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**Welcome to Melville United Church  
January 26, 2014 - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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**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**

God, you are always calling your people  
to follow you into the future,  
inviting us to new ventures, new challenges,  
new ways to care,  
new ways to touch the hearts of all.

When we become fearful of the unknown,  
**give us courage.**

When we worry that we are not up to the task,  
**remind us that you would not call us  
if you did not believe in us.**

Melville United Church  
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Team Ministry

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Church Secretary:	Gerri McCullough
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When we get tired,  
or feel disappointed with the way things are going,  
**remind us that you can bring change and hope  
out of the most difficult situations.**

*(Neil Paynter)*

OPENING HYMN: VU 642 Be Thou My Vision

GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)

**We long for a community, grounded in compassion, for  
ourselves, for one another, and for our mother earth.**

**Let us give thanks for the gifts of the spirit that we bring,  
gifts that can create a compassionate community.  
We know the greatest gift is love.**

**May wisdom, grounded in love, guide our actions.  
May generosity, grounded in love, lead us on a path of  
Hope and trust in the future of Melville.  
May justice, grounded in love, be the foundation of our  
fellowship, so that everyone and everything  
will be treated with respect and honour.**

**Let us open our hearts to the mystery of love which is like  
a fountain filling us with peace and joy. Amen.** *(John Markvart)*

SONG OF PRAISE: Every Move I Make

Theme Conversation: Jen Auger

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture Reading:**

First reading - Epistle - 1 Corinthians 1: 10 - 18  
Gospel - Matthew 4: 12 - 23

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Reader: Virginia Ingleby

**Choir Anthem:** Walking in the Faith of Our Lord - D. Besig

Reflection: *“MELVILLE 2014; READY”*

Jane O’Leary

HYMN: VU 691 Though Ancient Walls

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

Gracious God, we seek to be an open, compassionate and inclusive  
Christian community; honouring and serving the living Christ in all that  
we do. This is the vision that you helped us define. Help us to freely  
share our gifts, knowing they will be used to match our vision.

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**

Loving God,  
**We give, not out of obligation,  
but as a response of thanksgiving to you.  
We give, not to keep the local church going,  
but to promote the mission of Jesus Christ.  
We give, not just to serve the persons in need  
that we know, but to serve those who are  
needy throughout the world.  
We give and you, O God, receive our gifts and  
Remind us that this is holy money.  
You have blessed us, O God. Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Prayers of the People, Prayer of Jesus

CLOSING HYMN: MV 209 Go Make a Difference

### BLESSING

Go forward into life,  
 living with a daring yet caring faith,  
 caring with a strong yet gentle heart,  
 serving with a clear yet sensitive purpose.  
 Go from this place of worship into a world of  
 opportunity, and as you go, may the peace of  
 Christ embrace you, the love of God support you,  
 and the presence of the Holy Spirit encourage you,  
 this day and always. *(Bill Steadman)*

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!  
 Bless all our doings. Let us go and love!**

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OUR WORSHIP ENDS - OUR SERVICE BEGINS

POSTLUDE: How Lovely Shines the Morning Star - J. C. H. Rinck

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

**Welcomers:**

Peggie Dickie, David Gohn,  
 Isobel Glennie, Bob Zirk

**Counters:**

David Gohn (C), Norma Martin  
 Phil Brown

### ANNOUNCEMENTS Jan. 26, 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.

**Our sympathies are extended** to the family and friends of Ann Marie Beckham who passed away peacefully on Sun. Jan. 19. The funeral service was held on Thurs. Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> in Elora.

#### SERVICE TIME - 11: A.M.

**Beginning in February our service time will begin at 11:00 a.m.** If anyone has questions, suggestions or comments, we will meet in the Heritage Room immediately after **Today's** service.

**Unit Faith meets on Mon. Jan. 27** at 2:00 p.m. in the parlour.

**Tues. Jan. 28, Unit Grace meets** in the parlour at 2:00 p.m. The subject is "In Loving Partnerships" taken from the Mandate magazine. All welcome!

**Friends and Food and No Strings Attached Potluck Lunch** on Sat. Feb. 1<sup>st</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.

**Thank you to Phil Brown** for recently completing some maintenance on the heating system by replacing the pump that keeps the boiler full of water and also other related maintenance.

**Melville's Annual Meeting** will take place on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Fellowship Hall Floor:** Melville has received the great news that we have been approved to receive a grant to replace the Fellowship Hall Floor. Thank you to all who assembled the application.

**Mission & Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone** that attended our hot dog luncheon on Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>. Your support allowed us to forward \$306.00 to the H.E.A.R.T.S. (Haitians Educated and Ready to Serve) group at St. Andrew's. Thank you!

**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

#### **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.

**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.

**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.

#### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Mon. Jan. 27 - Sun. Feb. 2, 2014

Mon. 27	10:00	Spirituality Circle	Parlour
	2:00	Unit Faith	Parlour
Tues. 28	9:00	Quilting	Parlour
	2:00	Unit Grace	Parlour
	7:00	Parent Workshop	Parlour
Thurs. 30	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 31	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	11:00	Meditation	Library
Sat.1	12:00	Friendship Potluck Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 2	11:00	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
	3:00	Spirit Goose	Nursery
	6:00	Bananas	Upper Auditorium