

# Melfort United Church Newsletter

Spring 2016

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**Sunday Services 10:30 am**

**Office Hours:**  
Tuesday – Thursday 9am-3pm

## **From the Minister's Desk**

After the reflective Season of Lent, our journey has brought us to the radiance of Easter. Very soon, the scenes of Lenten desert and wilderness will be replaced with blooming Easter flowers and other symbols of resurrection and new life. Simply put, the season of Easter is a time of joy and celebration! A time for change as anguish yields to joy, darkness to light. At Easter, we hope again, we break free from anxiety and fear, we reach beyond our limitations and find our future in this new beginning. We are called to recommit ourselves to our church community and the importance of serving God and serving others. It is a time for affirmation and commitment, for passion and caring.

For those among us whom this season finds going through challenges and difficult times – nailed: suffering because of illness, laden with worry; suffering because of hidden tensions, hidden frustrations, hidden fears; those nailed by feelings of injustice, the refugees and homeless, and the unemployed, may they know that there cannot be Easter without Good Friday. The Suffering and pain of Good Friday are vanquished by the events of Easter morn. May all

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## Worship Report

These are dates for special services over the upcoming Easter week and .to the end of June

March 20 - Palm Sunday. We are asking the congregation to meet in the CE and then parade into the sanctuary with palms waving.

March 24 - Maundy Thursday Service. Potluck supper begins at 6:00 and is followed by the communion service and washing of hands. Please join us for a very meaningful service.

March 25 - Ecumenical Good Friday Service at 10:00 at Park Avenue Bible Church.

March 27 - Easter Service

April 3 - We welcome "The Eastern Star", who will join us for worship.

April 17 - Brad Wudrich, our candidate for Ministry, will be part of the Worship Service.

April 24 - Communion.

May 15 - Communion

May 29 - 5th Sunday (Rev. Emmanuel will be away.) MUC Camp Sunday. We are looking for help with this service.

June 5 - Conference Sunday in Regina. Brad Wudrich's ordination.

June 12 - Communion.

The new list for scripture & Minute for Mission readers will be out shortly.

We would like to thank Sue Amundrud for her 4 years of service on the worship committee. Don and I would also like to welcome Gloria Stushnoff, who is joining our Committee.

Gloria Stushnoff, Don Neher, and Gale Strachan

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who suffer in any way encounter the risen Christ and experience healing and new beginnings for their lives. May we all experience the Christ who not only goes ahead of us, but also journeys with us and assuring us that we are not alone! He is ever present with us and he cares!

Please visit the Worship Committee corner of this Newsletter to find out our plans for Holy Week and other worship service schedules.

May you all know the presence of the Holy One at Easter. May you rejoice and be glad in the ultimate gift of love offered to you at Easter! May God richly bless your hearts, our church, our homes, and all those we love with lasting happiness. Have a Blessed Easter and a Peaceful Spring everyone!

Reverend Emmanuel Menyereye

### **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.

### **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**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month

### **Noon Lunch**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month after service.

## People News

### Good-bye:

We wish a fond farewell to Edna Leathem who has moved to Saskatoon.

### Funerals:

Our sympathy is extended to all the families and friends.

Georgina Kleiboer  
William Spencer  
Wilma Ballantyne  
Monetta Migadel  
Della Strachan  
David McAlister

### Weddings:

Best wishes are extended to:  
Riley Bessette & Jill Aasen

## Mark Your Calendars

### UCW Bridge Tournament

Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

### Spring Yard Sale

May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### Love that Fiddle

The Scott Woods show is coming to Melfort United Church. Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm. For information, contact Gwendolyn at 752-1923.



## Chair Report

Happy Easter!! And Happy St. Patrick's Day – if you missed out on the stew supper Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup>, that is truly unfortunate. The ladies put on an amazing meal!! So good. Thank you for all your hard work, it was very much enjoyed.

As you read this, we have had our first board meeting with the new members – we welcome Gloria Stushnoff to Worship, Don Meier to M&P, Ryan Heavin, Les Holoien and Doug Lyon back to Property, and Ron Nielsen to M&S, Outreach, Reception and Membership. Cheryl Sproule, the brave soul, is willing to sit on Finance along with Peggy George, and I've asked Kim Eskowich to move to Finance from Property as he has served there before, and we need some more experience.

I encourage all of you to offer assistance to the committees, in any way you can. As I have stated, you don't have to be a board member to assist in certain areas. Particularly in the areas of Property, Christian Education, and M&S, Outreach, Reception and Membership. Please talk to the members of the board and let us know where you can lend a hand. Over the next few Sundays, I'm going to have the chairs of these committees explain what they do, and where they could use your help.

And lastly, I'll close with my repetitious plea for an increase in revenue. One of the greatest sources is our weekly/monthly givings. And one of the simplest, most efficient ways to give monthly is to use PAR. Pre-authorized remittance allows you to contribute the exact same amount every month whether or not you are able to attend a single service. It covers the time you are on vacation, or those busy summer weekends. Please consider going on PAR, and if you are already on it, please consider increasing your donation by \$20. All it takes is a phone call to Erin, and a signature.

Many blessings to all of you for your past and continued support and hard work to make our church what it is. We have a great group of people, and a great story to tell. Let's share our story with others in our community.

Chris

## Matthew 28:5

But the angel answered and  
said to the women,  
“Do not be afraid, for I  
know that you seek Jesus  
who was crucified.

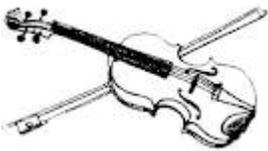
### Transfer of Membership or Confirmation

If you would like to become a member of Melfort United Church, either by transferring your membership from elsewhere or by taking part in the confirmation process, please let a member of the R&M committee know (Marion Heavin, Sharon Heavin, Judy Meier, and Louise Myhre) or else let Erin know in the office.

♪ Love that Fiddle ♪

# Scott Woods Concert

Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
Melfort United Church



This fast-paced two-hour concert skillfully combines old time fiddling with country gospel songs, perennial favourites, and a generous helping of humour. You'll be treated to one of Canada's best talents - the man with the flying fingers and the magic bow - fiddling sensation, Scott Woods.

There are lots of things to watch for when Scott Woods takes to the stage. His keen sense of timing and his sharp wit will keep you on your toes. And speaking of toes, just try to keep them still as he plays those old time tunes! Scott is backed up by his own band. Scott's sister, Kendra, recently retired from teaching is joining the six member band this year and the new step dancer is a student of Kyle Waymouth, the energetic performer who entertained so delightfully in previous years. Together, they stir up a storm of good music to lift your heart and feed your soul.

Watch for more details soon, perhaps about local talent in the show...

**Advance tickets can be purchased at the church office, George Hardware, Backstage Music and from some members of the congregation. The tickets make great gifts for Mother's Day, anniversaries, etc.**

**Adults - \$25  
Children 6 to 12 - \$10  
Preschoolers – free**

For more information, please contact Gwendolyn at 306-752-1923.

*Proceeds from the concert will assist Melfort United Church in carrying out the work of the congregation within our community and other parts of the world.*

# Camp Tapawingo

## “A Place of Happiness”

- Camp cleanup – Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 10am
- Camp Sunday – Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> @ 11am, Vesper Hill
- Camp AGM - Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm

### 2016 Camp Dates

Camp #1 7-9 years old  
July 6th - July 9th

Camp #2 10-12 years old  
July 11th - July 16th

Camp #3 12-14 years old  
July 18th - July 23rd

Camp #4 7-9 years old  
July 25th - July 28th

Camp #5 10-12 years old  
August 8th - August 13th

Camp #6 12-14 years old  
August 15th to August 20th

Camp #7 14-16 years old  
August 22nd to August 27th

**FundScrip** – FundScrip orders are made on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month. This is a great way to support our church. Order forms are available on the table in the foyer. Please stop into the office or talk to a member of the Finance Committee for more information.

## Stewardship is...



...EVERYTHING we think, say, and do after we say “I believe”

### Stewardship Second

Noah was a farmer, not a boat builder—and yet he built the most famous boat of all time. Stewardship is trusting that God will provide what you need to do God’s work!

**Would you like to receive the church newsletter by email? Please use the sign-up sheet outside of the sanctuary or send an email with “newsletter” in the subject line to [melfortuc@sasktel.net](mailto:melfortuc@sasktel.net)**

### Thank you!!

... to Mavis, Jodi, and all the other talented musicians who add so much joy to the life of our church!!

... to all the board members who have finished their terms, are starting new terms or are continuing their terms.

... to all of the volunteers who are essential to the life of our church.



# For the Young and Young at Heart

Six-year old Angie, and her four-year old brother, Joel, were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough.

"You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.

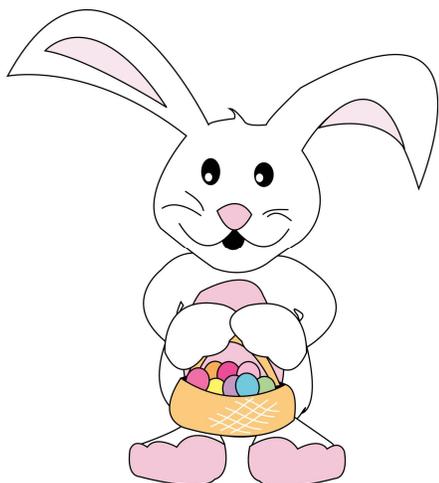
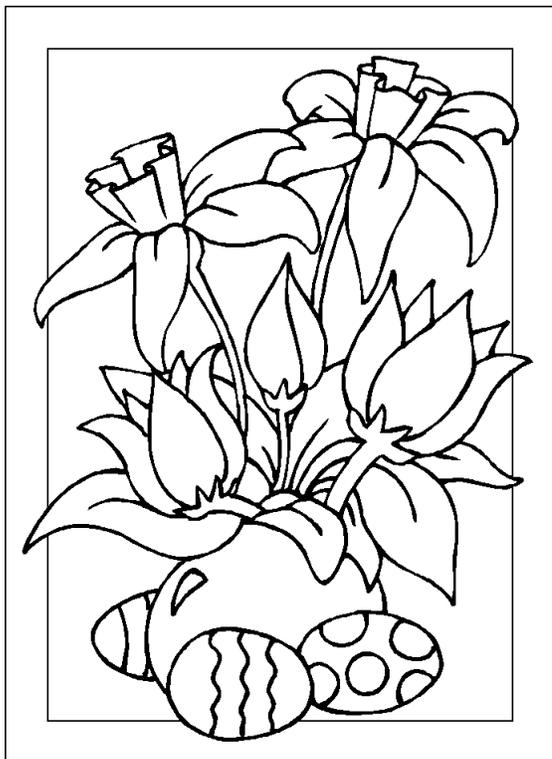
Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

Some people brought children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples scolded the people. When Jesus noticed this, he was angry and said to his disciples, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I assure you that whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."

Then he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on each of them, and blessed them. *(Mark 10:13-16)*

## Easter Word Search

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Pilate  
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risen  
rooster



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tomb