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Prelude

Welcome

Announcements:

You are invited to a **lunch to celebrate Melville's anniversary** prepared by UCW. The lunch will be set up on the main floor on Anniversary **Sunday, Oct. 22, after church**.

- **UCW meat pies** are for sale and are only **\$5.00 each!** You can pay by either a cheque made out to Melville United Church UCW or cash. Please have the correct change if you can. You can purchase them after Sunday Service or by contacting Marg Frayne @ 519-843-3274.
- **Granny's Attic Treasures & Bake Sale. Oct. 27 and 28, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Collectibles, antiques, vintage pieces, jewellery, art, pictures, all sorts of little treasures. Pies, butter tarts, fruit tarts, muffins, cookies, brownies, fudge. Melville's frozen meat pies.
- **Cozy Closet:** We will be collecting new or gently used, warm clothing, such as coats, sweaters, hats, mitts, socks, pants, snow suits and boots, from **October 1-26**. Items collected will be displayed on **October 28** and **November 4**, here at Melville, where individuals can come in and choose what they need.
- **2023 Christmas Gift Program** – Please consider a financial donation to support needy children, families and independent youth in our community. The Social Justice & Outreach team will buy gift cards for families to buy necessities and a wish or two for their family members for Christmas. You can donate money by dropping it off at the church, emailing secretary@melvilleunited.com with an e-transfer or use one of the specially labelled envelopes that will be available in the sanctuary. Please clearly indicate the donation is for the Christmas Gift Program. Donations are requested by **November 7th** so we can confirm how many children we will support. Don't worry, any donations received after that date will also be appreciated ... and used to support Christmas for youth!
- The King is coming to Melville **November 18th at 7:00pm!** Join us for an unforgettable evening with the incredible **Elvis Tribute Artist, Garry Wesley** Tickets are \$25. See Lorna Bevcar to get yours! Tickets are also available by contacting the office 519-843-1781 or visit The Bookery 191 Saint Andrew St. W or Echoes Fergus 240 St. Andrew St. W.
- The music series **"Mid-Day Music at Melville"** presented by pianist Brad Halls returns for its second season of concerts **Wednesdays from 12 noon to about 1:00 p.m.** For this season, Brad plans to present a musical journey through the past 100 years of the Broadway musical, beginning in 1923 and continuing to the present day. There is no admission cost for these concerts, but a voluntary donation to Melville United Church to help keep the lights on and the piano tuned is always appreciated.
- **Friday or Sunday Coffee Time** – We encourage people to sign up to host either a Friday or a Sunday Coffee Time. It is not difficult! We'd be pleased to show you how. Sign-up sheets are at the Parlour Door. Please speak to Lorna Bevcar or Marg Frayne.

- The **Food Bank** is in need of donations, more than ever. Please consider bringing donations of nonperishables, toiletries, or a gift card, to church. Baskets are located in the sanctuary. **Items most needed are:** pasta sauce, Chunky soup (Habitant), small canned soup, pasta side dishes, canned vegetables, canned tomatoes, canned fruit, cold cereal, peanut butter, juice, jam, canned salmon, and canned pasta (beefaroni, etc.).

Community Events:

- **Friday, October 27th Arkell United Church Fall Supper & Hootenanny!** Dinner 5-7pm. Hootenanny @ 7pm. Cold cuts, famous salads & homemade desserts. Adults \$15, children 5-12yrs \$7, under 5 free! Arkell United Church 600 Arkell Rd. For tickets contact the church 519-821-7623 or arkellunitedchurch@hotmail.com
- **Attention all students! Remembrance Day Poster and Literacy Contest.** Entry forms and competition details are available for pick up at the Fergus Legion Club Room 500 Blair St., Fergus - weekdays after 2:00pm & weekends after 12:00pm.
- Wellington County **Food Access Guide** is created to help people facing food insecurity in the region access free or affordable food. This resource provides details on food assistance providers, eligibility, and the services they offer. Access the guide at <https://www.gwpoverty.ca/resources/access-guides>.

Land Acknowledgement .

Let us pause for a moment and consider our role in reconciliation.

Let us take time to acknowledge the peoples who have lived on and stewarded these lands since time immemorial.

God, help us to be thankful and to become better neighbours and stewards that we might continue to honour these lands.

Call to Worship:

Let us sing to the LORD a new song.

We will bless God's name from day to day.

Let us declare God's marvelous deeds among all the people;

For God is great and greatly to be praised.

Let us praise God for God's strength and beauty.

We will bring God honour and glory as we worship God's holy name.

Opening Hymn: We Praise You, O God VU 218

- 1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.
- 2 We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer

and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Opening Prayer:

Holy God, your mysterious presence stretches to the furthest reaches of the universe, yet you draw near to us in Christ Jesus. In him, you have walked beside us, guiding us with wisdom, loving us with boundless grace. We praise you that your love embraces the whole creation, yet you find a place and a purpose for us mortals. Your Spirit has given us energy and insight in the past and present. Creator, Christ and Spirit, we are humbled in your presence. In our worship we offer you our love and loyalty, now and always. Amen.

Ministry of Music: These Walls *words and music by Heather Sorenson*

Prayer of Confession:

Patient God, we confess we need your mercy. We claim to be your people now as in the past, but we forget to love as you do. We claim to seek your guidance which you given us for generations, but we follow our own ways. Forgive us, O God, for the sake of Christ, our Saviour and Friend. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, God knows us and still God loves us. This is good news! By God's grace, we are forgiven, loved and set free to start again. Thanks be to God!

Children's Time

Scripture: I Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Salutation

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

The Thessalonians' Faith and Example

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions^[b] report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Sermon: Faith-Past, Love-Present and Hope-Future

Hymn: O Master, Let Me walk with Thee **VU 560**

- 1 O Master, let me walk with thee
 in lowly paths of service free;
 teach me thy secret, help me bear
 the strain of toil, the fret of care.

- 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
 with some clear, winning word of love;
 teach me the wayward feet to stay,
 and guide them in the homeward way.

- 3 Teach me thy patience; still with thee,
 in closer, dearer company,
 in work that keeps faith sure and strong,
 in trust that triumphs over wrong,

- 4 in hope that sends a shining ray
 far down the future's broadening way,
 in peace that only thou canst give,
 with thee, O Master, let me live.

Prayers

Lord's Prayer Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

- Birthdays
 - Elmer Shortt celebrates on Sun Oct 22nd
 - Joyce Keizerwaard celebrates 87 years on Wed Oct 25th
 - Graeme Chalmers celebrates on Fri Oct 27th
 - Chris Hopewell celebrates on Fri Oct 27th

- Condolences
 - We offer deepest condolences to the family of Bruce (James) Oldfield who passed away Monday, October 16th. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Offering: Hymn What Can I Do **MV 191**

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share. (x2)

Offering Prayer

Parting Song: How Firm a Foundation VU 660

- 1 How firm a foundation, you servants of God,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you has been said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2 'Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.
- 3 'When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.
- 4 'When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply:
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.
- 5 'The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not - I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never - no, never - no, never forsake!'

Worship Schedule

October 29	Halo Study 2 nd half of Service	Rev. Tom Watson
November 5	23 rd after Pentecost	Rev. Felicia Urbanski
November 12	Remembrance Sunday	Rev. Felicia Urbanski
November 19	25 th after Pentecost	Rev. Tom Watson