

Announcements

- **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 4th season of concerts with the next performance on Wednesday, **January 28**, 2026 at Melville United Church in Fergus beginning at **12 noon** and continuing until about 1 p.m. This coming Wednesday, Brad will be present the second of two weeks of music dedicated to the songs inspired by our dreams. Entitled "*Darn That Dream*", after the famous song by James Van Heusen and Eddie DeLange, the performance will include great standards by Harry Warren, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Harold Arlen, Johnny Mercer, Sigmund Romberg and several others with selections from Broadway, Hollywood and Tin Pan Alley. Come and enjoy "*I Had the Craziest Dream*", "*This Time the Dream's on Me*", "*I Have Dreamed*", "*Wrap Your Troubles in Dreams*" and many 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
- Tracy Lee Johnson will be our guest speaker on **February 1**. Tracy will share her journey to find Canadian and American Black ancestors. This journey has helped Tracy bring awareness and acknowledgment to others, of the struggles and accomplishments of early Black Canadians.
- 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.