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**Welcome to Melville United Church
January 19, 2014 - 2nd 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

INTROIT: VU 41 Christ is Born

Christ is born; give him glory!

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Remember the light?

It shone on us at Christmas

Come again to that light, it is shining still

It brings us hope, it brings us peace

It brings us joy, it brings us love

Come, come to that light;

It shines on us from God.

Melville United Church

St. Andrew Street West, Fergus, ON: 519-843-1781

Team Ministry

Guest Speaker:	Gavin Williams
Youth Ministry Leader:	Jennifer Auger
Director of Music:	Matthias Schmidt
Church Secretary:	Gerri McCullough
Custodian:	Robert Mitchell
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OPENING HYMN: VU 326 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

GATHERING PRAYER (one)

Loving God, Christ has proclaimed you Father, and the Church your Children. Yet in the midst of our busy lives we can sometimes forget that everyone we meet today is also your child. We do not know the burdens those around us carry. There are those in our communities who struggle in darkness. Help us, as the Body of Christ, to see with your eyes and rise above our own surroundings to see the good in all we meet. Let us be as your Son, a Light unto the world. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE: Shine, Jesus, Shine

Theme Conversation: Jen Auger

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading:

First reading - Hebrew Testament - Isaiah 49:1-7 read by Lillian Gohn
Psalm 40, VU 764

Second reading - Epistle - 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Gospel - John 1:29-42 read by Gavin Williams

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

All: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem: Blest Are the Pure in Heart - R.S. Eaton

Reflection: "ANSWERING THE CALL" Guest Speaker: Gavin Williams

HYMN: VU 506 Take My Life and Let It Be

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING INVITATION

God knows each one of us by name and calls us to live our faith fully. One way that we respond is in bringing our gifts to God. Our offerings will now be received.

Offertory Response: VU 55 In the Bleak Midwinter vs4

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

if I were a wise one, I would do my part;

yet what I can I give him - give my heart.

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

Loving God, receive our gifts and our thanks for love that surrounds us during epiphany and always. We commit ourselves again to justice, peace and compassion. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of the People, Prayer of Jesus

CLOSING HYMN: VU 509 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

BLESSING

May hope fill your heart.

May peace bless your spirit.

May joy guide your journey.

May love light your way.

(Ted Dodd)

Choral Closing VU 35 Good Christian Friends Rejoice *(verse 3)*

Good Christian friends, rejoice

with heart and soul and voice!

Now ye need not fear the grave:

Peace! Peace!

Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all

to gain his everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save!

Christ was born to save!

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POSTLUDE: Jesus ist kommen (Jesus Has Come) - M. Reger

OUR WORSHIP ENDS - OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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Partners in Prayer: Grand River Community Church
Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: Harmony, Brantford
Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers: Dorothy Collin, Graeme Chalmers,
Linda and Norm Porritt
Counters: Richard Wright (C), Kaillie Rawn
Norma Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS Jan. 19, 2014

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.

Melville United is pleased to welcome Mr. Gavin Williams who is leading the service today.

Joy Unit of UCW will meet on Jan. 21st, 7:30 in the parlour. Our hosts Marlene Tosh and Joan Cuming.

Friends and Food and No Strings Attached Potluck Lunch on Sat. Feb. 1st 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.

Melville's Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 23rd in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. As usual, lunch will be provided. Council reps are reminded to send their reports for inclusion in the annual report as soon as possible. Gerri needs time to prepare the booklet. The Stewardship Ministry Team will be looking for members to fill vacancies on the various ministry teams. Please give some thought as to where your talents can be best used. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Treasure Shop - Free Good Used Clothing Giveaway (for ALL ages babies to adults) Feb 1st, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. till 12 noon at Bethel Baptist Church, 675 Victoria Terrace, Fergus

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 20 - Sun. Jan. 26, 2014

Tues. 21	9:00	Quilting	Parlour
	2:00	Guided Meditation	Chapel
	7:30	Unit Joy	Parlour
Thurs. 23	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 24	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	11:00	Meditation	Library
Sun. 26	10.30	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
	3:00	Spirit Goose	Nursery

Dear Friends at Melville United,

Thank you so much for the lovely farewell party and the very generous leaving gift. I truly appreciate your kindness. My time at Melville United has been rich and rewarding. Here, I have truly felt the presence of the Spirit. I have met some of the most amazing, gifted and faithful people and we have been blessed in our ministry together.

It was hard to say goodbye to you all and you will be happy to know that I am still crying as I read your good wishes in the book that I was given. (not surprised to hear that I am sure!)

I am happy that Marion Loree will be coming to Melville to join our existing ministry team. I know that you will offer her the same generous hospitality that I have experienced. God has great plans for Melville.

It goes without saying that I will remember our time together with great fondness, and carry each one of you always in my heart.

See you in Sarnia where you are welcome anytime. (I guarantee that it is not as bad as Neil paints it!).

With Blessings and love,
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