

WEEKLY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Melville 175!

Melville's 175 committee (Alison Rainford, Martha Duncan, Allan Hons, Don Grant, and Graeme Chalmers) has been at work. A banner has been ordered for outside the church. Keep **October 17** free for an exciting concert of songs through the decades since the 1840s, performed by Brad Halls and his talented daughter Laura Harp. We hope that on **October 24/25** our Fall Festival, Special Anniversary Service, and a celebratory catered meal are able to take place and that trees can be planted. Historical displays will continue when we are again able to meet as a larger group.

Spending time in our own homes gives everyone an opportunity to think, and hopefully write about, what first drew us to Melville and what we value. We understand that a poem is being written! What are our special memories? Did parents / grandparents worship here? Answers to these and similar questions will help us to create a 175 memory wall or small publication.

Please email contributions to:
secretary@melvilleunited.com

COVID-19 Update

As per the government's recent requirement that all non-essential businesses to be closed, the Melville Church building will be off-limits for anyone except those checking the boiler, water, utilities, etc. Lynda and Marion will now be working from home. The phone messages will be monitored and the mail will be collected. If you have a Pastoral care need or questions, Marion is available by phone (519-835-8605).

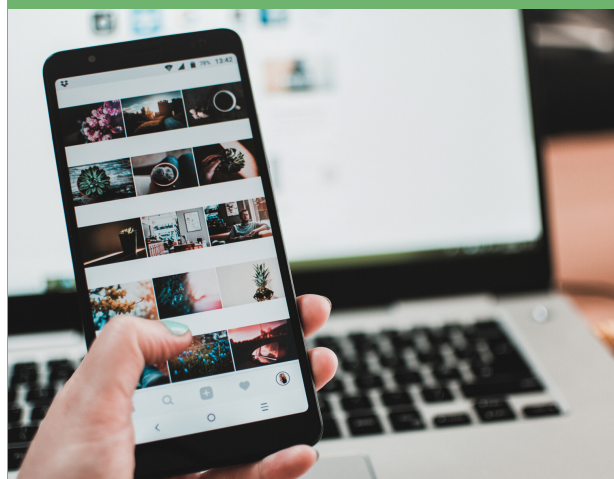
Awareness

In light of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, we recommend checking the following websites for the most accurate and up-to-date information:

- [World Health Organization](#)
- [Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health](#)
- [Ontario Ministry of Health](#)

Stay safe and healthy.

It is normal to feel sad, stressed, confused, scared or angry during a crisis.



Talking to people you trust can help. Contact your friends and family or your fellow community members. Marion is available by phone 519-835-8605.

**"My salvation and my honor depend on God;
God is my mighty rock, my refuge."**

Psalm 62:7 NIV

Church Givings

The expenses of the church (staff wages, utilities and upkeep of the building) continue even when worship is not happening. Please consider making a contribution by one of the following methods:



- e-Transfer is now available! It's easy, fast and secure. Simply log into your online or mobile banking app and select the account. Choose or add Melville's email secretary@melvilleunite.com. Enter the amount and in the comment section you can tell us where you want your contribution to go (general, M&P, floor replacement, etc.)
- Cheque: made payable to: Melville United Church - which can be mailed to the church at P.O. Box 41 , Fergus, ON N1M 2W7 or put in the mail slot beside the parking lot door. The church is temporarily closed but the mailboxes are checked regularly. Post-dated cheques are also welcome
- Donate online through the Canada Helps web-site with a credit card <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/melville-united-church>
- Email Lynda secretary@melvilleunited.com to arrange Pre-Authorized Remittance payments (PAR). Thank you to those already on PAR.



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