

Melfort United Church

Spring 2017 Newsletter



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Easter 2017 Season Greetings from the Minister's Desk



Greetings to
you all
brothers and
sisters of
Melfort United
Church
Family,

Soon and very soon, the long season of Lent - the season of wilderness and testing journeys will come to an end. However, we all know for certain that those life journeys never end with that season. They are lifetime experiences that we go through and face sometimes in our lives. We journey through them with hope that soon and very soon, there will be victory, which for some of us is through the Easter - through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead.

His resurrection means New Life: the heart of the Christian message and what we are called to witness to at all times. It gives us a new beginning as we seek to understand the sense of grief and despair that bring Mary Magdalene and several Mary's of our time to the

Garden of encounter with the beloved, risen Christ from the dead. This possibility of encountering the Risen Christ gives us hope as we deal with our fears and despairs.

May this active, risen presence come through our lives as we look forward to this day! May you all experience the feeling of hope in new beginnings, plenty of love and happiness throughout the season of Easter and always.

Rev. Emmanuel Menyereye

Chairperson's Report

Holy week is soon upon us. As we prepare and celebrate the Easter message of hope and renewal we are thankful for the individual strengths and collective abilities of our members which enable us to continue as a spirited community of faith. Easter blessing to each of you that considers Melfort United their church home. Please attend and be a part of this faith community during Holy Week. Services are planned and your participation is welcome and anticipated. Happy Easter, Happy Spring.

HE IS RISEN!!

PS.....BIG Thank you to Imogene and Mel, their committee and everyone involved in the successful production of Johanna and the Whale.

A successful night in many ways - great entertainment, food, fellowship, and team work and as an added bonus a nice profit (official numbers available soon).

Respectfully submitted by:
Don Neher

Worship Committee Report

Special Services are as follows – please mark on your calendars:

April 9th – Palm Sunday
Services @ Nirvana – 2:30 pm
@ Parkland – 3:30 pm

April 13th – Maundy Thursday Potluck & Communion Service. Potluck begins at 6:00 pm followed by communion service and washing of hands.

April 14th – Good Friday Service at Covenant Church @ 10 pm

April 16th – Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 30th – Camping Sunday
We will be collecting for Camp Tapawingo on Camping Sunday. Please put your contribution in a separate “marked” envelope.
Thank you!

Respectfully submitted by:
Don Neher

Christian Education

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RENDEZ-VOUS
Aug 16-19, 2017
Montreal, Concordia University

This is a national gathering of United Church of Canada Youth, Young Adults and their Leaders. It would be great if one or two of our young people could attend. If anyone is interested there is a poster on the bulletin board and a website (uccrendezvous.ca) where additional information is available. There would be money available to assist with some of the expenses involved.

Thanks again to everyone involved with the “Jonah” production – the young people, parents, UCW and especially Mel and Imogene for coming up with the idea. What a great event for our church family.

Respectfully submitted by:
Bea White

Finance Committee

You may have noticed new envelopes in the pews. These were placed there to encourage visitors to our church to contribute financially. Nearly every Sunday, at least one envelope has appeared in the offering plate.

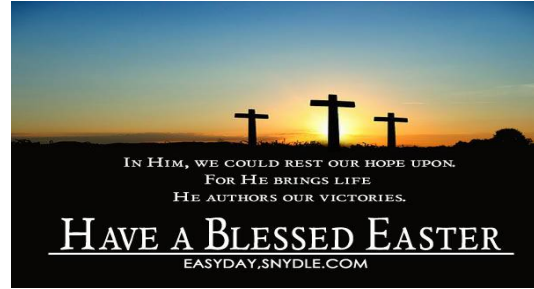
The FundScrip program is still running. We encourage congregational members to take advantage of this program, which enables you to contribute to the church while making your everyday purchases.

We are still operating at a deficit. Please consider increasing your weekly offerings.

There are a number of members who use PAR for contributions.

We are thankful for those who work on the various fundraising efforts that bring in a significant amount of money. Keep in mind the garage sale and the Scott Woods concert.

Respectfully submitted by the Finance Committee:
Kim Eskowich; Peggy George; Cheryl Sproule



WCW

The UCW annual meeting of the Tamarack Presbyterial will be held in Prince Albert at the Calvary United Church on Saturday, April 22nd. This year we are celebrating the 55th Anniversary of the UCW. Charter members (those who joined UCW in 1962) will be recognized at this meeting. The theme of this event is “Dance With the Spirit” and ALL women are invited. For more information contact Grace Wilton.

People News Funerals

Our sympathy is extended to
friends and family.
Shirley Pyett

“Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time.”

Martin Luther



Our Spring Sale this year will be on Friday, May 5th and Saturday May 6th. Contributions are already coming in and we invite you do you your culling and selection of “stuff” for the sale. “Stuff” can be turned in during office hours (Tues-Thurs. 9:00 to 3:00) or by contacting Garry at 306-752-2605 or Faye at 306-752-5441 to set up a convenient time.

We will be looking for help setting up (Mon-Thru) and staffing during the sale (Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm). We will need a couple of trucks and help on Saturday at noon for cleanup (usually about an hour).

We ask that your contribution be clean and in working order. Please attach any instruction booklets that are needed. Also note that there are some things we can't sell such as a child's car seat which has passed its "best before" date. **We are asking that you not turn in any old box TV sets as there is no market for such.**

When you have something like sheets, rugs, bed spreads or window blinds that come in folded or rolled – please indicate the size dimensions on the outside. With the volume we handle anything that shortens our time setting up is appreciated.

Mark your calendar- we want you to come and shop too!

Respectfully submitted by:
Garry Forsyth and Faye Greier

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.

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.

Volunteer Opportunities – The church is always looking for individuals who are interested in serving communion, reading Scripture and Minutes for Mission, serving as greeters, ushers, and coffeemakers, or running the Sunday PowerPoint. If you are interested, please leave your name at the office or fill out our volunteer survey at www.melfortunitedchurch.com



Scott Woods Show

Saturday, May 20th at 7:00 pm

Melfort United Church

Twin Fiddle *express*

An uplifting Old Time Fiddle Variety Show featuring Scott Wood and his sister Kendra on Twin Fiddles, along with an All-Star Band – Guitar, Bass, Drums, Accordion and Piano

Advance tickets can be purchased at the church office, George Hardware, and Backstage Music. Order by phone with Visa or MasterCard by calling Scott Woods Bank Office @ 1-855-726-8896

**Adults - \$25
Children - \$10
Preschoolers - free**



For the Young
At Heart

Easter Word Search

Q. Why was the Easter Bunny so upset?

A. He was having a bad hare day!

Q. How does the Easter bunny keep his fur neat?

A. With a hare-brush!

Q. What kind of books do rabbits like?

A. Ones with hoppy endings!

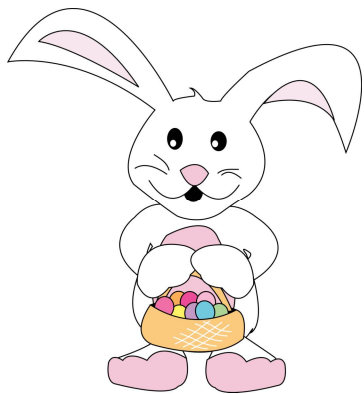
Q. What do you call a dumb bunny?

A. A hare-brain!

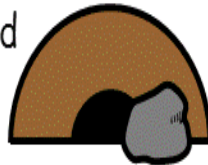
Q. Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a good joke?

A. It might crack up!

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