

**ANNOUNCEMENTS - March 29, 2015**

**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.

**Visioning for the Music Program at Melville.** On May 3rd (after the service and after Lunch) everyone is invited to participate in a Visioning session about the Music program at our church.(aprox. from 1 pm until 2.30 pm) We want to explore and share ideas how to move the Music (and Performing Art) Program into the future, attract new and different participants, reach out into the wider community etc. This meeting will be facilitated by Lorna McQueen from Hamilton conference who will guide us through this process. The May 3rd meeting is about "brainstorming", "thinking outside the box" and sharing ideas. It will be followed up on May 24th with a second meeting (similar time frame) where we hopefully come up with some concrete steps. If you are interested please show up. For any questions talk to Matthias Schmidt or any member of Worship and Music

**Maundy Thursday.** Join us for our Seder celebration, and reflection on Jesus' Last Supper. Gather at 5:45 p.m., dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a food dish to share. This is a family friendly event!

**United Church Summer Camps.** The Faith Formation team has \$75-\$100 bursaries available for any child who wishes to attend a United Church camp this summer. Find camp information for Ryerson Camp (Turkey Point) @ [www.ryersoncamp.com](http://www.ryersoncamp.com), Silver Lake Camp @ [www.silverlakecamp.ca](http://www.silverlakecamp.ca), and Cave Springs Camp @ [www.cavespringscamp.on.ca](http://www.cavespringscamp.on.ca). Speak to Jen about accessing the bursaries ([youthleader@melvilleunited.com](mailto:youthleader@melvilleunited.com))

**Family Fun Nights!** Lego, playdough, board games and movies - something for everyone in the family. Join us for our next 2 fun nights at 5:45 p.m.: April 19th (Mary Poppins), May 17th (Follow That Bird).

**Visioning for our Children & Youth.** What would you like for your youth to get from Melville? What do you hope their memories of church will be? How would you like to be involved? These are questions faith formation has been asking this year, and we hope that you will help us shape the answer. All parents, grandparents and caregivers are invited to join us for some creative visioning time on April 19th at 6 p.m. (bring the kids with you for the "family fun night").

**Kids Church - Think Spring!!!**

We are in need of teachers for the months of April, May and June. The new Spring sign up sheet is posted in the hallway. The themes are "Jesus Feeds 5000" in April, "The Sower" in May and "Fruit of the Spirit" in June. See Jen Auger, Martha Duncan or Patty Foster for details and your lesson plans. Thanks!!!

**Everyday Cards 50¢** in the parlour on the desk: birthday, wedding, Thank you, Friendship, love, thinking of you, anniversary, blank, miss you. SORRY, NO GET WELL. Please pay Marg Frayne, Lorna Bevcar or the secretary. The money goes to our garage sale.

**The Guelph Chamber Choir, in collaboration with Dance Theatre David Earle presents** "Sacred Dance" at the River Run Centre in Guelph on Saturday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. This unique combination of choral music and original choreography by two outstanding arts organization is not to be missed. The choreography of David Earle will be supported by the music of the Guelph Chamber Choir, performing excerpts from Mozart's "Requiem", as well as Pergolesi's "Stabat Mater", "Misere" by Gregorio Allegri and "In Paradisum" by Erik Esenvalds. Tickets are available by calling the Box Office at The River Run Centre.

### From Melville Church Library

Everyone is welcome to visit our library, browse the books that are available, borrow a book or two (or more), or just sit quietly and read. Sign out books either by filling in the library card and leaving it in the small sign-out box, or, if there is no card in the book, sign your name and the book title in the spiral notebook on the back shelf.

### Melville Book Club

We are currently reading the book "On Beauty" by Zadie Smith. It is a story about love and families and relationships, told with humour. We will be discussing it on Sunday, April 5, after church in the church library. There are copies in the library which you may borrow, whether or not you are able to join the discussion. Please return the book by April 5 or 6.

**Waterloo Presbyterial U.C.W. Annual meeting** is going to be held on Monday April 13, 2015. It will be held at St. John's-on-the-hill in Cambridge, Ontario. Ticket prices are \$12.00 each. Please contact your Unit leader or Bev Anticknap if you are going. It will be an outside caterer that is doing the lunch. Tickets available until March 30th only. Ruth will be driving, so let either Bev or Ruth that you are going.

**The Canadian Bible Society Annual Dinner Gathering** is planned for Saturday April 11th. Tickets are \$15 a piece and you will enjoy a delicious roast beef dinner served by the Alma Bible Church folks and you will enjoy listening to Rev. Don Miller, CBS Director of Canadian Ministries. His theme - The Bible - Touching Lives in Canada. Praise and Worship time will include the Hilltop Singers. Don't miss this wonderful evening. Tickets - see Thelma French or Ruth Sproule. The funds raised at this dinner will go to purchase Bibles to give to PanAm games participants this summer in Toronto.

### VON offers free seniors' programs at Melville United Church,

1. Seniors' exercise program - Tues. and Thurs. at 10am. Exercise appropriate for seniors, adapted to your ability, sitting/standing etc.

2. And also, for 2 more weeks, a Falls Prevention program Tues. and Thurs. at 9am - two topics a week (Legend of the Fall, Muscle and Bone Health, Blood Pressure, Vision, Hearing, Sleep, Mental Health, Medication, Home safety, Mobility aids, Nutrition, etc.) in the lower hall. Wear shoes for exercise. Enter by back or side doors.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. March 30 - Sun. Apr. 5, 2015

Tues. 31	9:00	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	9:00	Falls Prevention	Fellowship Hall
	10:00	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	2:00	Unit Faith & Grace	Parlour
Thurs. 2	9:00	Falls Prevention	Fellowship Hall
	10:00	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	5:45	Gathering & Seder Meal	Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 3	11:00	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 5	11:00	Easter Sunday - Communion	Sanctuary