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Psalms 19:1 – The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Please refer to www.melroseunited.ca
for this month's activity calendar.

Minute for Mission: Environment Sunday

Agriculture is an important part of Haiti's economy, but the country produces only about half of the food its people need. The rest is imported.

In developing countries, the gap between the food that people can grow locally and the imported food they need to purchase is often called "food security" – or in this case "food insecurity." In Haiti the gap means many of the poorest and most vulnerable people can't afford enough to eat, resulting in a multitude of health problems.

Farmers in Haiti work with the practice of food sovereignty in mind. They work to increase food production even as they struggle to reduce soil erosion in the mountains, and try to work with nature as they manage ever more erratic cycles of rain and drought. They form local organizations to support one another, shape local food systems that are fair, press for collaboration from government, and work with international development agencies.

In Haiti, Mission & Service helps support two partners: Haiti's Methodist Church and the Karl Lévêque Cultural Institute. Both organizations support local farmers with microcredit, livestock, and seed programs, and both participated in a two-day forum on food security with the representatives of six Canadian churches and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Through our gifts for Mission & Service, Haitian farmers are able to help ensure the social, economic, and environmental well-being of their communities.

Please join us in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith.

Loving God, we are called to be your colours in the world, to walk with each other, share in love through our gifts for Mission & Service.

Guide us to shine brightly in the world. Amen

Link to video: <http://www.united-church.ca/sep-11-minute-toward-sustainable-agriculture>

Upcoming Special days in the United Church

June 5

Environment Sunday

June 12

Union Sunday

June 19

Aboriginal Sunday

TGIF Updates:

TGIF wrapped up for the year in May. Please plan to join us for the June Picnic and mark your calendars for when TGIF resumes in the fall.



Summer Worship

Please note that summer Sunday worship takes place in the air conditioned, intimate chapel and is always followed by nice cool lemonade.

Did I mention the air conditioning? Or the cool lemonade? Oh I did.

There will also be a number of guests sharing the pulpit and musical roles so make sure to come as much as you are able.

More Important News

Survey:

Thank you for those who have filled out the survey so far. If you are able please make the time to fill it out and share what you would like to see in the fall for programming involving children, youth and families. To complete survey click here: [Complete Survey Now](#)

Good News and Music Club:

Is wrapping up for the year on June 2. In August there will be more information about the programming for the fall.

VBS

The Surf Shack is coming!

We are excited to be participating in Hamilton Presbytery's summer day camp program. This year's theme is The Surf Shack: Catch the amazing wave of God's Love.

It looks like it will be a lot of fun. Rev. Philip and Michelle will be involved but the actual programming will be run by a team hired by presbytery.

Mark August 8-12 on your calendars.

Registration is limited so get your information into the church office. There are also easy (with a limited time commitment) volunteer opportunities available if you would like to be involved.

Fall Programming Volunteer Recruitment

In August Michelle and the CD Committee will begin looking for volunteers for help with the programs we run for the children, youth and families here at Melrose. All have something to offer or give. This year we saw over 15 people come forward to share with the children in the Sunday School and Nursery program. Without hesitation we can say that it was a blessing and the variety of teaching styles really affected the kids in a positive way. If you think you have a Sunday or two (We promise, that's all 😊) over the 2016-2017 school year please contact Michelle.

Upcoming Sunday School Lessons and Volunteers:

June 5: – Lisa B. – Honesty

June 12: Church Picnic Sunday

Nursery coverage may also be available. If no coverage is available parents/caregivers are always welcome to use as needed.

Youth Connexions

Has wrapped up for the year. Stay tuned for more details for the fall start.

Summer Picnic Details

June 12:

Plan to join us on the Homewood lawn for an outdoor worship service followed by a potluck lunch as we celebrate another year as a church family prior to entering into a busy season of vacations and summer fun. Bring a blanket or chair to sit on, food to share and an open heart.

June 12 – 10:30 a.m.