

Announcements

- Coffee After the Service Today has been cancelled due to the fact that there is a funeral this afternoon and the family will be gathering together before 1pm in the Parlour, and we need to prepare for the gathering downstairs after the 3pm funeral.
- **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 11, 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 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 second of two weeks of music dedicated to the "**Songs of Love Lost**". The performance will include songs by Hoagy Carmichael, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Irving Berlin, Johnny Mercer, Kander and Ebb and others and will feature classic songs – among them "*Lover Man (O Where Can You Be?)*", "*Love Come Back to Me*", "*I Wanna Be Around*", "*This Nearly Was Mine*", "*Angel Eyes*" 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