

# Melfort United Church



*Fall 2017 Newsletter*



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**Music:  
Mavis Peters & Jodi Allen**

**Sunday Services 10:30 am**

**Fall Office Hours:  
September, October & November  
Tuesday – Thursday 9am-3pm**

## From the Minister's Desk

Greetings to all members and friends of Melfort United Church,

As we say goodbye to the longer and warmer days of summer, of family reunions, social functions, camping, and many other outdoor recreational activities, the slow pace of things and relaxation, we welcome the autumn or Fall Season, when life and its daily work routine picks up its faster pace. We have already witnessed the back to school rush, we are now looking forward to Halloween, Thanksgiving, and of course Christmas days.

We have begun to enjoy the changes and beauty that fall brings in the natural world that surrounds us and days begin to get cooler and shorter, our farmers working hard to make sure all crops are harvested before the first snow. As we experience all those changes, we at the church would like to wish you all the best this season can offer.

At this time, church activities, too, pick its faster pace.  
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With that in mind, we especially would like to welcome each and every one of you back to church and thank you for your presence and participation in our worship services, committee work, faith formation opportunities, and fellowships.

Whatever you do or offer for the growth and prosperity of this our church, please know that it is so highly appreciated.

Please enjoy the information and stories provided in this newsletter and I would like to invite you to pay attention to the worship committee corner, which gives a highlight of church events from now to the end of the year.

Fall Blessings,

Rev. Emmanuel Menyereye

### **Chair Report**

Summer has slipped away into fall and our lives now get back into a more normal routine again. I always find it a bit hard to say goodbye to summer - but yet with fall come different things to look forward to. It is always nice to reconnect with everyone as things get back into full swing at church and in the community.

Our "Grow our Church" committee would like your help. It is actually a simple request. Just fill in the survey and return it as soon as you can. Please encourage others from the congregation to do the same. The more feedback we get back the better.

Please check out our church calendar – there are lots of things happening. Choir is back into full swing and Mavis has selected some great anthems to enhance our worship services. Bible study will be starting up in a couple of weeks. Back to church Sunday is September 17 – Sunday school starts and there is a noon luncheon. The rummage sale is on the 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. Fall Supper is in November. The Scott Woods Christmas concert is in November as well. Many opportunities to reconnect with each other as we learn, worship, play and work together.

Thank you to all the committees that led our worship services during Emmanuel's well deserved vacation. I look forward to reconnecting with everyone over the upcoming weeks.

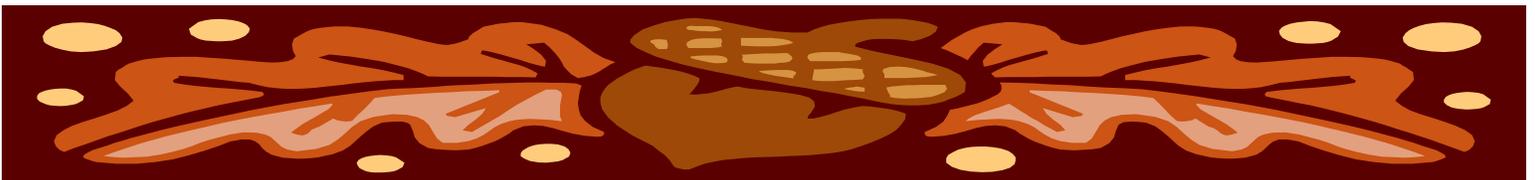
Respectfully submitted,  
Don Neher, Co – Chair

### **Christian Education Committee**

Our Sunday School classes start on Sept. 17th. All children and youth are invited to come to church at 10:30 for a children's time at the start of the regular service and then go to their special classes.

Choir - Our choir practices for the fall have started! We meet every Wed. at 7:00 for one hour so if you enjoy singing and are between 9 and 90, we invite you to join us. We usually sing in church two Sunday's a month. We have a very enthusiastic group of children and our director, Mavis Peters makes our practices fun and a great learning experience.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bea White



## People News

### Funerals

Our sympathy is extended to friends and family.

Annie Hoar  
James Trembley  
Noreen Craig  
Margaret Schneider  
Marilyn Bulmer  
Luella Morrow  
Sharon Walsh

### Baptisms

Elizabeth Jeen Luchia, daughter of  
Jennifer and Kurt Luchia

### Marriages

Bradley Kradovill and Sherry Stittle  
Brian Farley and Danielle Desjardins

### Choir

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

### Bell Choir

Thursdays at 4:15pm.

### Pastoral Care

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month at 10  
am.

### Noon Lunch

The first Sunday of the month following  
service. Everyone is welcome!

### Food Bank Sunday

The second Sunday of the month.  
Please bring your non-perishable items to  
support the Food Bank.

### Women Alive - UCW

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

### UCW Naomi Unit

Meets fourth Monday of the month at 2pm.



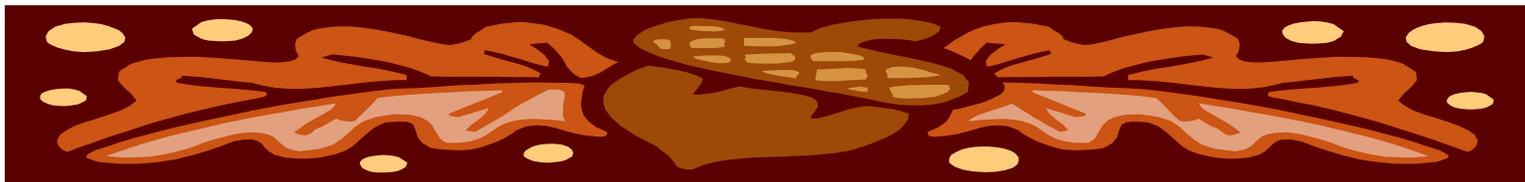
### Grow our Church

In June we asked for your help to identify what we, Melfort United Church, need to GROW as a church family. We realize that we gave you a pretty short window to reply and so have extended that opportunity to the end of September. The questionnaire is attached to the newsletter. We ask you to please take a few minutes to share what you like, dislike or feel could be improved to make your spiritual time with us more rewarding. For those who have already replied, thank you. To those who are new to our congregation, whether it be regular or sporadic we welcome your thoughts.....your replies may be dropped off at the church office or emailed to:  
[peggy.george@sasktel.net](mailto:peggy.george@sasktel.net).

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Chance but by CHOICE"*

### Leaves are Like Flowers

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a  
flower." *Albert Camus*



## Worship Committee Report

June was a busy month for our congregation! Communion Sunday was June 4. The Sunday School windup and Teacher Recognition Sunday was on June 11. Conference Sunday was led by the UCW on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Our Grade 12 grads, Teah Gray and Keely Hangs-Copeland were recognized on June 25<sup>th</sup>. That same Sunday Kurt, Jennifer, and Elizabeth Luchia were received as new members of our congregation. Elizabeth was baptized on Sunday, July 2.

The Worship Committee organized coverage for the Sundays that Emmanuel was away in August during his holidays, and September 3 which he had traded for July 30.

Communion Sunday in September is September 10. Back to Church Sunday and the beginning of Sunday School is set for September 17. Lunch will be prepared by the Worship Committee on September 17.

Communion Sundays have been set for October 1, November 19, and December 3. The Worship Committee will lead the service on October 29, the fifth Sunday of October.

The Worship Committee would like to thank Gale Strachan who worked so tirelessly as chairperson of this committee before she retired in February. Thank you to all members of the congregation who so willingly help to serve communion.

Our committee is still in need of 1 more member. If you can help please contact Gloria, Don Neher or Jean Senecal.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gloria Stushnoff

## Garage Sale Update

We are looking forward to our fall Garage Sale following in very successful one in the spring. The sale dates and time are:

**Friday, September 29th, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Saturday, September 30th, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon**

Once again we will begin with table setting and bringing stuff up from the basement on Sunday, September 24. Monday we set stuff out on the tables and Tuesday to Thursday we will price. Anything you want to donate can come in any time now and be left on the stage. If you cannot do it during normal office hours or if you need assistance please contact Garry (306.752.2605) or Faye (306.752.5441). We are asking that you have everything in by **noon on Thursday** to help us be ready for Friday morning.

Once again we will be asking for help and a sign-up list is in the foyer. We need help during the week and then cashiers and floor workers on the sale days. Cleanup takes about an hour after the sale (we will need a couple of trucks as well). Someone will be in attendance Monday to Thursday from 9:00 to 5:00. If you can't commit to signing up for a day or half day, drop in and spend an hour if you can. Coffee time is always interesting!

We ask that the donations be clean and in working order (with guidebooks if the item has unique working conditions). Please note we are not accepting box televisions and anything past their safety dates like children's car seats, high chairs, cribs, etc. If you are submitting blinds, curtains, bedding, rugs or anything else that has a size significance please indicate the size on the outside of the item. If your donation is large and heavy, please clear this with Garry or Faye before you bring it in.

Come help us wind up September on a high note.

Respectfully submitted,  
Garry and Faye



## Finance Committee

There are numerous ways for you to financially support Melfort United Church, namely through the use of church envelopes or P.A.R. If you are using envelopes that are not numbered, please write your name on the outside (or include inside) of the envelope to ensure the proper donation will appear on your income tax receipt at the end of the year. Extra offering envelopes may be picked up at the church office or on the shelf at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Many folks find it more convenient to donate through P.A.R. (preauthorized remittance). If this is your preference, please see Denise at the church office. Denise has the bank form that will withdraw your specified amount from your bank account and deposit into the church bank account on the 20th day of each month. This makes Sunday mornings hassle-free - no envelope to look for, no cash required, and no cheques to be written. If other commitments interfere with your church attendance you will have the peace of mind that the work of the church can still continue.

FundScrip is back! This is a risk free initiative whereas people purchase gift cards from one of the listed businesses and the church in turn, receives a payback from the businesses, on average of 3-5%. The forms can be found on the table in the CE entrance. Gift cards are convenient and easy to use and also make gift giving easy.... great stocking stuffers or put inside a birthday or Christmas card for those hard to buy for or far away.

We are so very grateful to all the organizers, volunteers and supporters of our many fundraising events that have occurred throughout the year – noon lunches, garage sales, Scott Woods Concert, pie sales, FundScrip, and the coming soon fall supper, tea and bazaar....thank you, thank you, one and all!

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy George, Finance Chair



# Back to Church Sunday

You are invited to our Back to Church Sunday  
& Noon Luncheon!

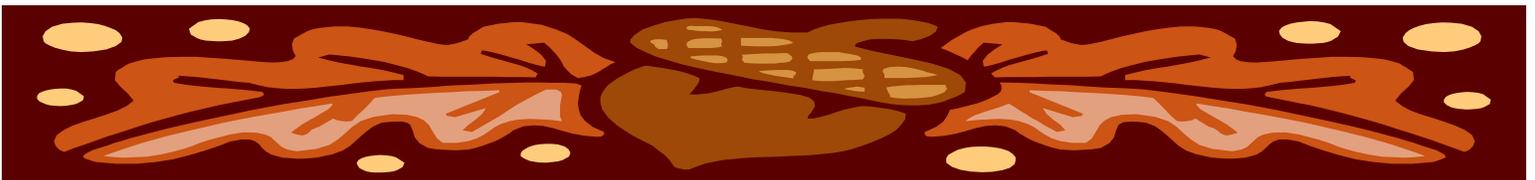
**Date: Sunday, September 17, 2017**  
**Time: 10:30am**

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Sunday school classes will also be resuming. All children preschool to teen are invited to join us!



## Upcoming Events

Saturday, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> - Eastern Star Fall Tea - 2 - 4 pm

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> - Communion Service & Noon Lunch (Church Board Committee)

Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> - Home-based Business Show - *For more information, contact Peggy George @306.752.5165*

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> - Fall Supper

Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>  
- Parkland Service @ 2:30pm  
- Nirvana Service @ 3:30pm

Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> - Scott Wood's Christmas Show

Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> - Communion Service

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> - Christmas Tea & Bazaar

Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Communion Service & Noon Lunch (Finance Committee)

