

Fall 2016

Melfort United Church Newsletter



Minister's Message

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Autumn greetings to you all,

It is so wonderful to see the change of seasons for they remind us that we are not still, but changing and moving forward in our lives and our daily activities.

In this time of the year, we are invited to reflect on creation or nature itself as we witness to the changes taking place all around us: the trees shedding their leaves, the harvest of crops in full swing, the cooling of the weather, the shortening of days, the migration of birds to the south, the amazing and beautiful colours, reminding us of the rhythm of our own individual and community lives.

I, therefore, take this opportunity to invite us to welcome the season and all that it entails. I want to welcome you all back to church and to our routine work for our church. Welcome to our Sunday school children, youth and teachers. Welcome to you all to worship times and work of committees and choirs.

May God bless us all as we look forward to a great and peaceful time in our church community as we go through these three months leading to Christmas Season and end of the year 2016.

May this newsletter give you guidance and an idea of the work that lies ahead and the worship committee corner will give you glimpse of worship plans and activities for days and weeks to come.

Love and Peace,
Rev. Emmanuel Menvereve

Choir

Choir practice is every Wednesday at 7pm. New members are welcome.

Bell Choir

Thursdays at 4:15pm.

Pastoral Care

Meets the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at 10 am.

Card/Games Night

The second Friday of the month at 7pm. Everyone is welcome!

UCW

Meets third Thursday of the month at 2pm.

Women Alive - UCW

Meets first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7pm.

UCW Naomi Unit

Meets fourth Monday of the month at 2pm.

Food Bank Sunday

2nd Sunday of each month

**Noon Lunch**

1st Sunday of the month after service.

Worship report continued...

Oct. 20 - Bible Study @ 10:30 Everyone is welcome.

Oct. 30 - 5th Sunday Coverage by Worship Committee

Nov. 6 - Fall Supper

Nov. 13 - Remembrance Sunday

Nov. 20 - Children's Sunday - intergenerational service

Nov. 27 - 1st Sunday of Advent
- Communion

Dec.11 - White Gift Service

Dec.18 - Communion

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service @ 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 25 - No Service

WE NEED YOU

If you would be interested in serving communion, reading scripture, reading Minute for Mission, participating in role playing or other reading roles throughout the year, please contact any member of the worship Committee, or leave your name at the office.

GOODBYE

The Worship Committee wants to pass our best wishes on to Erin as she leaves our church to take on a new position. She has gained our complete trust, our great admiration for her work ethic, her knowledge and abilities, her competence, and her professionalism. She has been a delight to work with. She is the smiling face that greets people when they enter our church.

Erin has been a great help to our committee over the years. She has been very willing to do whatever she can to assist us in planning and carrying out our duties. Erin has surpassed any expectations that we have ever had.

Erin, we will miss you immensely, but appreciate greatly all that you have done for our church.

Worship Committee Report**HATS OFF!**

Service Coverage by board committees over the summer went really well. Erin did a great job in preparing the bulletin well ahead for each committee who requested help. M&P recruited music people who willingly provided the music for each Sunday. A big thank you to everyone.

NEW DATES FOR 2016:

Sept.11 - Welcome Back to Church Sunday
- Sunday School begins
- Worship noon luncheon

Sept.18 - Communion Service
- Services @ Nirvana 2:30 & Parkland 3:30.

Please join us.

Oct. 2 - Worldwide Communion Service

Oct. 9 - Thanksgiving & Baptism Service
Please contact Bea White or Gale Strachan if you have any vegetables, preserves, or other items we can use to decorate. Items need to be @ the church on Wed., Oct. 5th.

People News

Funerals

Our sympathy is extended to friends and family.

Bernice Stevenson
Donald Rumberger
Archie Groat
Jean Maltman



Weddings

Best wishes are extended to:
Jesse Drayton & Erica Bennett

UCW Life Memberships

On Tuesday, September 20th, the UCW will be presenting UCW Life Memberships to some of its very deserving members. The names of those honoured will be published in the Christmas newsletter.



Mark Your Calendars

Food Bank Sunday 2nd Sunday of each month

Fall Garage Sale

Friday, September 16th, 9am to 6pm

Saturday, September 17th, 9am to noon

Donations are gladly accepted and can be dropped off at the church during regular office hours or by appointment. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help, please speak to Faye Greier or Garry Forsyth.

Assisted Living Services – Sunday, Sept. 18th

@ 2:30 – Nirvana

@ 3:30 – Parkland

UCW Life Membership presentation - Tuesday, September 20th at 7pm

Board Meeting - Thursday, Sept. 22nd at 7:15pm

Noon Lunch – October 2nd

Board Meeting - Thursday, October 27th at 7:15pm

Fall Supper – Sunday, November 6th

UCW Tea & Bazaar – Saturday, December 3rd

Sister Theresa is said to have had this poem hung in a Calcutta orphanage. While it is unlikely that she wrote it, it is often attributed to her.

People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered.

Love them anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.

Do good anyway.

If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies.

Succeed anyway.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.

Be honest and frank anyway.

The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women with the smallest minds.

Think big anyway.

People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs.

Fight for a few underdogs anyway.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.

Build anyway.

People really need help but may attack you if you do help them.

Help people anyway.

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.

Give the world the best you have anyway.



UCW Report

UCW provided a birthday party for the residents of Parkland Place in July.

Six ladies from Melfort UCW attended and greatly enjoyed a Ladies' retreat at Camp Tapawingo, August 27th to August 29th. This was a provincial gathering of women of the United Church. There were 55 women in attendance. Mary Mohn, of Birch Hills, one of the co-chairpersons of the Women's Ministries Network, organized, along with some help from Tamarack Presbyterial, a most amazing retreat. This was a weekend filled with many workshops including canoeing, knitting, jelly making, line dancing, photography, nature walks and drumming; a silent auction raising \$928 for Camp Tapawingo; worship services led by Rev. Lindsay Mohn and Rev. Nora Vedress; campfires and much visiting.

On Thursday, September 15th, UCW will have their first general meeting starting with a noon pot-luck meal. Please join us for this meeting.

UCW will be doing Meals on Wheels in October.

UCW will be helping with the annual fall supper on November 6th and will be holding a Christmas tea and bazaar on December 3rd.

The UCW general meetings are the third Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm. The Naomi unit meets on the 4th Monday of the month, Women Alive meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

Submitted by,

Anne McIntosh

Choir

Choir Rehearsal - new members welcome. Ages 9-90 Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m. Rehearsals for the year are on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m for about one hour. (Sometimes the rehearsals are a little longer than one hour).

Stewardship

Stewardship Ifs

If I give no money, time or talent, I cast a vote in favour of closing my local church.
If I give only to local support, I vote to stop mission and service despite great need.

If I give less than I spend for entertainment, I vote to cut off the richness of spiritual nurture.

But,

If my financial giving is in proportion to my income, it will be meaningful no matter how small or large.

If my stewardship is sacrificial, it is a delight in the eyes of God.

If my stewardship is systematic, I make it easier for myself and make it possible for my church to plan in advance.

If my stewardship is more than I had planned, it is evidence of faith at work in my heart.

If my stewardship is done as a humble offering to God, my living and giving are great forms of worship.

Copied from Stewardship Services, The Observer, May 2012

From the Church Office

As you may have already heard, I have resigned my position as office administrator. My last day will be on Thursday, September 29th.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making my job here at the church so wonderful. I have enjoyed every minute of the last five years in the church office. Thank you for your kindness, patience, and never-ending helpfulness. I have learned a great deal from my time here and will miss you all.

I wish Melfort United Church all the best going forward.

Best Wishes,
Erin Norris-Pott

Volunteers Wanted

Please take a moment to fill out the volunteer survey that you will find in the bulletin for the next three Sundays.