

# ◆ MELROSE UNITED CHURCH ◆

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◆ 5 February, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. ◆  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
Annual General Meeting

**MELROSE UNITED CHURCH**  
◆ Sunday, February 5, 2017 ◆  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

\* indicates a time to stand, if you are able  
congregational responses are in **boldface type**

◆ All are welcome for coffee and conversation in the parlour after worship ◆

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◆ **GATHERING** ◆

WE WORSHIP AS WE CONSTITUTE THE MELROSE ANNUAL  
MEETING - Welcome and Call to Order

INTROIT – *The Lord hath manifested*

G. Thalban-Ball

\* OPENING HYMN – *I Danced in the Morning*

VU 352

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Christ, you are the Light of the World

**All: Come into the dark places of our lives and light our way.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Called to be light,

**All: we would carry God's hope into the shadows of the world.**

One: Called to be salt,

**All: we would enhance the lives of those around us, with joy.**

One: Called to live in God's reality,

**All: we would welcome everyone as sisters and brothers in faith.**

OPENING PRAYER (Psalm 27)

**All: Gracious God,**

**we praise you and thank you  
for all that you have bestowed upon us -  
for this day in which we have our being -**

for your word which refreshes us as we open ourselves to it -  
for your wisdom which comes to us as we follow Jesus -  
for the light that shines upon us when turn to you in prayer.  
Help us to glorify you in our worship  
and also through our actions once we leave this place.  
May we be the salt of the earth and a light to the world.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

\* HYMN – *Jesus Bids us Shine*  
(the children go out to their programme)

VU 585

### ◆ SERVICE OF THE WORD ◆

Reader: Ian Brisbin

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 13-20

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON – “Healthy Salt”

ANTHEM – *The Key*

A. Piccolo

### ◆ RESPONSE ◆

## PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

## OFFERING

\* OFFERING HYMN – *Worship in the Beauty of Holiness* (vs. 4)

HB 33

*Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,  
bow down before God, God's glory proclaim  
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,  
these are the offerings we lay at God's shrine.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All: Loving God,  
we give thanks for all you have given to us  
and praise you for your astounding goodness.  
Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies  
for the ministry of your church.  
Bless our offering for the work of your realm,  
and give us wisdom  
for the right use of all you have provided.  
Amen.**

★ HYMN – *Bless Now, O God, the Journey*

VU 633

## BLESSING OF OUR FOOD

(all are invited to proceed to the auditorium for lunch and for the AGM)

POSTLUDE – *Turn Your Radio On*

A. E. Brumley

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

★ COMISSIONING AND BLESSING

★ SUNG BLESSING – *Go Now in Peace*

Besig/Price

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others, so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen, Amen, Amen.*

## ◆ Melrose Events ◆

### ◆ Worship Next Week ◆

As we near the annual celebration of Valentine's Day the ecumenical lectionary offers us a complex Gospel reading (Matthew 5: 21-37) that raises a number of issues. The Law understood in purely legal terms can, suggests Jesus, end up being a moral or self-justifying check list. Jesus wants more from and *for* us. He wants us to see each other as God sees us by calling us to look beyond the law to its goal and end: the life and health of our neighbour. In this way, Jesus calls us to envision life in God's kingdom as constituted not so much by obedience to law but rather by holding the welfare of our neighbours close to our hearts while trusting that they are doing the same for us. In the mean world we currently inhabit embodying the realm of God that Jesus inaugurated in our homes and communities is a pretty radical act!

### ◆ Melrose Annual Reports AND Tax Receipts Are Ready for Pick-up ◆

Annual Reports are ready for pick-up at coffee hour today – ONE per family, please. Don't forget to sign the sheet when taking your Annual Report, in order to help us keep track of who still needs to get one.

### ◆ Melrose Annual General Meeting ◆

It's that time of year again! The meeting will be held today **Sunday, February 5** during and after worship. The following motion will be considered at the Annual General meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup>:

**MOTION:** That the congregation approve the withdrawal of up to \$50,000 from the capital of the Sustaining Fund to meet the needs of the 2017 operating budget.

### ◆ Memorial Flowers ◆



The flowers in the sanctuary this morning have been placed by Ethel Lapp and her family in loving memory of Douglas Lapp. The family are placing the flowers today in recognition of the 12th anniversary of their father's death on February 4, 2005.

### ◆ **Melrose Men's Breakfast** ◆

Plan to join us on **Saturday, February 18** at 9:30am. It will be full of fellowship and fun! Bring your father, sons, and grandparent! Cost is \$10 per adult.

### ◆ **Flapjack Friday** ◆

Plan to join us on **Friday, February 24** at 6:30pm for flapjacks. You bring the toppings - we will have the pancakes. It will be a time of feasting, community, and fun. All are welcome.

### ◆ **Sunday School special request** ◆

The Sunday School program is in need of a "helper" each Sunday. Our numbers have increased and Michelle needs a second adult/teenage volunteer to help. For a list of Sundays available and to sign up please contact Sandra W. or Gwyn X. No preparation or direct leadership required.

### ◆ **Corner Shoppe Updates** ◆

The Melrose Corner Shoppe continues to offer new stock on a weekly basis, as well as having new themes each month. Come on in and see what New Treasures await you and your home! Donations are always appreciated; CDs, Books and Jewellery are currently needed.

#### **Happy News!**

This is a reminder that God works in mysterious and unexpected ways to inspire faith...Further to the announcement of the missing "Shoppe Funds", a very generous anonymous donation was made to cover the total amount and then some!! We all extend a huge, "Thank-you" to the Good Samaritan amongst us!

#### **Help Needed!**

If you are at the church regularly for an existing commitment and you could spare 20 minutes extra to stock shelves before you leave please contact Claire at 905-525-1888 or leave your name and number at the church office. The more helpers, the lighter the load!! And your support will provide on-going fund-raising for Melrose!

### ◆ **News from the Elders** ◆

Anne Gilmore was speaking with Loretta Stockton recently and shared how pleased she was to receive the Christmas card from the Church that Doreen initiated. Loretta also shared that she thanked Doreen as well. Loretta said she had great fun reading the signatures and knowing who they belonged to. She was very pleased to be remembered.

### ◆ **Child and Youth Notes** ◆

**Sunday School:** Please note that there will be no Sunday School Feb 19.

**Thursdays are for fun:** join us Thursday evening from 6pm-7pm for a fun open hour of gym time here at the church!

### ◆ **Upcoming Dates** ◆

**THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** -The Prayer Shawl group is starting to meet again on the last Saturday of the month. We gather in the parlour of Melrose U. C. beginning at 9:30 am to enjoy a light snack while we work on knitting & crocheting. Supplies and patterns are available. Please drop in at any time on Saturday morning to see what is happening.

**WOMEN IN TOUCH - Wednesday, Feb. 8,** 6:30 to 9 pm. The WIT potluck dinner on Feb. 8th welcomes our guest, Liz Pascual, from the "Active Living - Healthy Aging" programme at the YWCA. The topic is "Ageless Grace". This is a delicious evening of shared food and fellowship. Come and join the fun!

**BIBLE STUDY** – This group meets on **Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m.** in the parlour. The current topic is "Women of the Old Testament" followed by "Women of the New Testament ". You are welcome to drop in and see if this interests you.

### ◆ **Hello WrapAround Hamilton Supporters** ◆

A request from WrapAround has been received for the following items:

Used vacuum cleaners (3); microwave oven; toaster; double mattress; phone (landline); and a large garbage pail with a lid (safety issue for one family). If anyone has the item available, if they can call Elske at our WrapAround Hamilton mobile-905-3208373 or office # 905-528-0353 or through our email: [elske@shalemnetwork.org](mailto:elske@shalemnetwork.org) or speak to Libby Cook. Thanks for any help you are able to give us.

◆ **The Prayer Bear Ministry...** ◆

... at Melrose is sponsored through a generous gift in loving memory of Easton Carter Strongman, the infant son of Adam and Jessica Strongman, who died in 2013. If you know of anyone in need of some Prayer Bear cheer, you are invited to take one of the bears from the table near the south (right hand) sanctuary door. Please fill in the Prayer Bear registry book also located on the table so that we have some information about the bear's new home.





## MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday – February 6

Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Brownies, Guides	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Auditorium
Big Book	7:00 p.m.	Parlour

### Tuesday – February 7

<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Parlour</b>
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium, Sanctuary

### Wednesday – February 8

Duet Club of Hamilton	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Mindfulness Course	5:15 p.m.	Parlour
<b>Women in Touch</b>	<b>6: 30 p.m.</b>	<b>Auditorium, Kitchen</b>

### Thursday – February 9

Early Years: Newborn	9:15 a.m.	Parlour
Early Years: Family	10:30 a.m.	Parlour
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
<b>Thursdays are for Fun!</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Parlour, Gym</b>
English Country Dancing	6:45 p.m.	Auditorium
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
<b>Melrose Choir Practice</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>

### Friday – February 10

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### Saturday – February 11

On Course Education	11:00 a.m.	
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### Sunday – February 12

<b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>9:40 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>Melrose Worship</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>