

SUNDAY NEWS



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Happy Mother's Day!

Today in our Social Hall

Choir Concert Ticket Sales
Golf Tournament Registration Table
Women's Fall Retreat Bake Sale
BEAT Registration Table

Meetings / Events Today

Music Rehearsal - Sunday Evening Worship Service
Sanctuary / 4:00 to 6:00pm (*Newcomers welcome.*)
Sunday Evening Worship Service
Sanctuary / 7:00pm (*Band kicks off at 6:45pm.*)

Meetings / Events This Week

Rainbow Toastmasters
Monday, May 12 / Room 109 / 6:45pm
Climbing Deeper (ASE)
Tuesday, May 13 / Room 109 / 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Attitude of Gratitude (ASE)
Wednesday, May 14 / Board Room / 7:00pm to 8:30pm
Creating a Life That Matters (ASE)
Wednesday, May 14 / Room 109 / 6:45pm to 8:45pm
The Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, May 15 / Sanctuary & Social Hall / 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Creating a Life That Matters (ASE)
Friday, May 16 / Room 109 / 6:45pm to 8:45pm

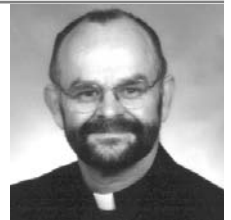
Global Connections Launched

MCC Toronto has friends near and far and we thought it was important to keep in touch with our friends from around the world. Within the newsletter you can read about events that are happening within the church, news from our denomination and interviews with congregants, plus much more. Opportunities are also given to our global friends to chat and connect on-line.

Do you know someone from afar who may need to know, their friends in Toronto care? You can sign them up or let them know they can stay connected through Global Connections.

Sign-up today by e-mailing sfontenelle@mcctoronto.com.

Hello and welcome to MCC Toronto!



If you are visiting us for the very first time, we extend a special welcome to you. Please feel welcome to participate as fully as you like in our service today. Even if you have never been to MCC Toronto - or to any church - before, you are welcome to come forward to share Communion. Please join us after the service today in the Social Hall for a time of refreshment.

MCC Toronto is a vibrant community, and we hope you'll experience that today. Our vision is to be a bridge, between people and God and each other. Inside this edition of Connections you'll find information about the life and work of our community.

And whether your journey brings you back to MCC Toronto next week or sometime in the future, know that we are grateful you have joined us today.

Blessings,

Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes, C.M.

Lessons for Life



May 18

9:00am, 11:00am & 7:00pm: **"Road Maps"**

May 25

9:00am, 11:00am & 7:00pm: **"God Calling"**

Pride Series

June 1

9:00am, 11:00am & 7:00pm: **"All Are Welcome"**
Lessons from Pride
(Past)

June 8

9:00am, 11:00am & 7:00pm: **"All Are Welcome"**
Lessons from Pride
(Religion - Race)

June 15

9:00am, 11:00am & 7:00pm: **"All Are Welcome"**
Lessons from Pride
(Interests)

June 22

9:00am, 11:00am & 7:00pm: **"All Are Welcome"**
Lessons from Pride
(Demons)

June 29 Pride Service

11:00am, South Stage on Church Street:
"All Are Welcome"
Lessons from Pride
(Energy)

Morning Offertory & Anthem

ADRIAN LUCES

As a singer/songwriter Adrian performs around the GTA singing jazz, pop and inspirational music. Away from the musical and theatrical stage, Adrian has appeared before the public as a spokesperson for a variety of groups. Mr. Luces has been a regular guest speaker for several companies and organizations discussing the fascinating subject of the voice and how it relates to one's overall performance and image. He has also appeared before the public as a freelance writer with the Toronto Sun Newspaper, and as a guest host and guest commentator on CFRB AM 1010 in Toronto. In addition Adrian is very active in the Toronto community having produced the entertainment portions of many fundraisers for various organizations.

Adrian is the president of Vocal Impression, an image and presentation skills coaching service for executives and professionals whose slogan is, "It's Not Just About What You Say ... It's About How You Sound When You Say It!". His coaching website is www.vocalimpression.com. Adrian is always thrilled to share his gift of song with the MCC community. His website is www.adrianluc.es.com.

PENTECOST BEGINS ...

A feast of the universal Church which commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, fifty days after the Resurrection of Christ, on the ancient Jewish festival called the "feast of weeks" or Pentecost. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came down visibly on the Apostles. It gave them the power to speak in strange tongues to the crowds that came to Jerusalem for that Feast. It also transformed them, from selfish and timid men into giants of courage and faith.

WHAT HAPPENED ON PENTECOST?

Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the twelve apostles, Jesus' mother and family, and many other of the disciples gathered together in Jerusalem for the Jewish harvest festival that was celebrated on the fiftieth day of Passover. While they were indoors praying, a sound like that of a rushing wind filled the house and tongues of fire descended and rested over each of their heads. This was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on human flesh promised by God through the prophet Joel (Joel 2:28-29). The disciples were suddenly empowered to proclaim the gospel of the risen Christ. They went out into the streets of Jerusalem and began preaching to the crowds gathered for the festival. Not only did the disciples preach with boldness and vigor, but by a miracle of the Holy Spirit they spoke in the native languages of the people present, many who had come from all corners of the Roman Empire. This created a sensation. The apostle Peter seized the moment and addressed the crowd, preaching to them about Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. The result was that about three thousand converts were baptized that day. (You can read the Biblical account of Pentecost in Acts 2:1-41).

WHAT IS THE LITURGICAL COLOUR FOR PENTECOST?

Red is the liturgical colour for this day. Red recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on the first Pentecost. The colour red also reminds us of the blood of the martyrs. These are the believers of every generation who by the power of the Holy Spirit hold firm to the true faith even at the cost of their lives.

Sanctuary / 4:00 to 6:00pm

MUSIC REHEARSAL - Sunday Evening Worship Service

The Sunday Evening Worship Team welcomes all voices, especially sopranos and altos. This is a fun, hard-working group that meets from 4:00-6:00pm each Sunday before the 7pm service. They perform a wide and ever-expanding repertoire of Praise Song, Gospel and World Music. If you enjoy singing, like to harmonize, and feel comfortable singing and leading a congregation in worship, come to our 7pm service and/or contact BStein@MCCToronto.com / (416) 406-6228 ext 215.

Sanctuary / 7:00pm

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

Progressive worship with great music, anointing for healing, communion, prayer partners. Team Preaching with Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes, Rev. Jo Bell and Deacon Randi Williams.

ADULT SPIRITUAL EDUCATION (ASE)

Visit: www.MCCToronto.com.ASE.htm

A NOTE FROM OUR VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step." -Martin Luther King Jr.

The volunteer fair was buzzing with lots of activity last week, many of you decided to join the volunteer team at MCC Toronto, welcome. Some of you wanted to ponder where you would like to donate your time. When you are ready please visit the information centre and speak with a volunteer integration placement person (under the volunteer her sign) or call the Volunteer office at extension 126.

Jeff Healey was the winner of the Bernard Thibault gift for The National Volunteer contest. The Thrift shop winner tied history and the visual picture nicely together, visit the bulletin board on the north wall for April's winner.

Do you want to get in on the fun? Submit a picture and join the judges in reviewing the creative titles some of our congregants come up with. Visit the Thrift shop today, up the stairs in the social hall and to your left.

On May 18th and 25th there will be a table in the social hall after every service to sign you up for the Choir Concert and Pride day service. See below for more details.

ONE DAY EVENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Choir Concert Volunteers Still Needed

There are a number of volunteer opportunities at this event. We need volunteers who can sell bar tickets, usher and greet, sell refreshments, serve food, set up and clean up for the evening.

Anyone who volunteers for this evening will receive free admission into the concert. Please volunteer early, as there are only a number of spots for each position available

Pride Service Volunteers

Church on church, volunteers are needed to provide and support this service held outdoors. Register early!!

Pride Team Float

Make MCC Toronto visible on Pride day, help our pride team prepare for the MCC Toronto Float! Help make banners, sell t-shirts, there is something for everyone.

Golf Day

The Golf Tournament team would like to speak with you if you are interested in helping with fundraising.

We also need your help with these teams:

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| Anointers and Servers | VIP Desk |
| Garden Faeries | Multi Media Team |
| Home Team | Information Centre |

If you are interested in helping at in any of these ministries please visit the VIP desk at the information centre or speak with Sandra Fontenelle

There's a place for you here.

Sandra Fontenelle

SFontenelle@MCCToronto.com / (416) 406-6228 ext. 126
Coordinator of Volunteer and Engagement



Angels of the Week

Volunteer Moms

To any and all of those who are biological mothers,
to those who've lived into the role of mother,
to any who have lovingly been called mother
- we celebrate you today!

For all you add to the community of MCC Toronto -
we thank you - from the bottom of our hearts.

Thank you!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Volunteer Coordinator

Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto is a faith community, originally founded to serve the spiritual needs of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered (GLBT) community. Attracting more than 500 people weekly to its Sunday services and being one of the largest congregations of any church in the Toronto area we have an opportunity for a full time Volunteer Coordinator who can bring energy and expertise to this exciting role.

As Volunteer Coordinator you will work with the Executive Director, Senior Pastor and staff to develop and implement the engagement system of MCC Toronto. You will be the epitome of customer focus and leadership while building relationships, monitoring volunteers and being successful in achieving the goals and objectives of this ministry. Duties and responsibilities will include:

- ongoing recruitment, retention and recognition of volunteers
- providing training and development to Team Leaders and staff to facilitate an enhanced volunteer experience
- managing the volunteer data base
- assisting staff and volunteers to create and achieve measurable goals within their areas

This position requires excellent communication, presentation and planning skills as well as the ability to continually look at enhancing the volunteer ministry. Technical abilities required include Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and MS Access. Previous experience in a non profit environment, working with volunteers and working within a spiritual setting would be an asset. If you feel your skills and abilities match the needs of this position and you are available to engage volunteers on Sundays, with flexibility on weekdays, please send your resume, including salary expectations, no later than **May 14, 2008 to: Rvert@MCCToronto.com**



"ALL ARE WELCOME"

Have you thought about how you would like to help with our **Pride Service** and/or **Pride Parade**?

For some, greeting and ushering at our service is an annual

We'd like to hear from you even if it's for the first time.

We will be happy to train you!

We also need people to walk with our SPECTACULAR float.

Let's show Toronto how amazing our church is.

CONTACT

PrideService@MCCToronto.com

PrideParade@MCCToronto.com

Let's Make "OUR HOUSE" a Home

There is a new liturgical decorating team for the church. Team leader, Ivan Canete, has taken the reigns to provide the decor for each of the many special religious celebrations at MCC Toronto. Thank you Ivan Todd and Bill for re-organizing the decor bay which is used to store the various decorating elements.

Spring is here and the Garden Faerie Team has been out over the last few weekends clearing away the harshness of winter. This very important team of volunteers plants the flowers and designs the gardens of the grounds of your church. You should consider joining this vital team of dedicated members of MCC Toronto.

On Saturday May 10th, MCC Toronto was given a great gift. The Desantos Martial Arts Studio came in to do a day of Spring cleaning at your church. Over thirty students, parents and instructors came to MCC with polishing rags brooms and a great spirit of community involvement to give your church a very detailed spring clean. They also pitched in around the building to work with the Garden Faeries to clear up the grounds and plant the new ground cover for the newly restored north lawn. Thank you to "What's the Occasions" (Cathy Desabrais) for hosting our community BBQ to feed the volunteers.

Once again MCC Toronto has become a bridge to the community by sharing a day with spiritually and physically generous people.

If you see something or know of something that could use your talents please contact the OUR HOUSE Team through the Information Centre, Roy Dean (OurHouseTeam@MCCToronto.com) or call(416) 406-6228 ext. 179.

THRIFT SHOP

The MCC Toronto Thrift shop is located on the balcony of the Social Hall is open Sundays between 10:00am and 1:00pm.

All proceeds from the donated merchandise go to support Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto.

During March, 2008, the Thrift Shop contributed \$797.50 to the Church. During, April, 2008, the Thrift Shop raised \$843.00 (\$210.75 per week) for MCC Toronto. There is a large selection of fashions on the west side of the balcony which includes slacks, shorts, T-shirts, shoes, tops and several nice men's two-piece suits suitable for spring and summer. Other interesting stock includes coffee makers, a hair drier, a fondu pot with stand and forks, a patio set with four chairs, table and umbrella, a fine designer motorcycle helmet, table lamps, roller blades, several hot plates, a brand new designer Espresso/ Capuccino coffee machine with manual and instruction video, framed pictures, small sets of dishes, a complete set of pyrex cookware, dinner table cloths, bath and hand towels, place mats and napkins, and several nice kitchen clocks.. Bring donations to the shop on Sundays or contact Louis Bodnar for pick-up of larger gifts (Tel. 416-929-9513). Donations may be left at the church during the week: please phone ahead to make certain someone is there to let you in and ring the bell to be admitted. All donations should be carried up the stairs on the north side of the stage and deposited safely behind the green velvet curtains in the Shop. *Thank you for your support!*



Wellspring (MCC Toronto Partner)

In collaboration with the Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto, Wellspring hosts two cancer support groups at their Coach House and a Bereavement Support Group.

Support for Lesbians (and partners) Coping with a Diagnosis of Cancer

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**A MESSAGE FROM ANNE BRAYLEY
Chair of the Congregational Giving Committee**

We are well into the year and are already planning for the second annual 'Bridges to Hope and Freedom event' this September. This is an important part of our outreach into the community beyond the core congregation. Last year's event was the springboard to introducing many new supporters to our church. Many of those have since become regular faces at Sunday service and within our volunteer ranks. If you would like to be involved in this year's event, as a table captain or volunteer, please let us know. As more people come to know about MCC Toronto through this event, our impact gets wider and we continue to strengthen our roots in the community.

MCC Toronto's THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION FOR GIVING (Part 1)

Matthew 6:21 *"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."*

Jesus' teaching is that your heart will follow your money. People's emotional and spiritual commitments follow the way they use their wealth. Therefore, one of the steps that facilitates spiritual growth is financial generosity and financial commitment to God's work. Because of this, the first priority in emphasizing the practice of giving is the spiritual growth of the individual rather than the financial needs of the Church.

Giving opportunities are provided to the congregation in order to encourage the individual's spiritual growth. Giving commitments are required of Members and Friends in order to ensure that this step on the spiritual journey is engaged. Higher standards of giving are required of leaders in order to ensure further spiritual growth of our spiritual leaders. All leaders in our Church are viewed with having a spiritual leadership role. Leaders in the Church are leaders of the Church.

A secondary purpose of providing giving opportunities is to ensure that MCC Toronto has all the resources possible to maximize our efforts to make the presence and love of God real to others.

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Birthdays, anniversaries and other special events are excellent reasons to celebrate by sponsoring a day of MCC Toronto's mortgage.

Publish your celebration in Connections print and/or e-mail edition.

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\$170 per day / \$1,190 per week / \$5,170 per month

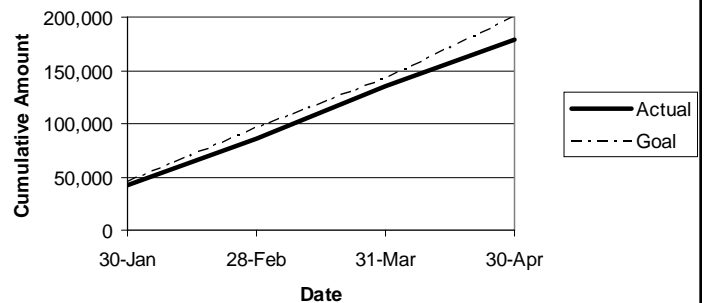
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Building Bridges

MCC Toronto has become a very important part of the lives of many people. We are able to play that role through the generosity of your financial support.

As of March 30, you have given **\$179,303** through your regular offerings. Our year-to-date goal is **\$199,989**.

2008 Offerings



Thank you for being part of MCC Toronto, and sharing your resources so that we may continue to build the souls of people by meeting their needs, and to heal real human hurts through the many ministries of our church. Your abundant giving is making a difference in peoples' lives!



HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

Have you been sent a new credit card, either with a new number or a new expiry date? Don't forget to **update your Sustained Giving information!** Please contact David Sterritt at (416) 406-6228 x 101 or dsterritt@mcctoronto.com with your new information.

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