

SUNDAY NEWS



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

INSIDE

August 17, 2008

Today in our Social Hall

Visit our Thrift Shop located on the second floor
Women's Retreat Table
Bridges to Hope & Freedom Fundraising Event
Table Captain Sign-Up Table

Meetings / Events Today

Altar Guild Gathering
Room 109 / 12:30pm to 3:00pm
Deacon Meeting
Triangle Classroom / 12:30pm to 2:30pm
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.*)
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.

Meetings / Events This Week

Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, August 21 / Sanctuary & Social Hall / 7:00pm to 9:00pm

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WEDDINGS

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FUNERALS

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OCCASIONS (rentals)

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Planning for Homecoming Weekend

Welcome Home! MCC Toronto always celebrates all who "Come Home" in September, even if you're "coming home" to us for the first time!

Saturday, September 13 at 1:30pm

Jeri Ann Memorial Service

MCC Leader and Pioneer Rev. Elder Jeri Ann Harvey was many things to many people – Pastor, Healer, Friend, Sister, Lover, Mother, Elder. She defined "butch" for many in her generation. She broke down barriers of gender and race. She was the first woman pastor of MCC Los Angeles; she was the first Native American MCC Elder.
<http://rememberingjeriann.com>

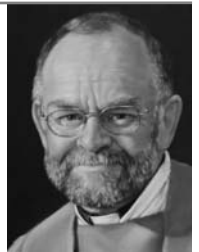
Sunday, September 14 at 1:30pm

Independence Day Potluck

hosted by CASA

If you would like to contribute a dish,
please contact CASA@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 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 invited to come forward to share Anointing and Communion. Please join us after the service today in the Social Hall for a time of refreshment.

MCC Toronto is an eclectic community of people from many different Christian traditions, other faith backgrounds, cultures, and lifestyles. We celebrate there are many paths to God and always affirm the unique path taken by each and every person.

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



August 24 / 9:00am & 11:00am

What I Have Found

August 24 / 7:00pm

Pride Questions

August 31 / 9:00am & 11:00am

Conflict - A Way Through

August 31 / 7:00pm

Pride Questions

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

Morning Offertory

PRIDE & JOY

The mission of Pride and Joy is to be a joyful healing presence for others through music. They believe that music is a universally understood language connecting people together regardless of any faith or cultural differences. Music is a gift from God and they feel compelled to share this gift with others, and so this smaller chamber choir goes out into the community to sing at community and corporate events, weddings, and funerals. Since their first public performance in autumn of 2002, the group has traveled all around southern Ontario, and has spanned over 20 different members.

Today, Pride and Joy is joined by Carly Gladstone, who was born on Pride weekend 2004 - great timing since she now celebrates her birthday with a million happy party goers. Carly started participating in both Pride and Joy and the Chancel Choir almost nine months before her birth, and at six months of age, she did some fancy footwork on her Mama's lap while Janice sang a lovely original Christmas piece by Diane Leah. Most recently, during her Mommy and Mama's wedding ceremony, Carly led friends and family in a beautiful rendition of today's piece.

Soul Survivors

Ex-Ex Gay? Religious Abuse Survivor?

Soul Survivors is a support group that offers resources, healing and conversation with fellow survivors. Check us out at www.soulsurvivors.biz

You are not alone!

Angels of the Week

Angels are all around us carrying out the work of our church ...some highly visible such as our Ushers & Greeters and some work quietly in the background such as office work.

Have you noticed the work of an angel and would like to suggest their being acknowledged as an Angel of the Week? Please contact Sandra Millar at (416) 406-6228 x 114, or e-mail SMillar@MCCToronto.com

A Message from Anne Brayley Chair of the Congregational Giving Committee

For those of us who stay in the city during July and August it is often a perfect time to enjoy a quieter pace. Even coming to church seems more relaxed. Don't forget about our 7pm service, which can be an ideal way to have a full weekend of other activities and still not miss your Sunday worship. And while MCC Toronto may seem quiet, our activities are ongoing, as are our financial requirements. Summer can often stretch our resources if attendance is lower at our services. An important way for the church to even out its cash flow through the year is through our monthly sustainers program. We encourage you to participate in this program if you are not already. It's easy for you and makes a big difference to the church.

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 June 30, you have given **\$269,575** through your regular offerings. Our year-to-date goal is **\$288,920**.

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?

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 to discuss your involvement.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Morning

Information Centre, Anointers/Servers, VIP Desk, Coffee Hour, Children's Ministry, Multi-Media

During the Week

Administrative, Photocopying, Organizing, Reception, Sermon Transcribers, Multi-Media Design

Evening Service

Information Centre, Ushers/Greeters, Anointers/Servers, Coffee Hour, Worship Coordinator

HIGHER PRAISE

Music Rehearsal

Sunday Evening Worship Service

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

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.

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...because I didn't!"

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