

Announcements

- **Melville's Annual Congregational Meeting** will take place this Sunday **March 8th**. Lunch will be provided after the service in the Fellowship Hall, followed by the meeting. The annual report can be found online at <https://melvilleunited.com/2026/02/19/melvilles-congregational-annual-report-2025/>. If you would like a printed version copies will be available on Sunday at the back of the Sanctuary, or you can come by the church during office hours and pick one up.
- 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.
- **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, **March 11, 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*", for the next two weeks, Brad's song selections include great standards from famous songwriters such as Rodgers and Hammerstein, Henry Mancini, and Johnny Mercer. Come and enjoy songs *Night and Day*, *It's a Grand Night for Singing*, *In the Wee Small Hours of the Morning*, *You and the Night and the Music* 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 12th – Speaker Father Robert Hetu (Poet), 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.
- **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.