

Melville United Church

Summer Newsletter 2024

Our Mission

We live as a loving, inclusive faith community actively welcoming and responding to needs within and outside of our church.

Melville Council would like to thank the congregation for their generous support. Your gifts of time and treasure ensure our many offerings continue to support all we do for each other and the community at large. As we look forward to a summer of rest and relaxation, please considering joining PAR (our pre-authorized giving program) or increasing your current contribution so that we may continue to meet the needs of our community. May you all be blessed with a fulfilling summer of friends, family and faith.

Alan Hons

Fun, Funds and Fellowships message to all:



Our committee is having on-going Garage Sales, which started Friday and Saturday, May 3rd and 4th, 8-4pm. We will include plants and baking, so we ask that you bake ahead and freeze it. If you could package your items in 2s, 4s, or

6s, that would be a huge help. Please put your baking in the upstairs kitchen by Thursday evening with your name on it.

Please donate any items that you don't need, to our efforts. We are using the Chapel and the Heritage Hall on the main floor, so you may leave your items inside the Chapel.

Our first weekend was very successful, where we saw \$2,300. go into the general fund.

We will also be selling Melville's frozen Meat Pies at the sales, when available.

For info: call Lorna Bevcar 519-787-0570.

We will be out the front of the Church on Saturday, May 25th 9-2 with a bake sale, meat pies, jewellery and plants. That is the day of the Fibre Festival in the downtown core.

Lorna Bevcar

Property Committee

Stained Glass Windows:

This year Trillium Glass will be repairing the interior of the two-medium sized (10'x14') stained glass windows in the Sanctuary. These windows, which face the parking lot and go up through the balcony floor, have bowed inwards considerably and have missing and failing reinforcing bars.

The cost of this work is approximately \$13,900+ HST. Melville has received a \$5,000 grant from the UP Fund (from the former Waterloo Presbytery Extension Council) to assist in funding this project.

A separate project, which is not scheduled for this year, is the installation of the exterior storm glazing, frame and painting of these two windows. The cost of this work is approximately \$9,000 + HST.

Stonework Repointing and Repair:

We are investigating the repointing and repair of priority areas of the building's stonework. Funding will be required.



Rev. Marion delivered some along with a visit. She is a great support to our committee and members of Melville. If you know of anyone needing support, please keep us informed.

Alison Rainford.

Parking Lot:

We do not have a schedule yet for the paving of Melville's parking lot. This work will depend on the schedule of the development of the neighbouring property.

Rentals

Various rooms of Melville's building continue to be rented to several groups on a returning weekly basis. There are occasional single events being scheduled as well, such as birthday parties.

The Centre Wellington Singers held a well attended concert in Melville's Sanctuary on April 27.

We have also received inquiries regarding long term daily rentals, which are being investigated and negotiated.

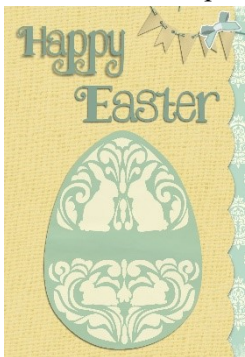
Painting:

Thank you, Ralph, for recently staining the floor and the door of the custodian closet. Some exterior (low level) painting is planned for this summer.

Barry Rawn

Pastoral Care

At Easter time Millie designed lovely cards that were distributed to the 25 people on our specific list. Local people found a chocolate cross enclosed.



The other 25 were given to staff and others we thought would like a card.

The digital card was sent out on the email list.

Report from Stewardship

As we move into the nice weather and Melville people are away, I would like to ask you to remember Melville as we carry on with the day-to-day expenses. If you are unable to attend worship on a Sunday morning, you may find it convenient to drop off your offering at the church office during the week. An even better way to help is to go on PAR. In this way you need not worry about your gifts being forgotten. Contact Lynda Rivet in the office or Ralph Rainford 519 843-3841. I know that the finance committee will appreciate this.

We are looking for more Welcomers and Counters for the Sunday worship service. If you are interested, please see Ralph. On the job training will be provided.

As many are aware, our church building is getting more and more use as we rent rooms and space. This is a good thing. In order that the renters are looked after and our building is kept safe, we have a program set in place where a Melville member called a Host will meet the renter when they arrive, show them around and when they have left see that the building is locked. This only applies to first time or occasional renters. If you would like to help out and be a Host or have questions, please see Ralph.

Thank you for being a part of Melville. Have a wonderful summer everyone!
Mary Lloyd, Eleanor Johnston, Ralph Rainford.

Worship and Music

There will be communion served in mid-June. We continue to provide refreshments after service every Sunday and invite you to participate. Also, take note of the ministers who will be visiting us during the next few weeks.

June 2 – Social Justice and Outreach

June 9 – Rev. Jeff Hawkins

June 16 – Rev. Tom Watson

Lillian Gohn

UCW Report

We made meat pies several times and are selling within the church and to those on our meat pie lists.

We solve a lot of the world's problems when we meet to make meat pies in our kitchen.

You can help by promoting or selling to friends and neighbours.

We have also sold meat pies at the FFF garage sales and at the Fergus Fibre Festival. We will take a break from this fundraising effort for a few weeks.

We had an impromptu gathering at Lorri Wright's place for her birthday. It was nice to get together socially. We are planning a spring meeting...stay tuned.

And finally, we will provide strawberry shortcake for those attending the first strawberry event at Wellington Place at the end of June.

Come into the Garage, Bake and Plant Sale on Friday or Sat. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to buy the UCW delicious meat pies!

	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2023	Jan - Mar 2022	Jan - Mar 2021
Revenue				
Givings	31,170.84	46,583.96	37,585.16	42,758.71
Fundraising/rental/other	15,164.21	14,087.05	4,936.00	622.00
Covid Gov't Subsidies			-	10,000.00
Total Revenue	46,335.05	60,671.01	42,521.16	53,380.71
Expenses				
Staffing costs	28,948.07	40,855.07	37,478.01	31,460.57
Office supplies	3,797.45	3,831.63	2,935.62	4,879.63
Facilities	14,507.19	12,715.85	13,590.36	7,957.45
Committees	950.35	2,557.31	1,180.14	7,098.32
Total Expenses	48,203.06	59,959.86	55,184.13	51,395.97
Net Surplus (Loss)	- 1,868.01	711.15	- 12,662.97	1,984.74

Financial update:

The Finance committee wants to THANK EVERYONE for their continued financial support. We understand personal finances can be tight, but we appreciate what people can give.

Kaillie Rawn, Treasurer