

May 2016

Melrose Muse

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Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 4:4-7

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

Christian Family Sunday:

Please enjoy this prayer from the United Church of Canada's website written by the Aboriginal and church leaders' tour to prepare for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission as we think about our families on May 8:

God of our Ancestors, who holds the spirits of our grandmothers and grandfathers and the spirits of our grandchildren, Remembering the Children, we now pledge ourselves to speak the Truth, and with our hearts and our souls to act upon the Truth we have heard of the injustices lived, of the sufferings inflicted, of the tears cried, of the misguided intentions imposed and of the power of prejudice and racism which were allowed to smother the sounds and laughter of the forgotten children. Hear our cries of lament for what was allowed to happen, and for what will never be. In speaking and hearing and acting upon the Truth may we as individuals and as a nation meet the hope of a new beginning.

Great Creator God who desires that all creation live in harmony and peace, Remembering the Children we dare to dream of a Path of Reconciliation where apology from the heart leads to healing of the heart and the chance of restoring the circle, where justice walks with all, where respect leads to true partnership, where the power to change comes from each heart.

Hear our prayer of hope, and guide this country of Canada on a new and different path. Amen

Upcoming Events in the United Church Liturgical Calendar

May 8

Christian Family Sunday

May 17

International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia

June 5

Environment Sunday

TGIF Updates:

The Melrose Passover Seder was a huge blessing!

We thank Janet Kronick for leading us through a wonderful evening of fellowship, reflection and history. We just hope the kids were able to get rid of all those boils!

On May 27 plan to join us for a potluck dinner where we will be having some fun with The Nutrition Games! Think Hunger games with a focus on nutritional education meets fun less the actually sacrificing of a person/tribute/I have no idea because I have never actually seen The Hunger Games (insert gasp here...). At the end we will all test our luck in trying some mystery canned goods chosen by the winners!

**Potluck dinner starts at 6:30pm.
All are welcome!**

More Important News


Good News and Music Club:

Every Thursday join us for pizza, crafts, music with Alex Cann and free time in the gym. 6-7:30pm. Grades 1-8. Occasional Parental involvement may apply. Final date for the year will be June 2.

Events for youth:

St. Andrews United Church – 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. 6-8pm – contact Laurie or Greg 905-383-7411

- St. John United Church – Senior Youth Ages 14-18, Wednesday Nights 7-9pm – 905-387-2135



Can you see that hand? Just having a little bit of fun at Sunday School practicing camouflage.

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.

Open to ages 5-11 with a special program for teens. An email with additional information will arrive in your inboxes and weekly bulletin soon.

Upcoming Sunday School Lessons and Volunteers:

May 1: Fruits of the Spirit: Peace – Aric R.

May 8: Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness – Libby C.

May 15: Fruits of the Spirit: Generosity – Dianne C.

May 22: Godly play – Michelle

May 29: Fruits of the Spirit: Faithfulness – Shari S.

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

The annual summer picnic will be taking place on June 12 right here at Melrose on the Homewood lawn. Please mark the date in your calendars to attend. Potluck lunch to follow the service.