

Melfort United Church

Spring 2018 Newsletter

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Spring Office Hours:
March to June
Tuesday – Thursday 9am-3pm

Minister's Message

"Preparing Our Hearts for Easter"

My Dear Friends,

Our journey through the season of Lent is almost coming to a close and very soon we will journey through the events of Holy Week and then it will be Easter time. As we make that journey, it's worthy to reflect on what it all means for our lives, especially that of faith. It's all wonderful for we hope that the days ahead will be brightened by the resurrection of Jesus.

I'm told that the word "Lent" comes from the Old English word "lengthen," which simply means "spring"—when the days lengthen and new life springs forth. It is a time in which we anticipate the victory of the light and life of Christ over the darkness of sin and death.

It is my prayer that as you journey through Lent to Easter, you would be reminded of the reality of our broken humanity, but as days grow brighter, you would experience with greater abundance the reality of God's redeeming grace. And so, just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, let us also take time to prepare our hearts for Easter!

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace, peace, and happiness in your heart and in your family this Easter season!

Rev. Emmanuel Menyereye

Garage Sale Report

Please note this date. Our Spring "gigantic" yard sale will be on Friday, May 4th (9:00 to 5:00) and Saturday, May 6th (9:00 till noon).

Contributions are welcome. You may leave them on the stage of the C.E. Centre. If you need assistance leave info with Denise at the office (306-752-2288) or call Garry (306-752-2605) or Faye (306-752-5441).

Since the sale involves such a large volume we would appreciate your help in any way possible. Items should be clean and in working order (instruction books are always appreciated if possible). If size is a consideration please include (i.e. curtains, blinds, bedding, rugs, material, etc.) Please note that we are no longer taking the box TV sets. Drop off should be no later than NOON on the Thursday before the sale. Staff will be on site Mon-Thurs from 9:00 to 5:00.

If you can assist in the preparation, come join us any time that you can during the week. We do have fun. We will also need staffing for the sale on Friday and Saturday (a signup sheet will be posted). Clean up on Saturday starts at noon and takes about an hour if we have lots of help. We will need a couple of trucks then as well.

This event has become a significant fundraiser as last year we made \$10,563 in our 2 sales! Thanks to all who help.

Faye and Garry

Heartfelt Thanks!

I am taking this opportunity to thank the congregation for the tremendous support given to me in the weeks following my November accident. Elaine Welter took time to visit me in Saskatoon; the finance committee sent me a picture showing the noon lunch that had been prepared, (and I was missing). Thank you, Emmanuel for your visit when I was back in Melfort hospital. Thank you to those who sent me cards.

My first Sunday back in church, nearly everyone in the congregation made a point of speaking to me and welcoming me back. What a wonderful feeling to be part of such a compassionate group of people!

Thank you to Women Alive for the plate of cookies at Valentine's Day. Don and Pat Dolo delivered the cookies in spite of adverse weather conditions and a snow filled lane.

To all of you, my most heartfelt thanks,
Cheryl Sproule

People News Funerals

Our sympathy is extended to friends and family.

Norma Owens
Kay Kadachuk
Melvin Herb Dyke

Choir

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

Bell Choir

Thursdays at 4:15 pm.

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 7 pm.

UCW Naomi Unit

Meets fourth Monday of the month at 2 pm.

Scott Woods Show

Thursday, May 17th at 7:00 pm

Melfort United Church

Doors open at 6:00pm.

Fiddling up a Storm

“Get ready for a storm to blow through your town....
a “fiddle storm” that is.”

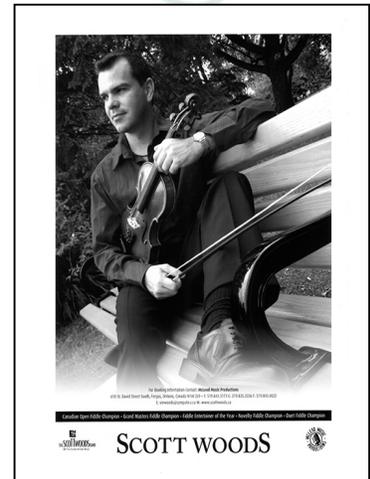
**Advance tickets can be purchased at the church office,
George Hardware, and Backstage Music.**

Adults - \$25

Children 6 to 12 - \$10

Preschoolers - free

*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

Online registration for the 2018 camping season is now open!

Visit: www.camptapawingo.net

Chairperson's Report

Wow, hard to believe Holy Week will soon be upon us. It seems like I just turned in my report for the Annual report and now Lent is half over.

Thank you to everyone who made the effort to attend the annual meeting. The snow had many people homebound. I would like to say a thank you to our outgoing board members and welcome to our incoming members. Just a reminder there is a board meeting on Thursday, March 22 at 7pm. All committees are encouraged to meet prior to the board meeting to establish who the committee chair will be and to get organized for the upcoming year.

Big THANKS to Kim Eskowich and Chris Corbett for stepping up and taking on the job of organizing the Scott Woods Show being hosted by our church on May 17. Tickets are available Home Hardware, Backstage and the Church office.

Don't forget the Spring Garage Sale will be happening in a few weeks. So if you decide to do some spring cleaning and are purging some items – please consider contributing them to the sale.

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!

Don Neher on behalf of the Co-Chairs
(Don & Lorne)

Worship Report

Sunday March 25 is Palm Sunday. Palms will be available for those wishing to join in the Palm Sunday Parade. The service of Communion will also be observed that day.

Thursday, March 29 is our Maundy Thursday service. Pot luck supper will be held at 6 pm in the CE center with communion and service to follow. The traditional washing of hands will be part of the service.

Friday March 30, we will be hosting the community Good Friday service at 10 am. Our choir will be on hand to lead the music and ministers from other denominations will be participating in the service. Everyone welcome.

April 1, Easter Sunday Worship is at 10:30 am, including two baptisms.

April 14, - Our church will be hosting the wedding of Jordan Horkoff and Robert Doepler.

April 29 is Camp Sunday. Feel free to wear your camping clothes.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Senecal

What would happen if your last text message went on your headstone?



UCW GENERAL REPORT

2018 Executive: Co-Leaders, Carol Mellon & Gale Strachan, Past Leader, Anne McIntosh, Secretary, Robin Miazga, Treasurer, Sharon Heavin, Naomi Rep., Iris Kaminskas, Board Rep., Gwendolyn Mills Wood.

Past and Future Activities:

- Jan 7 - Noon Luncheon
- Jan 18 - UCW Annual Mtg. and Potluck Lunch
- Feb 2 - Kitchen Clean up
- Meals on Wheels - Sharon Heavin
- Feb 8 - World Day Prayer Mtg. - Reps., Gwendolyn Mills Wood, Robin Miazga
- Feb 13 & 14 - Women Alive put together 38 Valentine plates & delivered them to UC members
- Feb 16 - Presbytery Meals - Anne McIntosh, Georgina Woodard, Gale Strachan, organized and Women Alive & Naomi worked and donated food
- Feb 28 - Naomi celebrated Cup Cake Day @ Assisted Living
- Mar 2 - World Day of Prayer @ the Catholic Church
- Mar 14 - Women Alive Stew Supper 5 - 6:30
- Apr 6, 7, 8 - UCW Gathering at St. Andrews College (organized by Women's Network (Mary Mohn) - open to all women of the congregation)
- Apr 11 - Bridge Tournament
- Apr 17 - Mel Annand will speak to Women Alive re Estate Planning, executors, POA, living wills etc and answer questions
- Apr 21 - Presbyterial will be hosted by Melfort UCW Organizers - Carol Mellon and 1 more TBA.

Thank you to all the UCW members that contribute to our many activities in the church and to all women of the congregation who help out when they can. New UCW members are always welcome. The Naomi unit meets on the 4th Monday of the month, Women Alive meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

Respectfully submitted,
Gale Strachan

Things to Note:

FundScrip – FundScrip orders are made on the 4th Thursday of every month. This is a great way to support our church. Please stop into the office or talk to a member of the Finance Committee for more information.

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

Easter Wishes

May you find the renewal of hope, health, love and the spirit of God.

Happy Easter everyone!

Denise and Faye

For the Young and Young at Heart

Easter Word Search

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The gift of God is **E**ternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Romans 6:23*

I am the Living One: I was dead, and behold I am **A**live forever and ever! *Revelation 1:18*

The Father has sent His Son to be the **S**avior of the world. *1 John 4:34*

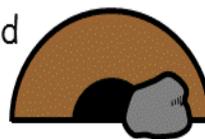
I am the **T**ruth and the Life. *John 14:6*

God has given us **E**ternal life, and this life is in His Son. *1 John 5:11*

Remember Jesus Christ **R**aised from the dead. *2 Timothy 2:8*

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