

**ANNOUNCEMENTS - March 27, 2016**

**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 and join us for coffee in the parlour after the service.

**Melville Events:**

**The Easter Lily that is in the entrance way** is in memory of Rev. W. Lorne Brown. It is placed there by Eleanor and Family; Phil & Evelyn, Ellen and Rachel; Elizabeth & Michael, Amelia and Sam; Rev. Ruth, Dale & Grace.

**In an effort to help meet our budget shortfall this year** we are running with an idea brought forward at church council by our minister Marion Loree. It is a program using 141 special envelopes in the tartan box located in the church on the offering table. Each of the envelopes are numbered 1 to 141. We ask that you take one or more envelopes and insert the dollar amount equal to the number on the front of the envelope. There is an information note inside the envelope for you to complete to obtain a receipt at year end. Once the filled envelopes have been collected we will mark them off the tracker board and we will have \$10,011. So...think about what special gift you can give to Melville - each amount will help us reach the finish line! Thanks so much - God Bless. To date we have received \$1468.00.

**The Centre Wellington Food Bank needs** Hamburger Helper type of foods for the month of March.

**Melville Book Club - Please note:** there is a change in dates for the book club discussions. We will discuss both books, "The Painted Girls and "Between Gods" on Sunday, April 10, after church. However, please return your copy of "The Painted Girls" to the church library today, if you have it with you. Otherwise, return it to church by Tuesday, the 22 of March. I apologise for the confusion of having two books overlapping, and changed dates for discussion, but I look forward to a lively discussion.

**From the Church Library** - This is an invitation to everyone at Melville to come into your church library and browse the book shelves. We have a wide selection of excellent books, including books on Christian living, bible study, biography, fiction, children's and teens' literature, and more. When you choose books to borrow, please sign the card that is inside, and place it in the small box for sign-out cards that is on the counter. If there is no card in an item, please write the title and your name in the spiral notebook that is on the counter. Bring the book or item back when you have finished with it, and place it in the return box. This is your library, and the books are there for you to enjoy.

**The Waterloo Presbyterial Annual Meeting** is being held at Forest Hill United Church in Kitchener, on April 4, 2016. The last date for tickets will be March 29<sup>th</sup>. Forest Hill UCW will be doing the catering. If you are going, give your \$10.00 to Lori, or Bev.

**The Canadian Bible Society Dinner is coming up.** Please mark your calendars for the Annual CBS Dinner to be held on April 2, 2016 at the Alma Bible Church. The speaker will be Grace Pat of SIM Canada. All are welcome for dinner at 6:30 p.m. Advanced tickets \$15.00. The program starts at 7:45 p.m. Questions please contact John Agar 519-820-7964.

**April 3rd, 3:00 pm at Guelph Youth Music Centre, The Mythical Forest:** Markus Howard, will write, direct and conduct this special children's concert to be performed by GYS I and II choristers. Tickets @ River Run Box Office, 519-763-3000 or [www.riverrun.ca](http://www.riverrun.ca). Adults \$25, Students & Seniors \$20, eyeGo \$5. For info visit [www.guelphyouthsingers.com](http://www.guelphyouthsingers.com) or call 519-821-8574.

**The United Church Observer presents: The Walrus Talks Spirituality** - Live-streamed from Trinity-St. Paul's UC, Toronto. Seven leading thinkers speak on Spirituality (including [Gretta Vosper](#)) Monday, April 4, 2016 - Gather at 6:45 in the Melville United sanctuary - Program starts at 7:00 pm. Discussion to follow.

**Melville Financial results for Jan 2016**

<b>January</b>	<b>2016 Actual</b>	<b>2016 Budget</b>	<b>2015 Actual</b>
<b>Givings</b>	\$13,511.45	\$14,633.33	\$13,175.50
Other Revenue	<i>(Rent and Special Events)</i>		
	<u>1,785.00</u>	<u>2,083.33</u>	<u>1,210.00</u>
Gross Profit	\$15,296.45	\$16,716.66	\$14,385.50
<b>Expenses</b>			
Church Facilities	-2,114.61	-4,325.01	1,933.52
Staff costs	<i>(Supply and Regular)</i>		
	-10,795.62	-12,293.16	-9,393.85
Other Expenses	<i>(Committee and Office)</i>		
	<u>-2,596.48</u>	<u>-1,956.69</u>	<u>-1,744.91</u>
Total Expenses	<u>-\$15,506.71</u>	<u>-\$18,574.86</u>	<u>-\$13,072.28</u>
<b>Profit/Loss</b>	<u>-\$210.26</u>	<u>-\$1,858.20</u>	<u>-\$1,313.22</u>

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Mon. Mar. 28 - Sun. Apr. 3, 2016

Mon. 28	10:00	Spirituality Circle	Parlour
Tues. 29	9:00	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
Thurs. 31	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Choir	Parlour
Fri. 1	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
Sun. 3	11:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> of Easter Sunday Service	Sanctuary
	6:00	Bananas	Upper Auditorium and Fellowship Hall

**Worship Schedule**

April 3	2 <sup>nd</sup> of Easter	Jen Auger	
April 10	3 <sup>rd</sup> of Easter	Rev. Marion	
April 17	Earth Day		
April 24	Pulpit Exchange		