

## July 23, 2017 Insert for Generic Bulletin



PRELUDE – *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

★ OPENING HYMN – *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

VU 368

OPENING PRAYER – (said by all)

**Holy God, we are here because we wish to make a start to a week that will be centred in you.**

**Let the prayer, the scripture and the hymns nourish our souls and prepare us for our week.**

**We wish to savour in our hearts this feeling of worshipful living, making it easier to find it amidst the tasks of daily life.**

**We hope to store your wisdom in our minds, so that it informs our words and actions in the days to come.**

**And we look forward to going from here to enjoy living in the midst of your abundant grace, recommitted to being messengers of your love.**

**We are grateful that we always carry with us bread for the journey in the words that Jesus gave us to pray, Our Father...”**

Karen Boivin, City View U.C., Nepean, ON

★ HYMN – *Though I May Speak*

VU 372

READER: Phil Farrauto

PSALM 22: verses 1-5 and 14 to 21

Holy Bible, p. 475

SCRIPTURE: Nehemiah 2: 17-20 and Nehemiah 6: 15-16

One: Herein is the wisdom.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

★ HYMN – Congregational choice

SERMON – “How about a little Enthusiasm”

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

★ CLOSING HYMN – *A Mighty Fortress*

VU 262

POSTLUDE – *Fantasia in D Minor*

G. Telemann



## ◆ Melrose Events ◆

### ◆ Rev. Philip's Vacation Schedule ◆

Rev. Gardner will be on holiday from July 3-30 inclusive. During his absence, the Rev. Jane Wyllie of First-Pilgrim United Church will be available for urgent pastoral care needs (janewyllie@gmail.com, 905-522-9900).

### ◆ Thank You... ◆

...to Gwyn Xagoraris for so ably leading our worship service this morning. Once again, Krista Rhodes has joined us and is sharing her musical talents for our morning worship. Thank you Krista.

### ◆ A Reminder... ◆

...that next week's **JULY 30** service will be held jointly at First Pilgrim United Church, 200 Main Street East, Hamilton.

### ◆ Lemonade ◆

Please join us for lemonade and fellowship on the patio outside the chapel following the service.

### ◆ Summer Office Hours--CORRECTED ◆

Please note that during **July** and **August**, the Melrose office hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY, and until 11:30 a.m. on THURSDAY.

### ◆ Summer Custodial Hours ◆

For the custodians, hours for **July** and **August** will be Mondays to Thursdays 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### ◆ Observer Renewal Time Is Here Again ◆

For a subscription to this helpful, thought-provoking magazine, please enclose \$25 in the envelopes provided at the front of the sanctuary. Please fill in the envelope label and put it on the collection plate. **Subscriptions need to be collected by the end of August, 2017.** Thank you.

◆ **Locke Street Festival—September 9!** ◆

Needed: strong (men or women) for putting up the booth and setting up jams and selling of jams. Also required are folk at the end of the day to tear down tables and bring everything back to the church. We need people for 2 hour shifts throughout the day. Please help! You get to choose your own time slot! Talk to Gwyneth or the Church office if you are willing to be a "face" on Locke Street for Melrose!

◆ **Voting Results for UCC Remits 1 to 4** ◆

As you all know, the Official Board held a congregational meeting on this topic in May, to receive your input into these remits. The congregation voted unanimously in support of Remits 1 to 3, and unanimously opposed to Remit 4. The Official Board reflected these wishes and submitted our votes accordingly. Unfortunately, the UCC has just communicated the final voting results, and Remit 4: Funding a New Model, has passed. As discussed at the congregational meeting, this has unfortunate financial implications for Melrose. As reviewed at the meeting, based on our current budget, under the new funding model Melrose will be required to pay a percentage of all income, including rental and investment income, which is approximately \$11 000 more annually, once the model is fully implemented in 3 years' time. Further information regarding the implementation of this change is not yet available, but will be monitored closely by the Board. We wanted to ensure that you had this information in as timely a manner as possible, and will provide any additional information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Evans

Chair, Official Board

**Letter from the United Church of Canada:**

**July 5, 2017**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Greetings from the General Council Office.

I am writing to let you know of the voting results for Remits 1 to 4. All four remits were approved by a majority of the 84 voting presbyteries and 2136 voting pastoral charges of the United Church.

**Remit 1: Three Council Model**

Presbyteries: Yes: 74 No: 7

Pastoral Charges: Yes: 1672 No: 222

**Remit 2: Elimination of Transfer and Settlement**

Presbyteries: Yes: 74 No: 7

Pastoral Charges: Yes: 1792 No: 89

**Remit 3: Office of Vocation**

Presbyteries: Yes: 69 No: 12

Pastoral Charges: Yes: 1681 No: 190

**Remit 4: Funding a New Model**

Presbyteries: Yes: 70 No: 12

Pastoral Charges: Yes: 1472 No: 398

There is one final step in the remit process to be taken by the 43rd General Council when it meets in July, 2018. We will now be working to be ready for that prospect.

A Remit Scenario Planning group, co-chaired by Alan Hall (Executive Minister, Ministry and Personnel), and Peter Hartmans (Executive Secretary, Hamilton Conference), has been meeting over the past year to do preliminary thinking on the change process, depending on which of the remits received approval. This group will now be re-mandated as the Remit Implementation group, to have broad oversight over the plans for implementation of the changes that will follow if General Council gives its approval to the decisions that have been approved by remit. David Allen has agreed to step away from his position as Executive Secretary of Toronto Conference to accept the full time assignment as Project Leader for this work.

The 42nd General Council will reconvene for an electronic meeting on September 30, 2017 to put plans in motion for determining the boundaries of the regional councils, and a nominations process for the next General Council Executive, pending the final step in the remit process.

Thank you all for your participation in this important work of the church.

Sincerely,

*Nora Sanders*

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General Secretary, General  
Council