

Melrose Muse

February 2016

Melrose United Church

UPCOMING THEMES/EVENTS IN THE CHURCH LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Feb 7: Transfiguration Sunday

Feb. 9: Shrove Tuesday

Feb. 10: Ash Wednesday

Feb. 14: First Sunday in Lent

Devotional

Read: 2 Corinthians 11: 24-33

If anyone understands disappointments and hardships, Paul does – yet he maintained a right attitude.

How do we react to disappointments? How do we react when we don't get our own way?

No matter what disappointments or frustrations we face in life, we can either let it get us down or not, depending on how we handle it – which is our attitude.

If we have an attitude of self-pity and feel that it's 'not fair', then we won't rise above it, instead we will feel miserable.

It takes on a whole new meaning when we choose to respond in a more loving way. Especially in an area where someone else seems to be getting his or her way above what we wanted. To have a right attitude, we need to stop feeling sorry for ourselves when we don't get our own way. This is a hard lesson to learn, because it does hurt and makes us angry. But we do need to try to choose to react lovingly. Taking on a wrong attitude, for whatever reason, causes us to become bitter inside and feel as though the whole world is against us. This is a sad and lonely place to be.

God loves you and wants you to be free from the hurts and anger that results in having a 'bad attitude'.

There are going to be disappointments and frustrations in life. People do let us down. The key here though, is to seek God through it all and allow His love into the situation. Ask Him for the help you need in how you will respond to it all.

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My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ~James 1: 2-3 (NKJV)

TGIF: FEBRUARY 26

Let's Celebrate Colour
and forget the winter blahs!

Join us for a pot-luck
dinner followed by tye-dye
shirt making

February 26
6:30pm
@ Melrose United



Good News and Music Club

Thursday evenings
6:00-7:30pm
Grades 1-8

Pizza, games, crafts and music

Did you know?

Tobogganing permitted on 3 Hamilton hills, if we get snow. The city of Hamilton is trying tobogganing at 3 spots: Chedoke, King's Forest, and Garth Street Reservoir for 1 year. Wear a hockey or ski helmet.

Youth Connexions Resumes Jan 16 2016 Theme - Empathy

Feb. 6 Melrose United- 86 Homewood Ave.
Enter via parking Lot on Stanley Ave.

Feb. 27 Westdale United – 99 North Oval
Enter via double doors on North Oval

March 5 St. Cuthbert's – 2 Bond Street
North Blanket Exercise

April 2 MacNeill Baptist – 1145 King St. W.
Enter via Double doors on King St.

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Upcoming Events in the Community

Family Fun Day on Mon. Feb. 15 from 9 am – 5 pm at Caledonia Fairgrounds, 151 Caithness St. E. in Caledonia. A full day of bouncy castles, hot food, magic show, dance show, and games. Tickets sold at the door: Adults \$5, Children \$10

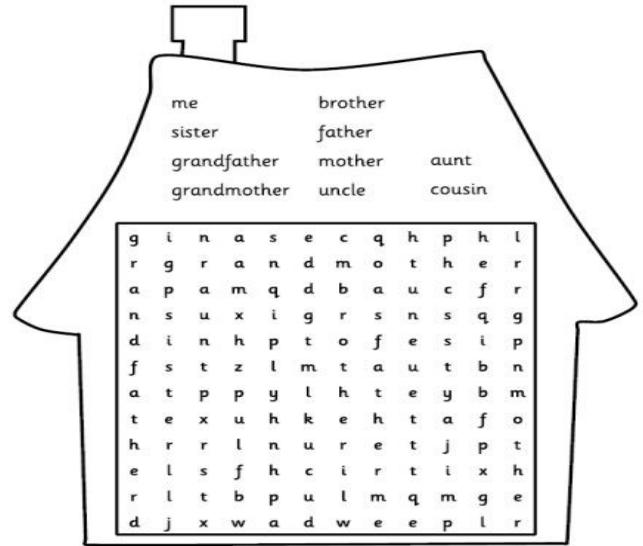
Great Big Theatre Company offers March Break & Summer Theatre Arts Camps, and year-round programs for youth ages 3-14 yrs. Open House:
 St. Catharines: Sun. Feb 7 from 1:30-2:30pm at Mountainview United Church, 150 Glendale Ave
 Hamilton: Sun. Jan 31 from 3:30-4:30pm at the Emmanuel United Church, 871 Upper Ottawa St.
www.gbtc.com

Check out family day drop in skating:
<https://www.hamilton.ca/parks-recreation/drop-in-recreation-programs/family-day-public-skates>

Puzzle Time

Family Word Search

Can you find all the family words in the grid below?



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Melrose United Church Families

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4 Good News and Music Club 6-7:30pm Choir 7:30pm	5	6 Youth Connexions @ Melrose 5:00 PM
7 Worship 10:30 Sunday School <i>At the Desert</i>	8	9	10	11 Good News and Music Club 6-7:30pm Choir 7:30pm	12	13
14 Valentine's Day Worship 10:30 Sunday School <i>Games</i>	15 Family Day	16	17	18 Good News and Music Club 6-7:30pm Choir 7:30pm	19	20 Acoustic Blend Cafe 7:30 PM
21 Worship 10:30 Sunday School <i>Fruit of the Spirit Peace</i> AGM 11:45	22	23	24	25 Good News and Music Club 6-7:30pm Choir 7:30pm	26 TGIF: Colours 06:30:00 AM	27 Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 AM
28 Worship 10:30 Sunday School <i>On the Hillside</i>	29					
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