

**Melville United Church**  
**March 2, 2014**  
**Baptism Sunday**

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*\* 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.

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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE: Improvisation

**Sharing the Light**

**Chorus:** MV 18 God Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

**God prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true;  
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
sanctuary for you.**

**Call to Worship:** (written by Karen Boivin.

Gathering, Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2013-2014, page 48. Used with permission.)

Gather all of you with friends in high places!

**Soar on the music to the God who transcends all things.**

Gather all of you with friends in low places.

**Christ has accompanied us in dire times.**

Gather as friends on middle ground where God and mortal meet

**and we are encouraged to live ever deeper, higher,  
and wider into our faith.**

Come, people of God, let us worship together.

**\*Hymn: VU 104** We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Opening Prayer:

**We may not be able to climb a hill for you, O God, but we gather to worship you in this place. We may never see Jesus transfigured in our presence, but we witness your transforming power in our living. We may not have the words to explain all that you are, Holy Mystery, but we have hearts that want to worship all that you are. Enable us to meet you in your splendour all around us, that we may worship in truth and love. Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession:**

Ever-present, dynamic Love,

**we confess we are resistant to change.**

There are times when we are quick to label you,

**to confine you in places deemed sacred and resist you in the everyday.**

Help us open up to the mystery that transfigures that which we think we know

**help us to grow in accepting that transformation is possible with you. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance:**

Do not fear the voice of Love calling you, but feel the touch of Jesus and hear the voice of the Christ saying, "Get up and do not be afraid."

**Thanks be to God! Amen!**

Chorus: MV 50 Alleluia (Duncan)

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

Ministry of Music: You Are Mine - M. Hayes

**Hymn: VU 445** A Little Child the Saviour Came

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** (see insert)

Emma Edith Hons - daughter of Allan Dennis Hons and Keri Lyn Hons,  
Sister of Grace

and

David Ian Kenneth Anderson - son of Ashley Nicole Anderson  
and Brian Douglas Anderson. Brother of Connor

Blessing of One Another

**Scripture Reading:** Exodus 24:12-18

(God calls Moses up the mountain)

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 99 - *(At the foot of the mountains -James Taylor  
Everyday Psalms)*

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Reader: Don Grant

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 17:1-9

(Jesus is transfigured)

**Message/Reflection:** "CHANGING THE VIEW" Rev. Marion Loree

**Hymn: MV 27** Creator God You Gave Us Life

**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 (unison)

**Loving God, Great Mystery that surrounds us, we offer these gifts that they might enhance Christ's message in our world, and call others ever closer to you. Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Prayer Prelude: MV82 Bathe Me in Your Light (vs1)

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

**\*Hymn: VU 101** Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

**\*Blessing/Sending Forth:**

God's love surrounds you.

**May we know the transforming power of God every day,**  
 May you hear the voice of God calling you into the world,  
**for it is there we see and meet the Christ.**  
 Go, knowing you are never alone, knowing you are blessed and knowing  
 you are a beloved child of God. **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!  
 Bless all our doings. Let us go and love!**

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**Prayer of the Week:** O Mystery, O Holy Love, may our hearts be  
 stilled. May our souls be porous to absorb your divine grace. May we  
 hear, feel, and understand the words that quench our burning desire:  
 "My Beloved with whom I am well pleased." Amen.

OUR WORSHIP ENDS - OUR SERVICE BEGINS

Postlude: Menuet - H Purcel

Partners in Prayer: Bethel Mennonite

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: Lynden, Troy

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

**Welcomers:**

Dorothy Collin, Elizabeth Stintson,  
 David Gohn, Richard Wright

**Counters:**

Jane O'Leary (C), Gary O'Leary  
 Brenda Ecclestone/Oates

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** March 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.

**Shrove Tuesday, pancake supper** will be held on Tuesday, March 4th in  
 the Fellowship Hall from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Please mark you  
 calendar and plan to join us. Freewill Offering and All You Can Eat! If  
 you would like to help, please contact Ralph Rainford.

**International Women's Day Celebration**

The Grandmothers of the Grand (Stephen Lewis Foundation) invites all  
 ladies to a complimentary evening honouring Women of the World.  
 Saturday, March 8th – 7 p.m. at the Elora Legion – Maple Leaf Room.  
 Sample International foods from local Restaurants and Bistros. Shop at  
 the Marketplace and bid at our silent auction. Meet your friends and  
 make new ones. Take some time for you! Listen to the beautiful sounds  
 of Hannah Chaplain. Nancy Revie, motivational speaker will give an  
 inspirational talk about International Women's Day. Women build  
 bridges of peace and hope for the future. Call Elly for more info  
 519-843-1528

**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.

**Thank you Ron Anticknap and Don Grant** for installing the updated sign on the exterior of the church, which now displays the names of our two ministers, Jen and Rev. Marion.

**The Centre Wellington Food Bank is in need of** cans of mixed vegetables. Thank you for all your ongoing support! Mission & Outreach committee.

**No Irish Stew Supper this year:** Please note Melville will not be having an Irish Stew Supper, this year! We encourage everyone to come to our Pancake Supper and the events that are coming up in April: Elvis Concert on Apr 25 & 26th, and "The Wall" play on Apr 27<sup>th</sup>, by our youth!

**Waterloo Presbyterial 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting** at Melville United Church in Fergus on Mon. Apr. 7 at 9:00 a.m. The theme is "Let Justice Flow Down" - speaker is Brice Balmer. Lunch ticket available for \$10.00/plate. Please call Bev. Anticknap at 519-843-2491 to book a lunch ticket or for more information.

**ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE** will be hosted by St. Joseph's Parish at 760 St David St N Fergus, on Friday, March 7th, at 1 pm. This year the service was written by the women of Egypt. The theme is "Streams in the Desert." EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!! For more information call Lori 519-843-2006

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

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