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**Melville United Church
February 9, 2014
5th after Epiphany**

** Congregation please rise as you are able.*
Bold print invites congregational response.

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

Call to Worship: *(Pastoral Prayers to Share, Year A by David Sparks)*

People of God, rejoice in God's presence!

As we praise and pray, God is with us.

People of God, rejoice in this faith community!

As we support each other,

as we reach out a helping hand, God is with us.

People of God, rejoice in your Christian faith!

As we follow the way of Jesus,

as we proclaim his Good News, God is with us.

***Hymn:** VU 389 God is Here

Opening Prayer

Light of the world,

be our light this day.



Melville United Church

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Creator of life,

preserve our life this day.

Holy God,

pour out your love on us this day.

Light of the world,

**we gather to praise you on this day,
with our hearts, souls, and minds. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession:

Holy Presence, we take a moment now to contemplate the injustices that exist in this community and around us.

We ask forgiveness for the ways we knowingly or unknowingly contribute to it.

Source of Life, we lament the ways our community has fallen short of shining a light on your ways.

We ask forgiveness for the ways we keep our light hidden.

Creator of All, we think about those times then we have let busy-ness dominate our lives.

We ask forgiveness for the times we have turned away from needs and troubles in our community.

Holy One, guide us

to practice justice and deal generously with others as we go about our daily lives. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Like salt, like yeast, God's influence is silent, yet strong within us.

With God our confidence is restored, our sense of hope renewed.

Pardon and peace is God's will for us.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

Chorus: MV 50 Alleluia (Duncan)

Theme Conversation:

Jen Auger

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Hymn: VU 585 Jesus Bids Us Shine

Ministry of Music: With Hearts and Hands - J. Rutter

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-13

(Wisdom through God's Spirit)

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 112 VU 834

(Delight in God's commandments)

Reader: Alan Hons

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

(You are salt; you are light)

Message/Reflection:

Rev. Marion Loree

***Hymn:** MV1 Let Us Build a House

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING

Offertory Hymn: 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. (Repeat)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of light and love. We come today to offer ourselves to you. Bless the gifts we bring. They are a token of our lives and a symbol of the love we hold for you in our hearts. We have been blessed with so much and we gratefully give back a portion to be used to further your work in this community and beyond. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer Prelude: MV 82 Bathe Me in Your Light (vs 1)

Bathe me in your light, O God of All, Creator;
 let it shine upon my soul with healing and with grace.
 Be to me a beacon bright through shadows of life's wounding,
 showing me the way to live in faith, in your embrace.

Prayers of the People:**Prayer of Jesus:**

***Hymn:** VU 427 To Show by Touch and Word

***Blessing/Sending Forth:**

True happiness comes from God.

We are happy when we follow God's ways.

True courage comes from God.

We are brave when we follow the Spirit's guidance.

True creativity comes from God.

**We are creative when we open ourselves
 to be all that God wants us to be.**

Let your light shine so that your happy, courageous and creative self will
 be seen by all whom you meet.

Go, now into the world knowing the love of God, the peace of Christ
 and the companionship of the Holy Spirit is with you always. Let the
 people say...

Amen!

*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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Prayer of the Week:

Gracious God, grant us eyes to see your vision for your people. Help us
 rise as a light, as we delight in your commands. Amen.

OUR WORSHIP ENDS - OUR SERVICE BEGINS

Postlude: Prelude in E-flat major - H. Peter

Partners in Prayer: Grace Christian Fellowship, Fergus

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: Kincardine

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers:

Karen Smillie, Eleanor Johnston,
 Lorna Bevcar, Graeme Chalmers

Counters:

Karen Smillie (C), Lloyd Ross
 John Duncan

ANNOUNCEMENTS Feb. 9, 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.

Spirituality Circle will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Mon. Feb. 10 in the
 parlour.

William Howard Fielding passed away on Saturday February 1, 2014 in
 Toronto. He is the brother of Joan (Fielding) Foster. His funeral will take
 place on Sunday, February 9, 2014. He often visited his sister in Fergus
 and enjoyed a UCW meal and birthday party in December at Melville
 United Church.

The Annual Report is at the back of the church. There is a limited
 number so if you pick one up, please bring it with you to the Annual
 Meeting on Feb. 23rd after the service.

Come and celebrate 2013 at Melville's Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 23 in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service. Lunch will be provided as well as a programme for the children. The Finance Ministry Team will present the budget for 2014. The Stewardship Ministry is looking for members to fill vacancies on the various Ministry Teams. Prayerfully consider where your talents can be best used. Mark your calendar and plan to join us.

Musical at Melville. Spring will come and as in the past years we are planning 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.

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.

On Sunday, February 16 at St. John's United Church in Belwood at 1:30 p.m. Brad Halls (piano and vocals) and his daughter Laura Harp (vocals) will present a concert of popular song standards with a Valentine's Day theme entitled "Songs of Love: Lost and Found". Come and enjoy an afternoon of great music from many of the great songwriters - George Gershwin ("But Not For Me", "Love Walked In"), Irving Berlin ("How About Me?", "Better Luck Next Time"), Hoagy Carmichael ("I Get Along Without You Very Well) and many more. Tickets available at Wilkin's Jewellers in Fergus, the Belwood Country Market in Belwood, and at the church on the afternoon of the performance. All proceeds from the event will benefit the life and work of St. John's United Church.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Feb. 10 - Sun. Feb. 16, 2014

Mon. 10	10:00	Spirituality Circle	Parlour
Tues. 11	9:00	Quilting	Parlour
Wed. 12	7:00	Faith Formation	Parlour
Thurs. 13	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 14	10:00 11:00	Coffee Hour Meditation	Parlour Library
Sun. 16	11:00 6:00	Sunday Service Bananas	Sanctuary Upper Auditorium