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Melrose Muse

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Colossians 3:17 - And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Please refer to www.melroseunited.ca
for this month's activity calendar.

Minute for Mission: Servant Leadership

For over 40 years the Asian Rural Institute (ARI) has been training rural leaders in three core areas: community building, integrated organic farming techniques, and servant leadership.

Servant leadership has been part of ARI since its inception. Participants learn about different models of leadership, such as those personified by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Mahatma Gandhi. At the core of this training is the belief that through understanding current issues and developing management skills, the students will become effective leaders.

One of the participants shared his understanding of servant leadership: A leader is not a commander but serves the people. I got a great challenge and lesson from ARI on the role of servant leader. The servant leadership methods completely changed me. Staff are always practising servant leadership, and that is why. It is not just taught and learned but also practised every day. All people are equal, no discrimination. I never learned this before. I know the words "servant leadership" as a Christian but not in practice in the community. But from ARI I really came to know its meaning.

Working in partnership with staff members and in work teams allows participants to learn what it means to both serve and follow.

We are thankful for partners like Asian Rural Institute, where our Mission & Service gifts offer many an opportunity to learn what it truly means to lead and serve.

Please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith.

Loving God, we are called to be your colours in the world, to walk with each other, to share in love through our gifts for Mission & Service.
Guide us to shine brightly in the world. Amen

<http://www.united-church.ca/dec-18-minute-servant-leadership>

Upcoming Special days in the United Church

November 13
Remembrance Sunday
November 20
Transgender Day of Remembrance
Children's Sunday

TGIF Updates:
Plan to join us
November 25 for a fun evening of decorating the large Sanctuary Christmas Tree, singing carols and munching on festive foods. Potluck begins @ 6:30 pm. All are welcome.



Santa's Breakfast

Santa is coming!
December 3 @ 9am
\$10 per adult, \$7 per child 5-10 and \$3 per child under 5. All children attending will receive a gift from Santa. All people attending will enjoy a fabulous breakfast.
For tickets please talk to Michelle or Gwyn or call the church office.

More Important News

Thursday's are for fun!

Every Thursday evening plan to join us for an hour of fun play and music. We will have organized open gym time followed by music with our church's choir director. A snack will be provided at the start of the hour. All ages welcome however if under the age of 6 parental accompaniment is required.

Preparing for Advent – Get your acting shoes out!

This year we are hoping to do a small dramatic presentation each week during the regular Time for Children in the Sunday service for each week of advent. A variety of roles will be needed including Mary, Joseph, census employees and innkeepers. If you or your child would like to be involved for a week or two during the advent season please talk to Michelle.

A devotional for your day:

Read: Isaiah 53: 1-3

Like how Jesus was treated in this passage, there are times we can feel left out. When nobody seems to want to play with us, or we don't get chosen and end up the only one on our own. Other kids may be more popular at school, and we just get overlooked. This is a very painful thing to go through. But you don't have to go through it alone. God sees what's happening. He sees inside your heart and sees the tears you cry. He loves you so very much and He wants to be your friend. Other kids may do and say really mean and cruel things – but Jesus would never do that. He would never do anything to hurt you.

We all want to be liked. We all want to have friends and feel part of the group. It's so hard when we are left out. The other kids don't know what they're missing in having a friend like you. If you don't know Jesus as your friend – would you pray and ask Him to be your friend?

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. - [Psalm 118: 22](#) (NKJV)

Lord, there are times I feel alone
When others leave me out,
But I know that I have a friend in you
To show me what friendship's about.

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Everybody
Needs
a friend

[Genesis 2:18-25](#)

Upcoming Sunday School Lessons:

November 1 – Superheroes of the Bible – Esther

November 6 – Superheroes of the Bible – Jesus

November 13 – Superheroes of the Bible – A boy with his lunch

November 20 – Superheroes of the Bible – Peter and John

November 27 – Preparing for Jesus' Birth, first week of Advent

Youth Connexion:

November dates:

November 12 @ St. Cuthbert's Presbyterian

November 26 @ Westdale United

Youth Connexion is a fun interdenominational youth group formed through a partnership of West Hamilton Churches and McMaster University. Open to youth in grades 5-8. Group runs from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

Melrose Nursery:

Please note that while there is not always regular coverage in the nursery caregivers are always welcome to access it during church programs.