvis' gospel and main stream hits. Fri. Apr. 25 and Sat. Apr. 26, 8pm at Melville United Church. For Tickets Contact Ralph Basset Associates at 519-843-4852.

Melville Book Club

On Dec 29, those people who were able to get together after church enjoyed a lively and interesting discussion about the book "Left Neglected" by Lisa Genova. It is a well written and thought provoking book with a positive ending.

We are now reading the book "Clara Callan" by Richard B. Wright. It is written in the format of a diary and letters, an intriguing way to develop the story and the characters of Clara and her sister Nora. The book will be discussed February 9 after church. If you wish to read this book, whether or not you are able to participate in the discussion, please sign your name on the book club sheet on the clipboard in the church library.

Button, Button! Please wear your name button to assist Rev. Marion in learning names here at Melville. If you need a new button, please see Ralph Rainford.

Bill 168 “Violence and Harassment Policies” - Copies of this bill as it pertains to Melville United Church can be found on the bulletin board on all three levels of our church. If you have questions about this document, please see Neil Dunsmore or Ralph Rainford. Thank you.

The 5 Love Languages of Children. This 3-session workshop for parents, grandparents and caregivers will be held here at Melville UC on the 1st Wednesdays of Feb., Mar., and Apr., from 7-8:30p.m. Facilitators are Heather Halls and Shawna Dunsmore. There is no cost, but please RSVP to Jen so we can prepare materials for you.

Wii Bowl for Kids - Church Challenge. It is that time of year! Please join us in supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters, Feb. 21 6-8 p.m. Wii Bowling, pizza and prizes! For all ages!! Pledge sheets available, or \$15/person at the door.

Bulletins and Updates: If you want to be on the email list to receive weekly bulletins or other updates, please contact Gerri at the church office. Also, remember that the bulletins and calendar events are posted on our website, www.melvilleunited.com.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Feb. 3 - Sun. Feb. 9, 2014

Tues. 4	9:00	Quilting	Parlour
Wed. 5	6:00	Parent Workshop	Chapel
Thurs. 6	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 7	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	11:00	Meditation	Library
Sun. 9	11:00	Sunday Service	Sanctuary

A few thoughts to get us all thinking about how positive change can be!

Seven interesting benefits that come from change ...

1. Personal Growth

You grow and learn new things every time something changes. You discover new insights about different aspects of your life. You learn lessons even from changes that did not lead you to where you wanted to be.

2. Flexibility

Frequent changes make you easily adapt to new situations, new environments, and new people. As a result, you manage more easily when something unexpectedly shifts.

3. Improvements

We all have things in our lives we'd like to improve—finances, job, partner, house, etc. All of us know that nothing will improve by itself. We need to do things differently to make that happen. Without change, there'd be no improvements.

4. Life values

From time to time, changes make you re-evaluate your life and look at certain things from a different perspective. Depending on what the change is, it may also reinforce your life values.

5. Progress

Changes trigger progress. Things move forward and develop because of the them.

6. Opportunities

One never knows what each change may bring. When you turn from your usual path there will be plenty of different opportunities waiting for you. Changes will bring new choices for happiness and fulfillment.

7. New Beginnings

Each change is a turning page. It is about closing one chapter and opening another one. Changes bring new beginnings and excitement to life.