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◆ **Sunday, November 17, 2019** ◆

**Children's Sunday
Pet Blessing Service**

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH
◆ **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019** ◆
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY
PET BLESSING SERVICE

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

◆ **GATHERING** ◆

PRELUDE

INTROIT - Create in me, O God, a Pure Heart

J. Brahms

* OPENING HYMN - *Come, We That Love*

VU 714

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The light of this Christ Candle shines with the warmth and love of Jesus as he tells his followers:

**All: The Kingdom of God belongs to such as these children.
You will never enter it unless you become as one with them.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Oh God, we gather here today in the presence of other members of creation.

All: We bring our pets.

One: May we worship together in harmony, as you intended animals and humans to be.

All: We bring our own wild ways.

One: May we learn from each other today our common goal.

All: We bring our praise to you, the Creator of our world. Let us come to worship God together.

OPENING PRAYER (said by all)

All: Holy God, creator of all things, we come together today to reflect on the many animals that you have created to enrich this world. Be with us as we celebrate, through song, words, and prayer, the animals that are such a gift to us. May we leave here today with a better understanding of your creation. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

◆ BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS ◆

★ HYMN – *God of the Sparrow*

VU 229

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1: 20, 24

One: Then God said, “Let the waters swarm with fish and other life. Let the skies be filled with birds of every kind.”

All: Then God said, “Let the earth produce every sort of animal, each producing offspring of the same kind.” So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that scurries and swarms in the water, and every sort of bird – each producing offspring of the same kind.

One: And God saw that it was good. Then God blessed them saying, “Be fruitful and multiply.”

SIGNIFICANCE OF ANIMALS IN GOD’S CREATION

References: Genesis 9: 9-10, Exodus 12:3-14, Jonah 2: 1-10, 1 Kings 17: 6, Jonah 3:7

STORY: The Pastor’s Cat

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Please bring your animals forward

PRAYER (said by all)

All: Our pets bring us joy. Our pets bring us fun and friendship. Our pets bring us love. May we be respectful and caring to our pets, loving them as you, O God, love us, your children in the world. Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

Reader: Callan and Eirick Yates

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM – Psalm 98

VU 818

WISDOM OF ISRAEL – Isaiah 65: 17-25

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL – Luke 21: 5-19

One: This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour.

★ HYMN – *Christ Within Us Hidden*

MV 162

SERMON: “Unsettling Times!”

ANTHEM – O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

T. Tomkins

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

★ OFFERING HYMN – *Our God, Creation’s Loving Source* VU 490 v. 3

*Desire and tenderness and joy
are holy gifts, and ours to share
in love that’s giving, faithful, kind
and grows in mutual love and care.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

All: Gracious God, may these gifts, which have been generously given for the church, do good things for our community and for all peoples and creatures in the world today. Amen

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

(concluding with the Prayer of Jesus, said together)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

★ CLOSING HYMN - *Forth in Your Name, O Christ*

VU 416

CHORAL BLESSING

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The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

POSTLUDE

◆ 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 all people to care for and accept one another.

◆ Newcomers and Visitors ◆

Welcome to Melrose United Church!

Please feel free to fill in the form in the guest book in the narthex. After service we join together in the church parlour for refreshments and fellowship. Kids are welcome to hang out in the Children's corner at the front of the church during service and join the children's programming in the auditorium after Children's Time.

Children are also always welcome to stay in the sanctuary for the entire service if they choose.

◆ Worship Next Week ◆

Next Sunday The Reign of Christ Sunday, the last Sunday in our Calendar Year C. The following week we begin Advent with all the extra services and busyness of the Christmas Season.

Next week's Gospel Luke 23:33-43 once again looks at the final days of Jesus' life. Each year is a stand alone of the Jesus story – from birth to the rejection, betrayal, trial and crucifixion. It reflects the fulfillment of the mission of Jesus Christ here on earth leading to the beginning of the Church established in His name.

Charles Wesley wrote our first hymn for next week – Rejoice, the Lord is King, one of the six thousand that he was responsible for authoring. He was the youngest of 18 children and went on to found the Methodist Religion.

◆ **White Gift Sunday** ◆

Collecting for White Gift Sunday will take place NEXT week **November 24** and the following week **December 1st**! Wesley Urban Ministries is looking for new toys for all ages, gifts of non perishable foods, gift cards to support the families in need in Hamilton at Christmas Time. By supporting WUM we support our own community. For more info on the Wesley Christmas program and Christmas Store please see the takeaway flyer in the bulletin today.

◆ **WrapAround Announcement** ◆

Wraparound Hamilton is looking for donations of bus tickets and grocery gift cards to help our families. Please contact Libby Cook if you are able to help.

◆ **Mitten Tree** ◆

In the coming weeks we will be collecting hats, mittens and scarves for ADULTS in need here in Hamilton. Donations will be accepted and hung on the mitten tree until December 8th. That week the Social Justice Committee will distribute the items to local outreach groups.

◆ **Treasurer Update** ◆

There have been several positive aspects to our financial performance over the first ten months of the year. Donations received for our operations have been over \$6,000 higher than for this period in 2018, and rental income has been over \$5,000 higher. Special events income has been about \$1,000 higher (after related expenses). On the expenses side, payroll costs for our staff have been about \$10,000 lower than in 2018, due to the period without a full-time Minister. Utilities costs have been \$4,000 lower. The one area that has experienced costs higher than anticipated has been maintenance of the building, which is likely to be \$7,000 over the yearly budget.

While the overall financial information is positive, it is likely that we will have a deficit for the year in the range of \$25,000 to \$30,000. The 2019 budget had anticipated a deficit of \$40,000.

Does your group or committee have an upcoming church event? Remind the office to ensure the event is advertised on social media and in the bulletin. With adequate notice the office is happy to create and arrange for printing any of advertising you need for church run events.

◆ **Thank you...** ◆

Thank you to coffee hosts today – Barb and Keith Mann

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR		
Monday – November 18		
Fire Drill	10:00 a.m.	Entire Building
Bowling	1:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
Brownies, Guides	6:00 p.m.	Auditorium, Gym
Tuesday - November 19		
Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Parlour
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
Wednesday - November 20		
Duet Club of Hamilton Rehearsal	9:30 a.m.	Parlour
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	N. S. Room
Resource Man. Comm. Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Pickup Basketball	7:45 p.m.	Gym
Thursday - November 21		
Early ON Reg. Classes	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
R.S.D.C.S. Class	1:00 p.m.	N.S. Room
Bowling	1:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
Bazaar Set Up	6:00 p.m.	Auditorium
English Country Dancing	7:00 p.m.	Gym
Yoga Evening Group	7:00 p.m.	N.S. Room
Melrose Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.	Chapel
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Bowling Alley
Friday - November 22		
Melrose Bazaar Set up and Lunch	All day	Auditorium, Kitchen, Parlour
Saturday - November 23		
Melrose Mistletoe Bazaar	9:30 a.m.	Auditorium, Kitchen, Parlour, Sanctuary
Sunday – November 24		
Melrose Choir Practice	9:50 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Duet Club of Hamilton Concert	2:30 p.m.	Chapel, Parlour

Melrose United Church

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Breakfast -with- Santa!

Saturday Dec. 7th 9:00am - 11:00am

Adults \$10

Children 5-13 \$7

Children under 5 - \$5

To register, please email Meg Chalmers by Friday, Nov 29th at mucfamilyministries@gmail.com or visit the Church Office.

E-transfer option available.

Please include names and ages of all children.

All children receive a gift from Santa



MELROSE UNITED ANNUAL 
MISTLETOE
BAZAAR

NOVEMBER 23, 2019
9:30am-2:00pm

Join us for handmade gifts, gourmet goodies including frozen chicken pot pies and cabbage rolls, the famous cookie walk, special treasures from Christmas Past, the book nook and antique jewelry.

Plan to stay for fun in the children's corner or for lunch at the tasty Christmas Cafe!

For more info check out www.melroseunited.ca or call 905-522-1323





Please join us for
**Candlelight
Carol Service**



Sunday, December 15, 2019
7:30 p.m.

*Join us for a special evening of
carol music led by the Melrose
Chancel Choir and Music
Director Alexander Cann*

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LOCKE STREET CHURCHES INVITE YOU TO

ADVENT prayer walk



SUNDAY DECEMBER 1, 7PM

STARTS AT ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

TRAVELS TO MELROSE UNITED, BLESSINGS CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND WILL END AT ST. JOSEPH'S
WITH REFRESHMENTS

PRAYERS, CANDLES, CAROLS

COME HELP US BRING LIGHT TO THIS DARK TIME OF THE YEAR



CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY STORE

DONATION NEEDS

Donations of new or gently used hats, mitts, socks, Christmas stockings and plastic or re-usable bags for shoppers are always needed.

Note: We can typically use any non-perishable items that are in individual or family sizes. Please ensure food has a 2019 or later expiry date.

*Baby Food & Formula

*Dried Lentils & Beans

Dried Soup Mixes

Juice

Canned Meat

Canned Soup

Canned Stew

Canned Vegetables

Cereal

Cookies

Flour & Sugar

Granola Bars

Individual Snacks

Mac & Cheese

Pasta & Pasta Sauce

Rice & Oats

*Sugar & Flour

*Tea & Coffee

Tetra & Powdered Milk

Cooking oil - 1 litre

Canned hummus

Peanut Butter

Jam

Ketchup

Mustard

Relish

Couscous

Hygiene Items

Pet food & Items for pets

Babies & Toddlers

Examples: Diapers, New Clothing, Educational Toys, Gift Certificates (Walmart, Toys 'R' Us)

Children, ages 5-12

Examples: Dolls, Arts & Crafts, Cars & Trucks, Board Games, Gift Certificates (Walmart, Toys 'R' Us)

Youth, ages 13-18

Example: Sports Equipment, Hair Appliances, Hygiene Sets, Gift Certificates (Walmart, Shoppers Drug Mart, Tim Hortons)

Adults

Examples: Small Kitchen Appliances, Towel & Linens, Hygiene Sets, Gift Certificates (Walmart, Shoppers Drug Mart, Tim Hortons)

*Most needed food items

wesley.ca/xmas