

### Announcements

- **UCW meat pies for sale!** (our traditional hamburg/veg pie) and our new turkey pies \$5 each. Come for pick up on Friday 10 - 12 or after church on Sunday. Or call Marg Frayne 519-993-3274.
- **Ho Ho Hey! The 2024 Christmas Gift Program is underway!** Please consider a financial donation to support children, families and independent youth that are struggling 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](mailto: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 before **November 12<sup>th</sup>** 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!
- We continue to collect new or gently used, warm clothing for Cozy Closet. **Cozy Closet** will be open in the Chapel **Oct. 26, Nov. 2, Nov. 30, and Dec. 7**
- **Mid-Day Music at Melville** returns to Melville United Church in Fergus for its 3rd season. **Wednesday, October 16** with the concert beginning at **12 noon** and continuing until about 1 p.m. Brad Halls will feature music from movies released from 1933 and 1934, from great songwriters such as Rodgers and Hart, Johnny Green and the dominant songwriting team of 1930's Hollywood, composer Harry Warren and lyricist Al Dubin. Movies such as *42<sup>nd</sup> Street*, *The Gay Divorcee*, *Flying Down to Rio* introduced the world to songs such as *I Only Have Eyes for You*, *June in January*, *I Cover the Waterfront*, *The Boulevard of Broken Dreams*, and so many others performed by emerging performers of the 30s from Bing Crosby to Dick Powell to the first screen performances by Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. There is absolutely no admission charge to attend any of these concerts, but a voluntary donation, all of which will go to Melville United Church to help keep the lights on and the piano tuned is always gratefully received.
- We will be preparing the **poppy banners** at **Friday coffee time, October 18th and 25th** from **9:30 - 11:30**. Then installation of the banners November 2nd. If you wish to help either by renewing or adding more poppies on the banners we will see you then. Thank you, Ruth
- **Arkell United Church** is holding a **dinner** with cold cuts, salads and homemade desserts at 600, Arkell Rd. at Watson on Friday, **October 25 at 7 pm**. Adults, \$20, Children 5-12yrs \$10, under 5 free. Followed by a **Musical Hootenanny from 7-9 pm**. Sign up to play or just listen and enjoy. Contact Tracey Billing for details, 529-546-0892
- **October 26, 2024** from **5:00-7:00pm** St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church-Alma **Ham Supper** held at the **Alma Community Centre**. Eat in or take out \$20.00/ticket.
- **Special Event for Melville** - Mark Your Calendar. **Anniversary Service October 27th 11:00 A.M.** Guest Minister: Rev. Gord Dunbar. Following the service, you are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a delicious lunch. Don't miss this opportunity to Celebrate Melville and enjoy a time of fellowship.

- 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.).

	Jan – Jul 2024	Jan – Jul 2023	Jan - Jul 2022	Jan - Jul 2021
<b>Revenue</b>				
Givings	87,614.03	99,052.40	83,932.32	81,767.36
Fundraising/rental/other	40,229.31	36,103.18	21,894.55	4,036.00
Covid Gov’t Subsidies			-	13,972.02
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>127,843.34</b>	<b>135,155.58</b>	<b>105,826.87</b>	<b>99,775.38</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Staffing costs	63,212.35	101,599.88	91,596.13	76,457.60
Office supplies	9,583.53	8,953.17	9,559.82	11,796.16
Facilities	25,254.26	21,234.04	25,621.17	18,375.46
Committees	2,325.93	4,864.15	8,736.32	8,236.55
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>100,376.07</b>	<b>136,651.24</b>	<b>135,513.44</b>	<b>114,865.77</b>
<b>Net Surplus (Loss)</b>	<b>27,467.27 -</b>	<b>1,495.66 -</b>	<b>29,686.57 -</b>	<b>15,090.39</b>

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