

# Melrose Muse

March 2016

Melrose United Church

## UPCOMING THEMES/EVENTS IN THE CHURCH LITURGICAL CALENDAR

- March 4 – World Day of Prayer
- March 8 – International Women's Day
- March 20 – Palm Sunday
- March 21 – International Day for the elimination of Racism
- March 24 – Maundy Thursday
- March 25 – Good Friday
- March 27 – Easter Sunday

### Devotional

Read: Matthew 27: 33-38; chp. 28: 1-11

It would be good to read all of chp. 27 if you have time to do so. It speaks of Jesus trial and ridicule and abusive treatment from the soldiers.

Jesus had to die on the cross and shed His blood for us, so we could be brought back into relationship with God. He was the final sacrifice. Through Jesus blood being shed for us, our sins have been forgiven (washed away). Then, through His resurrection (coming back to life) we, too, can be risen to new life in Him. When we come to the Lord, He makes us new creations. We have Jesus resurrected life in us.

Easter isn't at all about Easter bunnies and Easter eggs as such, though these things are nice to have at Easter time. I've heard it said that the Easter egg represents 'new life' – as a chicken hatches from an egg. It is okay to enjoy chocolate bunnies and Easter eggs at Easter time, but let us not forget the real meaning of Easter.

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## Upcoming Easter Services:

March 24: Maundy Thursday Worship

@ 7:00pm

March 25: Good Friday Worship @

10:30am

March 27: Early worship

@ 8:00am

followed by

Breakfast

Easter worship

@ 10:30am

## Good News and Music Club

Thursday evenings

6:00-7:30pm

Grades 1-8

Pizza, games, crafts and music

## Melrose Vision

To respond to God's call by being a people of faith who open our hearts and minds to the true power and love of Jesus Christ.

To live our faith by providing within our changing community a welcoming environment which encourages people of all ages to care for and accept one another.

## Youth Connexions Resumes Jan 16

2016 Theme - Empathy

Remaining dates for Winter term:

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.

For information contact: Carol Wood woodcar@mcmaster.ca

## Nursery Coverage for March

March 6: Jacquie Books

March 13: Sandra Winner

March 20: Rebecca Mcchambers

March 27: Paul Millson

# Upcoming Events in the Community

## Art Gallery of Hamilton

March Break camps available for ages 5 and up. Extended care also available. Daily workshops also available for ages 3-5 with parental attendance. Camps and workshops will focus on the theme "The Artists Journey." For more information check out [www.artgalleryofhamilton.com](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com)

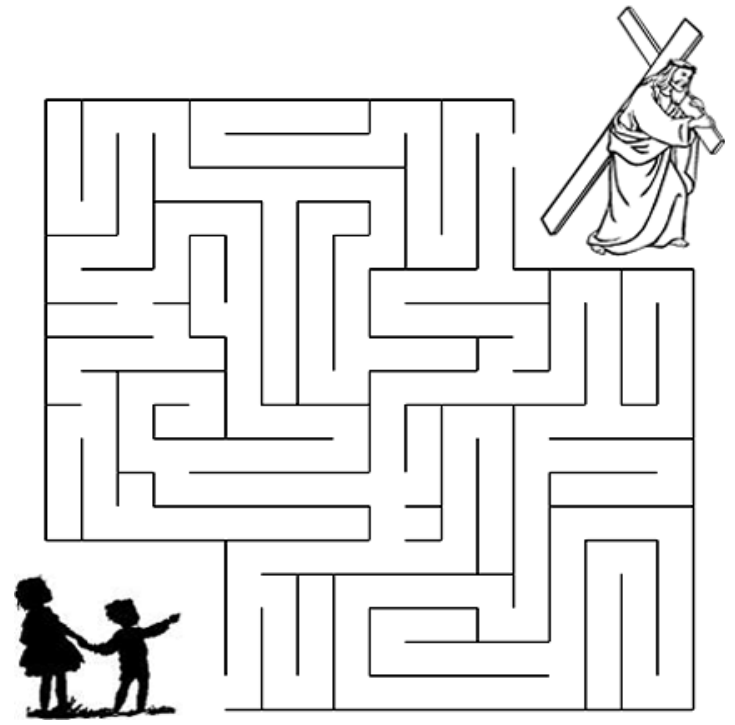
## Old Buildings, New Ideas!

Camp at the Workers Arts & Heritage Centre. This March Break, come learn about the previous uses of the Custom House, the Workers Arts & Heritage Centre's home, which was built before Canada was even a country! Find out what types of workers inhabited this amazing space, and contribute your own ideas and imagination to bring this building's colorful history of work, play and art to life! \$20 per day; ages 8-12. WAHC, 51 Stuart St. <http://wahc-museum.ca/event/1548/>

## Royal Botanical Gardens

Reptile Rendezvous runs from Jan.23 to April 17 Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Royal Botanical Gardens, 680 Plains Rd. W., Burlington. Engage with the wild and wonderful world of turtles, lizards, snakes and more. Admission Rates apply.

# Puzzle Time



## Melrose United Church Families

# March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Bible Study: 10:00am	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Good News and Music Club 6-7:30pm Choir 7:30pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Worship 10:30am Sunday School: <i>Through the Roof</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Bible Study: 10:00am	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Good News and Music Club 6-7:30pm Choir 7:30pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <i>Daylight Saving</i> Worship 10:30am Sunday School: <i>With his Friends</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Bible Study: 10:00am	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> March Break Club Cancelled Choir 7:30pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Melrose Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM
<b>20</b> <i>Vernal equinox</i> Worship 10:30am Palm Sunday Sunday School: <i>Honesty</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Bible Study: 10:00am	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Club Cancelled Maundy Thursday Service 07:00:00 PM Choir 7:30pm	<b>25</b> <i>Good Friday</i> Good Friday Worship 10:30 AM	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <i>Easter</i> Early Service 8:00am Breakfast Worship 10:30am Sunday School: <i>Out of the tomb</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Bible Study: 10:00am	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Good News and Music Club 6-7:30pm Choir 7:30pm		
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