

Announcements

- **2025 Donation Receipts** for Income Tax is ready, and they will be available at the back of the Sanctuary! If you would like to come by the church during the week to pick it up just let Lynda in the office know before the end of day Thursday, February 26th otherwise it will be mailed.
- **Melville's Annual Congregational Meeting** will take place on Sunday **March 8th**. Please join us for lunch after the service, followed by the meeting.
- **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 4th season of concerts with the next performance on Wednesday, **February 18**, 2026 at Melville United Church in Fergus beginning at **12 noon** and continuing until about 1 p.m. With Valentine's Day falling in the middle of February, Brad has been dedicating the entire month to songs concerned with both "Love Lost" and "Love Found". Having spent the past two weeks featuring the bittersweet "Songs of Love Lost", Brad turns his attention to the first of two weeks of music dedicated to the "Songs of Love Found". The performance will include songs by Fats Waller, Harry Warren, George and Ira Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Lerner and Loewe and others and will feature classic songs – among them "*Almost Like Being in Love*", "*Love Walked In*", "*I've Never Been in Love Before*", "*Our Love Is Here to Stay*" 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.

- **Lenton Series.** Sponsored by the Centre Wellington Ministerial Association. Dates: **Feb. 25, Mar. 4th, 11th 18th 25th** and possibly April 1st from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm To be held in the Parlour. The ministerial Association are inviting an artist a week to share their experience of where their art and their faith collide. A light lunch will be served.
- **World Day of Prayer Worship Service.** Melville United Church, Friday **March 6th** 2026, 2:00 P.M. Theme: "I will Give You Rest: Come" The service is prepared by the WDP Committee of Nigeria. Following the service refreshments will be served. All Are Welcome.
- Knox-Elora Presbyterian Church 51 Church St, Elora is holding a **Spaghetti Dinner on March 7**, 2026, 5:00-7:00 pm. Advanced sales only – no walk ins. Ticket deadline Sunday March 1st. Adults \$20, Children (5-12) \$10. To purchase tickets call 519-846-0680 or 519-831-5897.
- **Celtic Music Evening.** Fun, upbeat evening of Celtic Music! **March 14th** 7:30pm. Knox Presbyterian, 20 Quebec St. Guelph. \$30 in advance – scan QR code on poster located outside the Parlour. \$35 at the door (cash), \$10 for children under 12. Doors open at 7:00pm.