

ANNOUNCEMENTS September 10, 2017

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

Ron and I would like to thank the congregation for the cards, thoughts and prayers in the recent passing of Ron's older brother Bill. We really appreciate them. He passed way with cancer and his service was on Saturday. Once again, thanks. - Bev & Ron Anticknap

TODAY! - Corn Roast for SHARE Agriculture Foundation, Sept. 10, 3:30 - 7. Music by the Moore Family Band of Drayton. (Derek is the talented music director of Mount Forest United.) Melville friends, come for fellowship and food. Raefield Farm, 5231 County Rd. #27 (Between Brucedale and Rockwood). Go down the "Rockwood Rd.", the 4th line, south of Belwood Lake to just north of Rockwood (4th Line becomes the 5th of Eramosa.) For more information call Marg and Les Frayne 519-843-3274.

Calling all choir members: Present, Past, and those that would like to become a member of the choir sometime in the near future. A practice is called for Thursday September 21st at 7:00 pm. Matthias will be there to rehearse the hymns, responses and the choir anthems to prepare for "Celebration Sunday" on September 24th 11:00 am service. This is the Sunday that has been set aside to officially celebrate Matthias' 14 years of music ministry at Melville. See you there!!!!

As per Melville's August newsletter, church council is seeking your approval to move ahead with the rehabilitation of the large stained glass window over the parking lot. A vote will be held after today's service, in the sanctuary, with members of council present to address any questions you may have. So please, grab yourself a cup of coffee and a treat and join us approximately 15 minutes after the service to have your say.

Meat pies made by UCW for sale after church. Ask Marg 519-843-3274.

A study group is beginning this Fall. We will meet at 10 AM on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the parlour. All welcome. For more information, contact Alison

30 Minute Grounding in the Spirit - Beginning in mid-September we are going to experiment with an early Sunday morning gathering time in the Chapel from 9:30-10 a.m. During this time we will lift our voice in song, ground ourselves in our shared faith story, and have personal reflection time. All are welcome in this gathering time: babies to seniors, seekers to doubters. We hope if you are unable to join our regular 11 a.m. worship time, you might consider joining us at 9:30 to ground yourself in the Spirit for the week.

A time to give thanks is coming! A special luncheon is being planned for Sunday, September 24 to say "Thank You" to Matthias for his 14 years as our Music Director. We invite you to be part of this exciting celebration. Please mark you calendar now and plan to attend. We are collecting donations towards a gift. Please see Ralph Rainford or Phil Brown to donate.

Photo Directory. It is time to update our photo directory! You have the opportunity to have your photo taken and receive a free directory and family portrait. You may also purchase more photos for family and friends if you wish - no obligation. The directory is a helpful way to put a name to a face.

Photos were taken on August 28 and 29 , and will be taken again on October 2, 3, and 4. Photography will be done at the church by IPC Canada Photo Services . If you have any questions please contact Lorri Wright at 519-843-2018. Let's get together and build community! We need everyone to participate to make our new pictorial directory complete.

Music at Melville. The Worship and Music Committee would like to thank all those who responded to the recent survey entitled; "Imagining Music at Melville", that was made available the early part of July. The results were very helpful in identifying the priorities for strengthening

what we are currently doing but also learning that by reaching out there could be new opportunities and possibilities in our community.

Music is a very important part of the life and work of Melville United Church, and following some dialogue within the Worship and Music Committee it became clear that there would be a definite logistical advantage to the team approach over one individual, and a Search Committee will be looking for two people working together to create and develop a new, Christian focused, music program involving singers and/or musicians of all ages in a variety of both traditional and contemporary music styles. The budget for this new music ministry will not increase.

On Sunday August 13th Melville Church Council received the report from the Worship and Music Committee and approved a motion requesting that a Search Committee be formed immediately to fill the Music Ministry Team Vacancies.

Please hold the Search Committee in your prayers.

Other Community and Church Events

Don't miss the 11th Annual Butterfly Garden BBQ at St James Anglican Church, Fergus to be held on Saturday, September 16th. Cocktails (cash bar) and complementary fruit punch at 5pm, dinner at 6pm. Live entertainment and fabulous food. Adults \$25, Children 10-16 yrs \$15, Children under 6 free. Proceeds to Outreach.

ANNUAL HARVEST TEA: Wednesday, September 20th, 2-4pm in the Butterfly Garden at St James Church, 171 Queen St E, Fergus. Come and enjoy an afternoon with tea, desserts and fellowship. Tickets \$8 each on the door. All proceeds go to Famine Relief in South Sudan through PWRDF.

GUELPH UNITED PERFORMERS - Community Theatre Club starts weekly practices, Tuesday, September 26, 7:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. A fun weekly drama program for all young actors in our community, ages 11 to 17 years! Please tell family and friends about us. Contact Andrea LeBlanc or Barbara Moldenhauer, moldenhauer.b@sympatico.ca 519 824 6172. GUP website: www.guelphunitedperformers.com

Food Bank. We have an ongoing collection going for the Food Bank. Anything is welcome, especially canned noodles, juice, cereal, canned fruit, granola bars (ideally nut free). Please leave items in the laundry baskets at the back of the church for delivery during the week. Thanks for your generosity.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Sept 11, 2017 - Sun. Sept 17, 2017

Tues. 12	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
	7:00	Church Council	Chapel
Thurs. 14	10:30	Senior Exercising	Fellowship Hall
Fri. 15	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
Sun. 17	9:00	Grounding in the Spirit	Chapel
	11:00	Creation 1 Sunday Service	Sanctuary

Worship Schedule

Sep 10	Homecoming	Marion Loree	
Sep 17	Creation 1 - Forest, Land	Marion Loree	
Sep 24	Creation 2 - Wilderness, River	Marion Loree	

Upcoming Planned Sermon Topics

- Sept. 17 - Creation - Forest, Land
- Sept. 24 - Creation - Wilderness, River
- Oct. 8 - 5 Things I Still Believe About the Bible
- Oct. 15 - 5 Things I Still Believe About Jesus
- Oct. 22 - 5 Things I Still Believe About Church
- Nov. 12 - 5 Things Churches Should Stop Saying
- Nov. 19 - 5 More Things Churches Should Stop Saying