

# SUNDAY NEWS



**2008** 35th Anniversary of MCC Toronto ... Celebrating our Past & Securing Our Future

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### Today in our Social Hall

Women's Retreat Registration  
Habitat for Humanity Registration  
35th Anniversary Dinner Ticket Sales

### Meetings / Events Today

Team Leaders Meeting  
Room 109 / 12:30pm to 2:00pm  
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, July 14 / Social Hall / 6:45pm  
A New Earth Book Club (ASE)  
Tuesday, July 15 / Sanctuary & Social Hall / 7:00pm to 8:30p  
Choir Rehearsal  
Thursday, July 17 / Sanctuary & Social Hall / 7:00pm to 9:00pm

## ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

Please join us NEXT SUNDAY for the presentation of our Anniversary Awards for outstanding contribution in the following areas:

**Beloved Disciple Award**

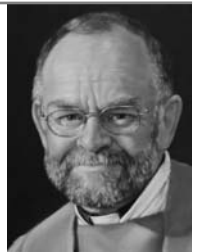
**Community Service Award**

**Vision Alive Award**

10 and 25 year membership pins will also be awarded.



## Hello and welcome to MCC Toronto!



If you are visiting us for the very first time, we extend a special invitation to you. Please feel comfortable 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 Anointing and Communion. Please join us after the service today in the Social Hall for a time of refreshment.

Our core values include: Caring, Celebration, Diversity, Faith, and Joy. Our hope is that today you will experience the touch of the Holy, and be filled with a sense of God's abiding presence in your life, and in life around you.

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**



July 20  
(Pentecost 10 - Anniversary Sunday)

**"Finding the Treasure"**

*Lessons for Life are available on CD.  
Please order at our Information Centre.*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

On the "Fifth Sunday Food Drive", we received thirty two bags and collected \$255.00 in cash which has been forwarded to TPWA. MCC Toronto congregants are making a difference!

**GUEST PREACHER**

On July 27, Rev. Stacey Latimer will be visiting Toronto for the BLACK CAP weekend and has been invited by Rev. Hawkes to be our guest preacher. Watch here for Rev. Latimer's bio next week.

**TODAY IN OUR SOCIAL HALL**

Building Homes...Building Hope....Building Bridges

**Habitat for Humanity Toronto's**

**WOMEN BUILD** invites the women of MCC Toronto to help build simple, decent affordable homes in partnership with low-income families... The Women Build welcomes your help in the task of freeing families from the indignities of living in poverty housing in Toronto.

Lets make an MCC Toronto Women Build Team a reality!

Join us in the Social Hall after the services for more information.

**MEETINGS TODAY**

Room 109 / 12:30pm to 2:00pm

**TEAM LEADERS MEETING**

Sundays 4:00pm to 6:00pm in our Sanctuary

**HIGHER PRAISE MUSIC REHEARSAL**

**Sunday Evening Worship Service**

Do you love to sing gospel and praise music? The Sunday Evening Worship Team's musical ensemble "Higher Praise" welcomes all voices. This is a fun, hard-working group that meets from 4-6:00pm each Sunday before the 7pm service. We are looking for people who enjoy singing and like to harmonize, and who feel comfortable singing and leading a congregation in worship. If you are interested in finding out what we sound like, come to a service! Talk to Ben after service. Voices Needed!!!

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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, Deacon Randi William and Rev. BK Hipsher.

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**Morning Offertory**

**KRISTEN POTTLE**

Originally from New Brunswick, Kristen recently graduated from The Randolph Academy of the Performing Arts where she received the Triple Threat Award. Theatre credits include *Miss Persia* (original cast), *Beauty and the Beast*, *Misty Kids* (SilverMist Productions), *The Pajama Game*, *The Crucible* (Randolph Academy), *The Confederation Centre of the Arts Young Company* (Charlottetown Festival), *A Chorus Line* and *Chicago* (Theatre New Brunswick).

This summer she will be reconnecting with her Maritime roots in *Anne & Gilbert*. She thanks MCC Toronto for welcoming her this morning.

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**FUNERALS**

Sandra Millar x 114 / SMillar@MCCToronto.com

**OCCASIONS (rentals)**

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**VOLUNTEER CORNER**

Volunteers are welcome at MCC Toronto with over 40 Ministries and Programs to get involved from social justice, children's ministry, choirs, refugee support, women and men's retreats to name a few. There are no specifications or time limitations required to become a volunteer. Please e-mail us at [Volunteer@MCCToronto.com](mailto:Volunteer@MCCToronto.com) to discuss your involvement.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

Evening Service

- Q) What is the benefit of doing your volunteer role for the evening service???
- A) Being able to sit in your pew in the morning, secure in the knowledge that you have done your part for your church. Come out and be on the team putting on the service...the needs of this service are:

Coffee set up and clean up - 2 weeks are available  
 Info Centre - 2 weeks are available  
 Assist in setting up the sanctuary - 3 weeks are available  
 Altar Guild - 2 weeks are available

Training is given for each position.

**ENQUIRE ABOUT OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:**

<b>Morning Services</b>	<b>During the week</b>	<b>Evening Services</b>
Information Centre	Administrative	Information Centre
Anointers, Servers	Photocopying	Ushers & Greeters
VIP Desk	Organizing	Anointers & Servers
Coffee Hour	Reception	Coffee Hour
Children's Ministry	Sermon Transcribers	Worship Coordinator
Multi-Media	Multi-Media Designer	



**Angels of the Week**

**Darin, Darlene** (Team Leader), **Doug, Henry, Jennifer, John** (longest serving!), **Makeda**.

These are your current receptionists! They welcome people with their voice and helpful approach, and make sure that each enquiry gets to its proper place. They also support staff and put the inserts in Sunday News.

Thank you, our receptionist team  
 - our Angels of the Week!



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**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**

**Gay Men (and partners) Cancer Information and Networking Group**

**Bereavement Support Group**

[www.Wellspring.ca](http://www.Wellspring.ca) / (416) 961-1928



**Alliance Hospice** (MCC Toronto Partner)

Our continuing relationship with Alliance offers those in our community the chance to die at home with dignity - and with care and respect for our relationships and families. Alliance shares MCC Toronto's value of diversity, and is committed to providing compassionate hospice and palliative care to the GLBT community. [www.alliancehospice.com](http://www.alliancehospice.com) / (416) 385-8885

## ***We Are Doing Our Part!***

In our continuing efforts to bring MCC Toronto into the new eco friendly world strides have been made to reduce our consumption of paper. Over the last year the volume of paper being disposed of through recycling has decreased by approx. two thirds. Where it was once necessary to have two large bins of paper products collected every week there is now a single bin which may take two to three weeks to fill for the city's recycling pick up once a week. These amounts are based on standard daily business practices and do not include special events.

Watch for more updates as things improve here at MCC Toronto to reduce our carbon footprint: what is a carbon footprint you may ask?

### **Carbon footprint:**

Many of your actions generate carbon emissions, which contribute to accelerating global warming and climate change. This is called your carbon footprint an indication of the effect you have on the climate in terms of the total amount of greenhouse gases you produce (measured in units of carbon dioxide). The first step to taking effective action is to reduce your carbon footprint. By reducing waste materials that require energy to recycle or to produce we decrease our carbon footprint.

## ***"Did YOU know? ...because I didn't!"***

That we have a jar at the Info Centre where YOU can place your **Canadian Tire money!**

Clear out your pockets, purses (no smirking, please!) and check your house for these pieces of paper that do nothing more than sit in a drawer taking space.

This is an on-going way to assist with the upkeep of the building!  
What a win-win thing to do!

## ***Recycle Your Cartridges!***

MCC Toronto has a Mission team that will sponsor refugees wishing to immigrate to Canada. To sponsor these refugees the Mission Team must raise funds in case the refugee needs help during their first year here.

**RWorld** is teaming up with this Mission Team to help raise some of these needed funds and you can help. Collect empty inkjet and toner cartridges and place them in the donation box at/near the Information Centre. Please place used cartridges into the packaging that is provided with your new supply.

Cartridges that are of interest to RWorld are original manufacturer cartridges. For each usable cartridge collected, RWorld will donate \$1.00 and for each usable toner cartridge RWorld will donate \$1.50 to the Refugee Sponsorship Mission Team.

RWorld Toronto Centre  
T.416.607.6351 email [brian.brenie@rworld.ca](mailto:brian.brenie@rworld.ca)

## **Let's Make "OUR HOUSE" a Home**

The garden work has come a long way this year thanks once again to the Garden Faeries. Special thank you goes to team leaders Bill Whitbread and Gary Christie along with the rest of the team Paul Lawson, Brian Birkby, Neil Mens, Roberto Mendoza Londono, Jean-aime Lalonde and Rowan.

Thanks to the generosity of Neil, Gary and Bill over two hundred ground covering Ivy as well as Hydrangea bushes and new grass has been added to the north side of the building. This has brought the restoration of the north lawn where the very successful foundation work was completed to a finish.

Adding to the upgrades we now have a retrievable non-kinking hose with pop on features for the various attachments for watering the grounds. Thanks Gary and Bill.

The care and maintenance of the grounds of the church is a team effort, accomplished by a great group of your congregation members. If you would like to add your talents or gifts to keeping our church a more welcome and safe place to worship, please contact Roy Dean at the contact information below.

The summer heat is on us now and it is very important to keep yourself hydrated. Please remember to carry water with you and to be sure put on sunscreen. The sanctuary gets a soothing cool cross breeze when the big doors are open and windows are open in the balcony. This is a very old structure and we don't have air conditioning so please keep in mind our ancestors and what they had to endure. It may help.

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](mailto:OurHouseTeam@MCCToronto.com)) or call(416) 406-6228 ext. 179.

## **THRIFT SHOP**

The MCC Toronto Thrift Shop, 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 June, the Thrift Shop raised \$775.00 for the Church, an average of \$188.75 for each of the four Sundays that we were open.* Sales to date have been better than in 2007. Many interesting items are available including: glassware, table lamps, candles, roller blades, several hot plates, framed pictures, some attractive small sets of dishes, a complete set of pyrex cookware, dinner table cloths, bath and hand towels, place mats and napkins, bathroom scales, and several nifty kitchen clocks. Gordon is busy re-organizing the fashion section on the west side of the balcony where some great updates for your summer wardrobe are available.

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. (Please do not bring us any old computer equipment, computer books or televisions. We can't even get Goodwill to take them off our hands.) *Thank you for your support!*

**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 & 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.

**BRIDGES to HOPE & FREEDOM**

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Pride! Thank you to all who volunteered at the Sunday service, contributed to the offering, and supported MCC Toronto in many other ways!

As your Development Associate, my attention is now focused on our second annual **Bridges to Hope & Freedom fundraising event**. We're now in the process of signing up table captains. These people will invite nine friends who would enjoy learning more about MCC Toronto, listening to great music, and mingling with 500 or so like-minded people. There is an opportunity during the agenda for guests to make a donation. This year's event, celebrating our 35th anniversary, will take place on September 28th.

Bridges to Hope & Freedom is vital to the financial health of MCC Toronto. Last year, this fundraiser provided \$106,500 - almost 10 per cent of the church's total revenue. These funds were used to cover general operating expenses, including our mortgage payment and our core programs (weddings, music, funerals, etc.).

MCC Toronto is completely funded through the generous support of our congregation and other fundraising activities. Our regular offerings cover about 55 percent of our annual operating expenses. Hosting Bridges to Hope & Freedom every year will be an ongoing and important way to help us meet our budget for overall expenses. As important, it is an opportunity to continue introducing MCC Toronto to an expanding community of supporters.

If you have questions or comments about this or any other fundraising activity, please contact me at 416-406-6228 ext. 111 or [JOConnor@MCCToronto.com](mailto:JOConnor@MCCToronto.com)

*Jennifer O'Connor*  
Development Associate



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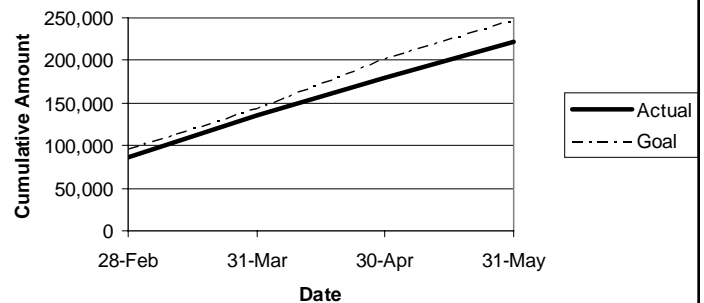
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**Building Bridges**

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 May 31, you have given **\$222,572** through your regular offerings. Our year-to-date goal is **\$245,698**.

**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@mccutoronto.com](mailto:dsterritt@mccutoronto.com) with your new information.

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# ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

Saturday, June 19

## 35th Anniversary Dinner in honour of Sandra Millar celebrating 35 years of pastoral care

Cocktails at 6:30pm / Dinner at 7:00pm (catered) \$35  
Purchase your tickets today in the Social Hall.

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Sunday, June 20

## Presentation of our ANNIVERSARY AWARDS during service.

### **Beloved Disciple Award**

The Beloved Disciple Award is given for long-term, distinguished service to the church. The award may only be bestowed once to an individual, who must have been a member for 10 years. Recent recipients include *Darlene Morris (2007)* and *Kevin Willcock (2006)*.

### **Community Service Award**

The Community Service Award is given to remarkable people who have made a significant contribution to our community, outside of MCC Toronto. This award may only be bestowed once to an individual. Recent recipients include *Bev Wybrow (2007)* and *Rosemary Hardwick (2006)*.

### **Vision Alive Award**

The Vision Alive award is given to an individual(s) who have taken part of the vision for our church and made it happen. The award may only be bestowed once per project. Recent recipients include the *Refugee Sponsor Team, Dan Trapanier, Brian Brenie, Russell Vert (2007)* and *Brian Truscott (Pride Parade) (2006)*.

10 and 25 year membership pins will also be awarded.