

### Announcements

- **Candles, Carols and Communion.** Plan on attending the Christmas Eve Service at Melville **December 24th, 7:00 P.M.** Worship Leader: Rev. Felicia Urbanski, Music Director Colleen Weber and Melville Choir
- **Church envelopes** are ready for pickup at the back of the church. If you don't see your envelopes or would like some, please contact Lynda in the office [secretary@melvilleunited.com](mailto:secretary@melvilleunited.com) or 519-843-1781
- 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 are available at the back of the church. We'd greatly appreciate your help in hand-delivering these copies to those who are unable to attend in person.
- **Memory Angels:** Our Angels are up in the Sanctuary and on 2 Christmas trees, representing loved ones printed on the skirt. If you would like to have a loved one represented for a minimum donation of \$5, please contact Lorna Bevcar or Patty Duncan. Angels are packed safely away at the Church throughout the year.
- **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.** While the regular Wednesday performances this season have focussed on music from the movies over the past century, this week we will set that theme aside and have our second week of our two-week seasonal look at some wonderful Christmas music. The next performance on **December 18** will feature a wide variety of Christmas selections, both carols and popular songs from a wide range of eras, from traditional noels to some selections to which you might be introduced for the first time. Another Christmas tradition is the open invitation to sing along (with lyric sheets provided) for familiar pieces such as *Once in Royal David's City*, *Frosty the Snowman*, *Silent Night*, *Joy to the World* and many more. Brad will also provide details of the origins of this music, and how it came to such an important part of our Christmas traditions. The true spirit of Christmas is found in its music, and we hope this event will create a real Christmas spirit in you. Brad is very pleased to be joined by his special guest, the wonderful singer Melanie Steenburgh. Melanie is a graduate of the vocal music faculty at the University of Toronto and has been a music teacher in the elementary school system. She has recently relocated with her family to Fergus, where she has her own music studio teaching both voice and piano. After our concert on December 18, the series will take two weeks off for Christmas and New Year's and will return to our "movie music" theme on **Wednesday, January 8, 2025.**
- Guelph Chamber Choir presents Messiah, **Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm at Basilica of Our Lady, 28 Norfolk St. Tickets are: Adult \$45, Senior \$40, Youth (15-30) \$10, and Child \$5. Tickets can be purchase at <https://guelphchamberchoir.ca/events/messiah-2024>

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- 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](http://www.gwpoverty.ca/resources/access-guides) and scroll down to [Wellington-County-Food-Access-Guide-Oct-2024.pdf](#)