

Announcements

- April 26th is **Camping Sunday** and we hope to show a montage of your favourite camping photos (Church, family, Scouts/Guides, etc). Photos can be sent to Rev. Karen at kabo3731@gmail.com by April 19th, or hard copies brought to the services on the 12th and 19th for her to photograph.
- Melville has a newly refreshed website! It's a lighter, brighter design with lots of colourful images. We hope people will find it inviting and engaging. It's the same link to reach it <https://melvilleunited.com/> More images and text, to describe the life, work and community of Melville, will be added over the coming week. Please have a look and share your thoughts on the changes! With thanks, Jane O'Leary, Martha Duncan, LindaMae Ogilvie.
- Happy spring! The garden team is looking forward to another wonderful year in the 'Thyme with God' garden. After such a long winter, there are a few things that require our attention, and we are organizing a workday in the next few weeks. Please join us on April 25 to assist in a few small projects (rain date May 2). More details to come. If you are interested, please reach out to any of our team members or contact ogilvielms@gmail.com.
- 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. Lan Ha 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.
- **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, **April 8, 2026**, at Melville United Church in Fergus beginning at **12 noon** and continuing until about 1 p.m. For the next two weeks, Brad's focus will be on Great Songs from Great Britain featuring songs by talented British songwriters. The concert on this first Wednesday will include The Very Thought of You by leading English "big band" leader Ray Noble, a selection of songs by the multi-talented Noel Coward and songs from stage musicals composed by Anthony Newley, Lionel Bart, and an early hit from the career of Elton John. Come and enjoy memorable songs such as These Foolish Things, try a Little Tenderness, a famous song that many might be dismayed to learn for which the lyrics were written by an Englishman, 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.

For more information on this series or to join our e-mail list, contact Brad at 519-400-1022 or by e-mail at brad.halls@wightman.ca.