

# Melfort United Church

April 2019/Spring Newsletter

## Mark Your Calendar

**4.14**

Palm Sunday

**4.18**

Maundy Thursday Service

**4.19**

Good Friday Community Service

**4.21**

Easter Sunday

**5.3&4**

Spring Garage Sale

**5.18**

Scott Woods Show

**5.19**

Nirvana/Parkland Services

**5.26**

Carnival Style Fun Day

**6.9**

Grad Recognition/Sunday

School Windup

## The Minister's Easter Greeting:

As I sit down to write this message, the season of Lent is only one week left and then it will be over. In just a week's time, we will celebrate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, which is known as Palm and Passion Sunday because of the kind of joyful welcome he receives there, and also the kind of suffering he is to go through while there in the days following Palm Sunday, which we know as Holy Week. The climax of the week is Easter Sunday - a time of joy and celebration!

As things spring up and grow again from the dormant sleep of winter cold, Easter like spring gives us hope of life renewed and victorious. It is a time when we can affirm and ask as Paul did in 1 Corinthians 15:54-55, 57: "...*death is destroyed; victory is complete!*" "*Where, O death, is your victory? Where is your power to hurt?*" *But thanks be to God who gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!*"

That's what Easter reminds us each and every year that, because God brought Jesus back to life, we, too, are offered new life, fresh growth, and eternal love. Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have hope enough to face despair, we have joy that enables us to overcome sadness, and we have the peace that overwhelms the stormy places in our lives.

May this Easter season fill you and yours with the hope that overcomes despair, and the joy that dispels

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sadness, and the peace that overwhelms the stormy places of your life! Have a happy and blessed Easter season!

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

Rev. Emmanuel Menyereye

## Garage Sale Report

We offer two sales each year and our next one will be Fri., May 3<sup>rd</sup> (9:00 - 5:00) and Sat., May 4<sup>th</sup> (9:00 - 12:00).

Once again we are asking for contributions. Please note that this request goes not only to our congregation but to people you know looking for an outlet for "stuff" they want to get rid of. Please spread the word. Also we can take items at any time of the year not just the week or two before the sale. Contributions during sale week can be made 9:00-5:00 Mon.-Thurs. and Fri., 9:00-12:00.

We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other.

We do have some restrictions. First we ask that items be **clean and in working order**. Items that don't work or can't be sold just cost us money to send to the dump. If handbooks or instructions are available, please bring them too. We do not take the old box style TV's, items that are past their best before dates ( i.e. kid's car seats, helmets, life jackets), items no longer legal to sell (i.e. Lawn darts with points), or items on recall lists.

We are now asking that you clear large and heavy items before you load them up or drop them off. If in doubt, contact Garry or Faye. We have also set up boxes on the stage and if you can, we would appreciate having the donations sorted (this makes for less work during the busy week of the sale). If you cannot, just leave the stuff on the front of the stage and we will move and/or sort as time permits.

We are also asking that any donations for the sale be in the church by Thurs. noon before the Friday start. This allows us time to get things sorted and priced for the Friday morning. After a busy week, having a light Thurs. afternoon is appreciated before the sale.

Another thing that helps when we move such a volume of items is giving the measurements of stuff that is size critical, such as bedding, rugs, blinds, etc.

Your help is always appreciated. We set up tables on the Sunday before the sale and bring up the items from the basement. First the items are sorted into categories and placed on the tables before they are priced. If you can work for any length of time during the week it all helps. On the Fri. - Sat. we need staff. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer and a full sheet ahead of time means we don't have to take time to find workers during the busy week. Sat. at 12:00 we start clean-up. We cull what we will keep for the next sale then we separate the "goodies" we donate to others [Salvation Army, Diabetes Society, North-East Outreach Services, Melfort Library, and schools (warm winter wear from our fall sale.)]

Please check the foyer for posters to place around town and feel free to spread the word vocally. This event has become a significant fundraiser. Thanks to all who contribute and help.

Garry (306-752-2605) and Faye (306-752-5441)  
[Church office (306-752-2288)]

### REMINDER:

### CAMP TAPAWINGO 2019

Kalen Senecal is excited about returning as camp director. Currently there is a registration drive in effect and spots are filling up. Register soon so you aren't disappointed.

Register on line at [www.camptapawingo.net](http://www.camptapawingo.net).



# Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee thank retiring member, Peggy George for her work as committee chair for the past 4 years. We would welcome a new member to the committee if there is anyone reading this that would like to join us.

We are dealing with a financial deficit. Please consider increasing your financial gifts to the church. We will be depending on fundraisers for financial assistance, so we need your support for events such as the garage sale and Scott Woods concert, and of course, our noon lunches. I'm sure everyone would admit that you get your money's worth when you spend to support the work of the Church!

As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, natural gas will be provided by a company known as Peak Energy. This will reduce the energy cost to the Church by 10%.

Easter greetings from the Finance Committee – Kim Eskowich and Cheryl Sproule



# Worship Committee Report

- Ash Wednesday bag lunch and service was held on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Attendance was low.
- Monthly worship meeting held on March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Communion was prepared and served on March 10<sup>th</sup>, the First day of Lent.
- March 16<sup>th</sup> – Paul Novak's funeral was held at Yellow creek and led by Emmanuel.
- March 17<sup>th</sup> – Hymn sing led by the choir.

Upcoming events:

- March 31<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday- Worship committee leading the service.
- Lenten lunches have been each Thursday from March 14<sup>th</sup> -April 11<sup>th</sup> and are hosted by Park Ave Bible Church, Melfort. On April 4<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with Baptist Church, the UCW will be providing lunch and Rev. Emmanuel is officiating at the service.
- April 14<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday.
- April 18<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday service with pot luck supper at 6 and service to follow.
- April 19<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday Community Service to be held at North East Christian Fellowship at 10 am.
- April 21<sup>st</sup> – Easter Sunday.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jean Senecal

## United Church Women

At our annual meeting in January, our executive was established as follows: Past Leader – Anne McIntosh, Co-leaders – Gale Strachan and Carol Mellon, Secretary – Robin Miazga, Treasurer – Sharon Heavin, Church Board Rep – Gwendolyn Mills Wood, Naomi Rep – Iris Kaminskas, and Women Alive Rep – Gale Strachan. The Installation of Officers service for the UCW executive and group executives was held on February 17<sup>th</sup> during regular worship service.

In January, Women Alive unit hosted an evening with Melfort Ambulance personnel who held a training session on the use of the recent purchase of a defibrillator for the church.

Kitchen cleanup and inventory had a good turnout of volunteers and much was accomplished. Thank you all!

Naomi unit recognized National Cupcake Day by spending an afternoon with the residents at Nirvana Assisted Living. This is an annual event begun by the SPCA across Canada. For that reason, two members of our local SPCA were invited to bring 2 dogs to visit the residents. The residents also participated in a singsong and enjoyed cupcakes and fellowship over coffee.

World Day of Prayer was held at our church, featuring the women of Slovenia. The theme this year was “Come – Everything is Ready.” Approximately 60 people attended the worship service. Also featured were the music and a video of their country. After a few experiments, we were able to serve Walnut Potica bread, a delicious addition to our coffee time that afternoon.

Women Alive unit held their annual Stew supper on March 13<sup>th</sup> with very good attendance. As usual the meal was yummmmy! Thank you to all who prepped, donated, cooked, chopped, served and ate!

Our congregation is hosting the Lenten lunch on April 4<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Baptist Church. These luncheons are held at Park Avenue Bible Church at noon on the Thursdays during Lent.

We are hosting the Spring Bridge Tournament on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

The UCW has offered to provide worship service on May 30<sup>th</sup> when Rev. Emmanuel will be at the Region 4 meeting. If you are willing to assist, please let Gale Strachan or Grace Wilton, know. Volunteers are always welcome!

We want to thank each and every one of you for your participation in these events in whatever capacity you've chosen to assist. Many hands DO make light work! Also, thank you to the folks that help the conveners at funerals. It is a valuable service for our grieving families and we can't thank you enough!

Happy Easter one and all!

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the UCW,  
Robin Miazga

### **HOLD THE DATE –Carnival Style Fun Day**

A Carnival Style Fun Day suitable for all age groups is being planned for after church on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Bring your friends to the service or have them join you for lunch and an afternoon of fun. More details will be forthcoming.