

Announcements

- We're excited to share **Melville's December Newsletter** with you! You can read it online here: <https://melvilleunited.com/2024/11/26/melville-newsletter-december-2024/> For those not on our email list (the grapevine), printed copies of the newsletter will be available at the back of the church this Sunday. We'd greatly appreciate your help in hand-delivering these copies to those who are unable to attend in person.
- **Memory Angels:** Our Memory Angels will be displayed in the Sanctuary starting in December thru until January 5/25. Those who have had Angels in the past, can renew your Angel with a minimum donation of \$5, by contacting Lorna Bevcar or Patty Duncan. Those who are new to this, can have a handmade paper Angel, with an inscription on the skirt, dedicating it in memory of your loved one, or a pet, or thinking of someone far away. The Angels stay at Melville safely packed away throughout the year. These Angels bring comfort and reassurance to the Melville families throughout the season, knowing that we are remembering our loved ones.
- **UCW meat pies for sale!** We have a limited number of meat pies for sale this week (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.
- **Mid-Day Music at Melville** returns to Melville United Church in Fergus for its 3rd season. **Wednesday, December 4** with the concert beginning at **12 noon** and continuing until about 1 p.m. Brad Halls will feature music from movies released between 1942. The entry of the US into World War II at the end of 1941, and the pinnacle of "The Big Band Era" resulted in movie studios producing a huge number of productions to provide entertainment and boost the home-front morale during the difficult war years. The movies of 1942 in fact featured performances by many of the Big Bands of the period, including those led by Glenn Miller, Harry James and others. Come and enjoy classic songs such as *Chattanooga Choo Choo*, *Serenade in Blue*, *I Had the Craziest Dream*, *I Remember You*, *The Warsaw Concerto* and many more. 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.
- **Coffee Hour Friday, Dec. 6th** at Bunny Russell's 612 Holman Cr. 10:00am-12pm
- **Christmas Stocking for a Senior.** Help brighten the Christmas of a senior in the community who may need a special 'lift' this year. There are a few ways you can help: Fill one or more personalized stockings for a senior, donate cash for purchasing stocking items, or donating items to include in the stockings (e.g. knitting, Tupperware, lip balm, homemade treasures, etc.). If you would like to donate a monetary gift it can be delivered to the VON offices Mount Forest Office 392 Main St. North or Guelph Office 401 Edinburgh Rd N. Or you can give them to your VON exercise instructor at the class and they will ensure they get to the right place. **Deadline to receive completed stockings: Dec. 11th. For monetary or gift donations: Dec 6th**
- **Cozy Closet** will be open in the Chapel **Dec. 7** from **10:00am-2:00pm**

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- Rev. Jeff Hawkins extends an invitation to the Melville Church Family to a **Social Time Sunday December 8, 2024**, at the **Wroxeter Community Hall from 2:00 to 4:00 pm**, 1094 Centre Street, Wroxeter. Everyone Welcome.
- Melville will celebrate **White Gift Sunday** with a drama presentation by our Youth on **December 8**. If you wish, please bring a gift (unwrapped) that would be appreciated by teens, young adults, or young mothers. (Ideas for gifts - toiletries, razors, feminine hygiene products, diapers) Thank you!
- 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.).
- The Wellington County Food Access Guide lists organizations that provide food and community meals within our region. Please see the information posted on the bulletin board outside the chapel or go to www.gwpoverty.ca/resources/access-guides and scroll down to [Wellington-County-Food-Access-Guide-Oct-2024.pdf](#)