

**NEWS
&
ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Coffee Hour will
be on hold until
further notice



At Melville, we will not be putting up our “Memory Angels” this year, in the Sanctuary, in memory of our loved ones, as in other years.

This has brought comfort to many, at this time of the year!

We encourage you to make a separate donation to Melville, indicating that the funds go towards our “Memory Angel” campaign. That way, your donation will be reflected on your year-end statement. Thank you for using Melville, as a venue to remember your loved ones, especially this year!

Your Fun, Funds & Fellowship Committee.





Colleen Weber is inviting you to a Carol Sing via Zoom

Time: Dec 21, 2020 07:00 PM

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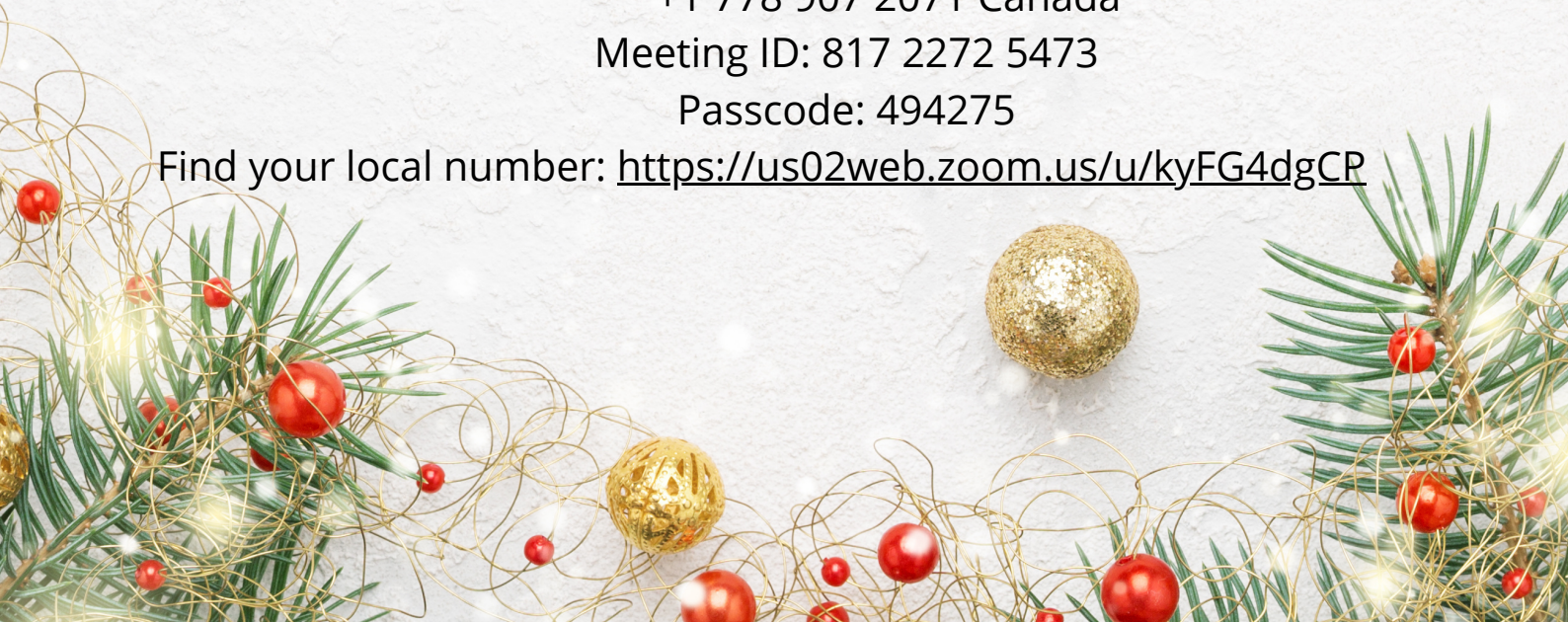
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Christmas Appeal

Hello Melville friends. The Social Justice Team has decided that our Christmas appeal this year will be to support the Centre Wellington Food Bank. We recently received the following communication from the Food Bank.

The impact on our community throughout the past months has resulted in an increase of families in need. Never have we experienced a year as we have just lived through. Economic hardships mean that more families and households struggle financially and emotionally. As a result, many in our community will not be able to afford to celebrate this Holiday season.

The CWFB has run our community's traditional Christmas Hamper and Angel Programs for the last 15 years, but COVID has caused us, as with so many others to change our programs to meet the requirements that our COVID world has dictated.

This year there will be no Christmas Hamper and Angel programs at the Sportsplex. There will be no Christmas Hamper shopping experience; no Toy Shop, Gift Shop/ Book Shop/ Outerwear Shop/ Market Place or Raffle Table.

Instead, client families registered with the Food Bank will receive FreshCo grocery cards on their last shopping date before Christmas.

If your church family would like to support our Hamper Program, cash donations towards our Christmas grocery card initiative would be very much appreciated.

*Thanks again
for 'lending a helping hand',
Jackie Andrews*

Please consider making a donation to the Centre Wellington Food Bank to help with the very real needs in our community this Christmas Season. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to 11-105 Queen St. W. Fergus, ON N1M 1F6. They are open Tues & Thurs 9 am to 4 pm, Wed 10am to 7pm, Fri 10am to 1pm. 519-787-1401.

Rev. Marion on behalf of the Social Justice Team





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A new year of giving through Gifts with Vision has begun! There are lots of great new gifts for our partners in Canada and across the world, along with some of your favourite projects from previous catalogues.

The world has changed so much since this time last year, and some of the new gifts reflect that, showing how our partners are responding to the pandemic. Your gifts bring help to those who need it most.

Shop the Gifts with Vision catalogue and help save and transform lives!

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@melvilleunited.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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