



Melville United Church  
 Order of Service - The Day of Pentecost  
 May 23, 2010  
**WE APPROACH GOD IN CELEBRATION**

*Visiting with Friends*

**Lighting of the Christ Candle** (Time of quiet reflection.)  
**Please take this time to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.**

**Entrance of Choir and Worship Leaders**

**Prelude:** P. Liebergen - Come Holy Spirit

**Call to Worship**

Gentle Spirit of God,  
 breath of life which touches each face with love,  
**you are with us and within us.**

You are the melody of joy in all creation,  
 poured out in notes of hope and healing around us all,  
**you are with us and within us.**

Passionate Spirit, warming our hearts  
 with the bright flame of your caring,  
**you are with us and within us.**

Divine Dreamer, who cast a glimpse of beauty  
 in the imagination of all your children,  
**you are with us and within us.**

Host of the table, you set a feast of grace  
 and welcome all to your bounty,  
**you are with us and within us.**

On this day we name your coming,  
 the Holy One who never leaves us, nor forsakes us.  
**you are with us and within us.**  
 Stay with us now, Spirit of God, Spirit of Christ.



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Hymn: VU 198 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Opening Prayer (in unison)

**Gather us in those who wait  
to know you more deeply, Holy Spirit.  
Speak to us in ways that reach each heart and mind  
and light the fires of your life in us.  
Then scatter us into the world,  
as bearers of your sacred word  
and of a joy that cannot be contained  
within these walls.  
Encircle us with your grace and gather in  
all that we have received and become, we pray. Amen**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

O Holy Spirit, our inspiration and our hope,  
forgive us if we only look for you  
in smooth, clear words and calm places.  
**When the sounds are complex or unfamiliar,  
it is all too easy for us to close our ears.**

We often make up our minds and remain fixed,  
listening to one side of politics only,  
secure in our assumptions and convictions.  
**Sometimes we find the world and its issues too complex  
and settle for leaving the big issues to others  
and concentrating on simple activities near to home.**

Then, sometimes, it seems much more comfortable  
to stay gathered here in the familiar places for faith  
**rather than scattering ourselves abroad  
and opening our selves to your wider life and vision.  
In your kindness, forgive us now, we pray. Amen**

#### **Words of Assurance**

The Spirit hovers like a dove of peace over our lives,  
waiting to give us new gifts every day.  
When we pause and face ourselves, owning the truth,  
God never refuses to gather us into the harmony of love.  
We are forgiven. Life is restored and renewed.

*Liturgy taken from "Seasons of the Spirit"*

#### **Sung Response: MV 75 Holy Spirit, Come to Us**

Holy Spirit, come to us,  
kindle in us the fire of your love.  
Holy Spirit, come to us.  
Holy Spirit, come to us.

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

Hymn: VU 375 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

#### **Message for Youth:**

(Children leave for Kids' Church)

### **WE LISTEN TO GOD THROUGH WORD AND SONG**

**Anthem:** Come, Holy Spirit - P. Liebergen

#### **SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

Hebrew Lesson: Genesis 11:1–9

Psalm 104: Refrain 2, Part 2, pg. 826-827, Voices United

Acts of the Apostles: 2:1–21

The Gospel According to: John 14:8–17, 25–27

Lay Reader: Ruth Sproule

**Sermon:** *"THE GIFT OF GOD'S SPIRIT"*

Hymn: VU 374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

Offertory Music: Improvisation

Offertory Response: Grant Us ,God, the Grace (VU 540) in unison  
**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
 with a spirit large and free,  
 that ourselves and all our living  
 we may offer faithfully.**

Offertory Prayer: (in unison)

**Add your love to all that lies here, O God.  
 Make our giving, our prayers, and our commitment  
 an archway to life in the world  
 which adds to that of others and carries with it  
 openness to new possibilities for truth and justice. Amen**

**We Share Our Joys and Concerns**

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (in unison) (VU 960)

Hymn: VU 427 To Show by Touch and Word

**Commissioning and Benediction:**

Choral Response: **You Shall Go Out with Joy** (VU 884)  
 You shall go out with joy  
 and be led forth with peace;  
 the mountains and the hills  
 will break forth before you;  
 there'll be shouts of joy,  
 and all the trees of the field  
 will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
 (clap, clap)  
 the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
 (clap, clap)  
 the trees of the field will clap their hands  
 (clap, clap)  
 while you go out with joy.

Postlude: D. Buxtehude: Prelude in F

**We pray for all those in need this day, for those who are either in the hospital or at home:** Marguerite Martin, Bill Dickie, Ann House  
 Ella Broderick, Myrtle Black, Ilene Moore,  
 Fred Montieth

**Hospitals:** If you or someone you know from Melville United is in hospital, please call 1-519-277-3030. Also, if you don't request a minister to visit at the hospital, your name will not appear on the Visiting List at the hospital.

**Partners in Prayer:** Belwood/Metz Pastoral Charge  
**Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference** Letterbreen  
**Prayer Tree Captain:** Alison Rainford

**Welcomers:** Susan Barth, Ken McManus  
 Eleanor Brown, Isobel Glennie  
**Ushers/Counters:** Robert Mitchell, Barry Rawn  
 Chris Harriott  
**Sound:** Ralph Rainford  
**Powerpoint:** Diane Lank

**Next Sunday's Scripture Readings:**

May 30, 2010 - First after Pentecost/Trinity Sunday  
 Minister: Rev. Shelley Smith  
 Hebrew Lesson: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31  
 Psalm 8 pg. 732, Voices United  
 Letters to the Early Church: Romans 5:1-5  
 The Gospel According to: John 16:12-15  
 Lay Reader: Diane Lank

**Unit Faith May meeting has been changed to may 31st.** We're having an indoor picnic, at noon, at 760 Woodhill Drive, in the Common Room. Bring your favourite picnic food, to be shared as pot luck. Drinks will be supplied by Elsie. Come join us if you wish!

**Grace Unit UCW - no May meeting!** Potluck on Tues. June 8<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. at 612 Holman Cr. - 519-787-4140 for more information.

**Joint Search Committee meet** at 7:00 p.m. on Wed. May 26 in the chapel.

**Melville Council will meet this Wednesday, May 26** at 7:30 pm in the Parlour. All members are asked to attend. Please forward your reports to Marg Frayne right away. Thank you.

**If anyone is interested in doing the Minute for Witness** in June please contact Rev. Smith.

**Meat Pies for sale!** \$3.50 each. Contact Bev Anticknap 519-843-2491.

**A big thank to Matthias Schmidt, musical director, Glenn McGinnis, stage director, and all the cast and crew of Joseph.** Along with many guests in the audience we enjoyed the fun performance and appreciated all the work of everyone involved. **THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!**

**May 30 - Fresh & Nutritious Sub-Sandwich Luncheon.** Mission & Outreach and our awesome youth group will be serving sub sandwiches after church in an effort to raise money for KIVA. KIVA provides loans to small business ventures in developing countries - "a hand-up vs a hand-out" philosophy. Free-will donations for lunch. Enjoy and many thanks for your support!

**Send Your Child (or Grandchild) to Camp!** The Christian Development Committee is offering a \$75 scholarship to any child who wants to go to church camp this summer. Please speak to Jen for details: jen@melvilleunited.org, or 519-843-1781 x 22.

**Annual General Meeting of the Centre Wellington Food Bank** on Thurs. May 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the Elora Centre for the Arts, 75 Melville. Elora. The theme is "Caring Communities" with Keynote speaker Andrew Seagram - Guelph & Wellington Task Force for Poverty Elimination. RSVP to CW Food Bank at 519-787-1401 or email: [cwfoodbank@wightman.ca](mailto:cwfoodbank@wightman.ca)

**Sunday June 13:** Brown Bag Picnic Lunch Sale. Proceeds to Family Camp.

**Proclamation: The Word of the Lord.** The goal is to encourage the reading of the Bible as well as to cultivate an interest for the Word of God. To achieve this goal, participants will proclaim the Word of God orally over 9 days, 12 ½ hours each day. Opening ceremony will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wed. May 26. At the end of the ninth day, the entire Bible will have been read! A closing celebration will be held in the evening after the final reading. The Proclamation is being held here this year at Melville United Church from May 26 to June 4 - 7:00 a.m to 7:30 p.m. Melville reads on Fri. May 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Thelma French 519-843-5376. or Ruth Sproule 519-843-5863.

**Melville Family Camp Weekend:** June 26-27 at Edgewood Camp & Conference Centre in Eden Mills. Everyone, every age welcome ! A variety of overnight facilities available. Information brochures and registration forms available in the centre hallway. This is a wonderful time for children to experience a traditional summer camp setting, while having the security of family and friends around them. This is our 8th year of camping at Edgewood!

**Spring and Summer Prayer Shawls Needed!!!** The Pastoral Care Committee is once again in need of Prayer Shawls for their ministry. Please consider knitting or crocheting one in a lightweight texture while at the cottage or on your travels. See Patty Foster for the instruction sheet and yarn for this worthwhile endeavour.

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**Caressant Care Retirement Home**, 450 Queen St. East in Fergus is having an Open House on Saturday June 12, 2010 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions please call Anne or Jill at 519-843-2400.

\*\*\*\*\*Melville's Treasures\*\*\*\*\*

**M&S Givings**

at Mar 31 2010: \$ 6,661    2010 Target: \$ 30,000

**Envelope Givings** (Par + Non-Par) year-to-date at Mar 31 2010

Actual YTD:    \$ 38,994

Budget YTD:    55,989

Difference:    (\$16,995)

**Overall Income vs Expenses for Jan 1 - Mar 31 (\$9,861) loss**

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It's never easy to present the financial update when it's in a loss position. Melville needs to grow. To grow, we need to offer programs for a variety of ages and interests. Directing our committees to stop spending any dollars that are not absolutely required really squashes their efforts to provide the programs and events that are the life of Melville.

So, it was with great appreciation that we accepted

1. a cheque for \$5,000 from our UCW at the April council meeting; it moves us closer to meeting our 2010 financial goals and reminds us that all things are possible when we work together in faith, and,

2. a cheque for \$10,000 from our Trustees to pay down the bell tower loan and move us forward in eliminating our capital projects debt; it reduced the repayment schedule by nine months!

Thank-you to our UCW, Trustees and congregation for their support.

Watch for a more complete financial update later in May.

Submitted with thanks from your Finance Committee

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Mon. May 24 to Sun. May 30, 2010

Tues. 25	9:00 am	Quilting	Choir Room
	2:00	Unit Grace	Parlour
Wed. 26	7:00	Joint Search Committee	Chapel
	7:30	Church Council	Parlour
Thur. 27	6:00	Junior Choir	Parlour
	7:00	Senior Choir	Parlour
Fri. 28	7:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Melville is reading the Bible for Proclamation		Sanctuary
	10:00	Coffee Hour	Parlour
	7:00	Youth Group Rec. Night	Fellowship Hall
	7:15	Craft Night	Parlour
Sun.30	9:30	Senior Choir Practice	Sanctuary
	10:30	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
	After Service	Mission & Outreach Luncheon	Fell. Hall

Bulletin Deadline: Please remember, deadline for articles in the bulletin is Thurs. noon! The bulletin will be printed out Thursday afternoons.