

## Announcements

- **Meat pies for sale.** \$6 Beef and turkey. After church or on Friday (10 a.m. to 11:30) or call Marg 519.843.3274 or 519.993 3274.
- **Diaper Drive.** From Feb 1 - 28th, we will be participating in a diaper drive to support the Wellington Pregnancy Care Centre (WPCC). Diapers and other necessities are needed to stock their care closet. These are provided to those in need, for free. A labelled basket will be in our sanctuary. Copies of the items list are in the basket, and on the Social Justice table at the back of the sanctuary. If you prefer to donate funds towards these items, use a giving envelope and put WPCC on it. The Social Justice team will make purchases at the end of the month. The WPCC provides compassionate support through education, resources and programs for anyone experiencing an unexpected pregnancy or challenges as a new parent. Please join in!
- **Melville's Search Team Update.** As agreed by the congregation, we've posted for a permanent minister, at  $\frac{3}{4}$  time (30 hours per week). Plus, we will continue with supply ministry for 2 Sundays each month. Alison Rainford, Heather Halls, Chris Hopewell, Lara Johnston and Jane O'Leary will continue to serve on the team. We ask everyone for their prayers for a successful search. Much of the work is confidential. Updates will be shared as appropriate. With thanks for your support, the Search Team. *Note: interested ministry members are invited to view our posting on ChurchHub for all related information.*
- **Your help is needed.** We have here at Melville a program where we provide a Melville Host to any group who rents our facility for the first time. The Host is responsible for opening and locking up at the end. Also, the Host will assist the renter if they need something. This is good management of our building and was started a few years ago. If the renter is coming in for a longer part of the day, we try to have more than one Host, so no one needs to be in the building for too long. As the building gets more use, we have a need for more Hosts. On site training is available. If you are able to help by being a Host, please see Ralph Rainford. Thank you.
- The concert series "**Mid-Day Music at Melville**" presented and performed by pianist and singer Brad Halls continues with its 4<sup>th</sup> season of concerts with the next performance on Wednesday, **February 4, 2026** at Melville United Church in Fergus beginning at **12 noon** and continuing until about 1 p.m. As Valentine's Day falls in the middle of February, Brad will be dedicating the entire month to songs concerned with both "Love Lost" and "Love Found". The vast majority of great songs are essentially about the great emotion of love, either love lost or love found. This coming Wednesday, Brad will be present the first of two weeks of music dedicated to the "Songs of Love Lost". Some of the greatest songwriters have turned to the topic, from George and Ira Gershwin, Arthur Schwartz, James Van Heusen, Cy Coleman and many others. Featured songs will include "But Not for Me", "When Your Lover Has Gone", "My Old Flame", "Maybe You'll Be There", "You Don't Know Me" and several more. While there is no admission charge to any of these performances, a voluntary donation to Melville United Church to help keep the lights on and the piano tuned is always appreciated
- Melville United Church will host « **Awakened Voices** » **February 7 at 7pm**. Performers will bring to life the rich and often untold stories of iconic Canadian Black figures, through poetry, songs and storytelling.