

Announcements

- Thanks to everyone who attended the Annual Meeting on March 8th. It was a wonderful celebration, and it makes one proud to be a part of such a wonderful Congregation.
- Are you on PAR? This is an excellent way to keep your financial commitment to Melville. Brochures are available at the back of the sanctuary. Lynda Rivet in the church office can also assist you, or see Ralph Rainford for additional details. Pre-Authorized Remittance PAR, an excellent way to do your part.
- We are very sad to share the news that Lynda Rivet will be leaving Melville to take a full time job as Office Manager at a new Expedia office opening in Owen Sound. As many of you know she has been working part time with Expedia already. Her last day at Melville will be March 27th. Lynda has been with us for over 5 years. She has been the first contact for the many people who come through our doors, always welcoming and professional. She is an amazing, dedicated employee and loved member of our Melville family. She will be dearly missed!!
- **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.
- **Melville's Search Team Update.** We have been reviewing the skills and gifts of some ministry personnel and considering them against Melville's ministry priorities. We are preparing to move ahead with our first round of interviews. Please pray that we will be open to the gifts, skills, and passions of each one who responds to our profile. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. It is appreciated. With thanks, Jane O'Leary (chair), Alison Rainford, Chris Hopewell, Heather Halls and Lara Johnston.
- 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, **March 18**, 2026 at Melville United Church in Fergus beginning at **12 noon** and continuing until about 1 p.m. Inspired by the classic Cole Porter song "*Night and Day*", both last week and this coming Wednesday, Brad's song selections include great standards from famous songwriters from Rodgers and Hammerstein, Jule Styne, Harold Arlen, Lerner and Loewe to Carole King and Kris Kristofferson. Come and enjoy songs *Tender Is the Night*, *The Way You Look Tonight*, *On a Wonderful Day Like Today* 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.
- **Lenten Series.** Sponsored by the Centre Wellington Ministerial Association. To be held at Melville in the Sanctuary 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm followed with a light lunch in the Parlour. Each week a different artist will share their experience of where their art and their faith collide. March 19th – speaker TBA, March 26th – Morissa Nicole Brown (Singer, Actress)
- **Lenten Nights** Wednesdays 7-8 pm at Hope Springs United Church. Come in, find a seat in the sanctuary and take a deep breath. Find space for quiet reflection. Listen to gentle music. Pray or meditate. Light a Candle. Read. Free Event.