



PALM SUNDAY

April 5, 2009: 9am & 11am

Welcome

**Social time with coffee
and refreshments follow our
Worship Service in the Social Hall**

We are a house of prayer for all people
and are pleased that you're
able to join us in worship and
celebration at MCC Toronto.

We are a joyful, spiritual community
of people committed to being an
inclusive, affirmative, caring church.

Our vision is to be a bridge.

Whoever you are, wherever you
are from, you are welcome! Even
if this is your first time here, you
are invited to participate in every
part of the service as much
or as little as you like.

Phonic Ears for hearing assistance
are available from the technical
ministry volunteers at the
sound booth.

We ask that you kindly turn your
cell phone off during service.

At the ❖ symbol, you are asked
to rise in body or in spirit.

ORDER of SERVICE

Welcome / Life & Work of the Congregation

One Minute Celebrations

Hand Of Friendship

Prelude

Blessed is He

Call to Worship ❖

One: Just as the crowds of old welcomed Jesus into their city,
so we too welcome Jesus into this place.

Many: **Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God.**

Processional Hymn ❖

Hosanna Loud Hosanna

Blessing of Families

Children are now invited to join the Children's Ministry behind the piano.
They will be escorted to the Sunday School room and will return for
communion. Children under 3 years are welcome to attend our Nursery
during our 9:00am and 11:00am services. Please follow our signs or
ask our volunteers for assistance.

Opening Prayer

Anthem

Hosanna!

Prayers of the People

At this time you are invited to name aloud people or circumstances as
prayer requests out loud, at the appropriate times, as you feel comfortable.

Sacred Readings

Matthew 22: 34-40

❖ Selections from Luke 10: 25-28 & 29-37

Lessons for Life

8 Life Changing Messages from Jesus: From Resentment to Love

Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes, C.M.

In many traditions these are called sermons. Lessons for Life are meant
to inspire you in your spiritual journey and to challenge you to find ways
to put your faith into action. CDs of the Lessons for Life are available in
the Social Hall and webcasts (8 week archive) are available at
www.MCCToronto.com.

Time of Reconciliation

Come to the Water

Prayer of Reconciliation

Affirmation of Freedom



Invitation to Time of Anointing

As we sing together please come forward freely alone or with a friend to receive an anointing for healing so that God's love might transform us in body and spirit. An volunteer will anoint your forehead with oil and offer you a brief blessing.

Return to God

Breathe on Me Breath of God

Jesus' Prayer ❖

Offertory

Marcus Nance (bio on page 2 of Sunday News)

Building Bridges

As we gather our gifts, we celebrate the difference God makes in people's lives through our life as community.

It is only with your generosity that MCC Toronto continues to be a thriving spiritual home. Gifts can be made via credit card, cheque or automatic withdrawal. Other options include publicly traded securities, such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds. MCC Toronto is a registered charity, so we are able to issue tax receipts for the gifts we receive. For more information, please visit www.cra.gc.ca/donors, and see your financial advisor to help you make the decision that is right for you.

Gathering Our Gifts

Our Journey of Faith

Blessing of Gifts

Celebration of Holy Communion

We celebrate an open Communion. When you come forward, a volunteer will dip the wafer in the juice, place it in your mouth and offer you a brief blessing. We serve only non-alcoholic wine and the wafers are 100% wheat. We celebrate a variety of understandings about communion and so we believe the bread and juice are transformed in community to be spiritual nourishment for all people. As another way of respecting our Bedrock Belief that there are many paths to God, if you would like a non-Christ centered blessing, simply approach the volunteer with your arms crossed over your chest.

Give Us This Day

When Peace Like a River Attendeth

There's a Sweet Sweet Spirit

Breathe

Benediction ❖

Closing Words ❖

Closing Song ❖

Listen to the Music

At the ❖ symbol, you are asked to rise in body or in spirit.

Please join us in the Social Hall

Following our service, please join us for refreshments and to meet others.

Also find out about events at the Information Centre, and more!

If you have any questions about this service, ask a Deacon.

We care, and we're here to listen

If you would like to pray with someone following today's service please approach the deacon who will be at the front of the sanctuary near the Communion table on the main floor.

We're with you in prayer

You can send in a prayer request in any one of four ways:

1. Through the **prayer book** located in the Chapel,
2. Call **(416) 406-6228 x 114**,
3. Send an e-mail to: **care@mcctoronto.com**, or
4. Through the link on the front page of our website at: **www.MCCToronto.com**

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All are welcome.

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*If our morning service doesn't suit you,
come and try our service at 7:00pm.*

SUNDAY NEWS



2009

36th Anniversary of MCC Toronto ...Moving Ahead and Taking Flight!

Palm Sunday **April 5, 2009**

Nursery (3 yrs and under) during our 9:00am and 11:00am Services
(located across from the Main Office) ...follow the signs.

Children's Church (4 to 12 yrs) during our 11:00am Service

Today in our Social Hall

Visit our Thrift Shop on the second floor of the Social Hall
Concert Ticket Sales: Louise Pitre & Jackie Richardson (April 23)
Invite a Friend to Easter Table
Seder Supper Table

Meetings / Events Today

Information Centre Team Meeting
Room 109 / 11:00am to noon
BEAT Executive Meeting
Triangle Classroom / 12:30pm to 2:30pm
Deacon Meeting
Room 109 / 12:30pm to 2:30pm
Pride & Joy Rehearsal
Sanctuary / 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

Meetings / Events This Week

Rainbow Toastmasters
Monday, April 6 / Social Hall / 6:45pm to 9:00pm
A New Earth Level II, Silent Sitting Group & DVD Teaching
Monday, April 6 / Sanctuary / 7:00pm to 8:30pm
Good Friday Lector Rehearsal
Tuesday, April 7 / Room 109 / 5:30pm to 10:00pm
Dances of Universal Peace
Tuesday, April 7 / Social Hall / 7:30pm to 9:00pm
Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, April 9 / Sanctuary & Social Hall / 6:30pm to 9:30pm
Saturday, April 11 / Sanctuary & Social Hall / 9:00am to noon
Good Friday Service
Friday, April 10 / Sanctuary / 7:00pm
CLMmore: Climbing Deeper, Pilot Series (ASE)
Saturday, April 11 / Room 109 / 10:00am to 4:00pm

Sunday News

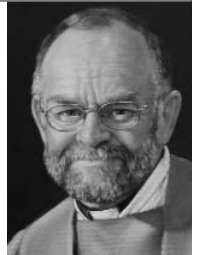
Each week we report on the weekly ministry meetings and events of the church, upcoming Lessons For Life, volunteer opportunities, building projects and our financial report in addition to upcoming major events. Sunday News is financially supported by our advertisers on pages 8 through 10.



We invite you to submit comment with regards to your experience and participation in the life of MCC Toronto.

E-mail SNEWS@MCCToronto.com

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 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.

One of our bedrock beliefs is that: "All life is a gift, and each life has a purpose." All kinds of people come to MCC Toronto, and we look at each person as a unique gift. We hope that through our worship and celebration, adult spiritual education programs and other opportunities, MCC Toronto can be a place where you deepen your sense of your life's purpose as you continue on your spiritual journey.

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



9:00am, 11:00am & 7:00pm

Lenten Sermon Series

"8 Life Changing Messages from Jesus"

(March 1 through April 12)

March 1 From Blame to Lesson

March 8 From Fear to Peace

March 15 From Want to Gratitude

March 22 From Judgement to Forgiveness

March 29 From Lost to Found

April 5

From Resentment to Love

Lessons for Life are available on CD. Please order at our Information Centre, or listen on-line.

Offertory

MARCUS NANCE

Recent credits for Marcus include: Queequeg in Moby Dick and Olin Britt in The Music Man (Stratford Festival), Beast in Beauty and the Beast (Western Canada Theatre, Grand Theatre), Rev. J.D. Montgomery in My One and Only, Zeebo in To Kill a Mockingbird (Stratford Festival), Beast, Beauty and the Beast (Grand Theatre), Mikado in The Mikado (Drayton Entertainment) and he appeared in Kismet and Of Thee I Sing (New York City Center Encores!). Other credits include Baz Luhrmann's La Bohème on Broadway, Cinderella (New York City Opera), Annie Get Your Gun (Massey Hall), Floyd Collins and Pal Joey (Shaw Festival), and Porgy in Porgy and Bess (Toronto Symphony).

Marcus was a Dora award nominee for the role of Malcolm in Atom Egoyan's Elsewhereless (Tapestry), Moses, Beatrice Chancy (Queen of Puddings), Showboat (Livent), Compère in Four Saints in Three Acts (Chicago Opera Theatre) and was featured in Mel Brook's movie The Producers. He has performed leading roles with symphony orchestras and opera companies throughout North America.

We Care at MCC Toronto

Are you interested in being part of a team of people who visit members of our congregation unable to attend church for a period of time? Training is available. To find out more, please contact Sandra Millar, Coordinator of Worship and Pastoral Care
SMillar@MCCToronto.com

DID YOU KNOW that MCC Toronto embraces a set of core values and bedrock beliefs that shape what we do - that means we live our doctrine in our daily life as a spiritual community. Our motivating vision is to be a bridge. To read more about MCC Toronto, please visit www.MCCToronto.com. MCC Toronto is a member of MCC Churches, a worldwide denomination. Please visit www.MCCChurch.org to read more about the beliefs, vision and mission of MCC Churches.

HOW TO MAKE PALM CROSSES

1. Take a palm that is about 2 feet long and 1/2" wide (if it tapers at the top, this is good!)
2. Hold the palm upright, so the tapered end points toward the ceiling. Then bend the top end down and toward you so that the bend is about 5 or 6 inches from the bottom of the palm.
3. About a third of the way from the bend you just made, twist the section you've pulled down to the right, forming a right angle.
4. About an inch or inch and a half away from the "stem" of the cross, bend this arm of the palm back behind the palm so that it is now facing to your left. Make the bend at a good length to form the right arm of the Cross.
5. Folding that same section at a point that equals the length on the right side, bend it on the left side and bring the end forward over what is now the front of the cross.
6. From the very center of the Cross, fold that arm up and to the upper right (in a "northeast" direction) so that it can wrap around where the upright post of the Cross and the right arm intersect.
7. Fold this down and to the left behind the Cross, and then fold it toward the right so that it is parallel and under the transverse arms of the Cross.
8. Bring it up behind the Cross again, this time folding it up toward the "northwest" direction.
9. Tuck the tapered end into the transverse section you made in step.
10. Turn the Cross over; this side will be the front. Trim the tapered end if necessary.

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us Sunday evenings at 7:00pm to experience the sacred touch of the holy through high energy worship. Raise your hands in praise or open your arms to God's presence. Great music, anointing for healing, communion, prayer partners.

Team Preaching with **Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes, Rev. Jo Bell, Deacon Randi Williams and Rev. BK Hipsher. All in a community that welcomes you no matter who you are.**

Tuesday, April 7 / Social Hall / 7:30pm - 9:00pm

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE

The Dances of Universal Peace are simple, joyous, circle dances that honour the sacred traditions of the world-bringing us closer to the Divine, touching the spiritual essence within ourselves and others. All are welcome! **Contact: DUP@MCCToronto.com**

A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

Spring is here, finally, and The Choir and I are enjoying warmer Sunday mornings and brighter Thursday nights. We have been singing some really challenging anthems and, by your response, we are succeeding. The aim is to get better and better as we prepare for a new CD in 2010, as well as a trip to General Conference in Mexico in July (2010). Stay tuned for future fundraising projects to help us all get there!

If you attended Julie Michels' concert on March 14th, you made a great choice! With her band "Parlay", she put on a show that contained eclectic, fun, and brilliantly executed material. She can dance too! This month we welcome Louise Pitre and Jackie Richardson (Heart & Soul) on Thursday April 23rd at 8:00pm. They will be supported by Tom Jestadt (drums), George Koller (bass) and me (Diane on piano). I hope you will join us in a musical romp that travels from Broadway to the Blues. And... It is fundraiser for our church. (Tickets on sale in the social hall.)

Holy week is almost upon us and we are rehearsing extra hours to prepare for Palm Sunday, Good Friday (April 10th) and Easter Sunday (April 12th). Special guests this month will include Marcus Nance (April 5th), Maria Piazza (Good Friday), Stephanie Martin (Easter), Dan Rutzen (19th), and Julie Michels (26th).

If you want to know more about joining The Choir you can check us out at mcctorontochoir.com.

Diane Leah
Director of Music

A NOTE FROM OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Welcome to our monthly update about the future of MCC Toronto: *our children!*

We started off 2009 at Children's Church today with 13 children! We discussed the bible story of the wise men coming to see Jesus with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. We asked the kids, 'If you could bring a gift to Jesus today, what would it be?' Here are their responses:

- Griffin:** "a heart, for love, and food"
- Izayah:** "clothes so he wouldn't be naked"
- Jasmine:** "a machine for making clothes"
- Dahlia:** "shoes"
- Lucas:** "a hat so he wouldn't get sunburned"
- Jonah:** "a Ferrari so he could travel fast and look cool with His nice Ferrari"
- Rowan:** "a cell phone, so people could call him if they needed help, and the Holy Grail"
- Hannah:** "a computer, so Jesus could have a website that people could go to"

Being able to see our world through a child's eyes is such a gift. Blessings for this month!

We commit to excellence and teamwork with a code of conduct that promotes a warm and loving environment.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Volunteering is a meaningful way to be part of our church community. It increases your interaction with others as you meet more people. This in turn satisfies our feeling of belonging to a community.

Contributing time to your spiritual community allows you to serve God while others also receive the benefit. Your volunteer contributions also support our pastor Rev. Brent Hawkes and his work within MCC Toronto?

Consider the reasons that our volunteers have shared about why they volunteer:

- ✓ Enrichment of life experience by connections to people in search of a higher purpose
- ✓ To be involved to a greater extent in the church
- ✓ Feels good to give back to the community that has given me so much
- ✓ Get to know fellow volunteers
- ✓ I gain so much from MCC Toronto that I want to be part of the vision - building bridges and spreading the word
- ✓ Volunteering is a calling and puts energy back into my life
- ✓ Believe in the values and mission of MCC Toronto
- ✓ I have found community and family here
- ✓ Helps to stay connected with the church

Assistant to Coordinator of Worship

Learn the inner workings of our worship services as you assist the Coordinator of Worship with logistics. Using a check list of details to monitor all movement and all people in worship this position deals with:

- ✓ Incorporating last minute changes into the service
- ✓ Switching lights on and off at exact times
- ✓ Moving equipment in & out of locations
- ✓ Ensuring west sanctuary doors are closed at certain times in the service
- ✓ Assisting with offering collection baskets
- ✓ Performing lock down steps for the sanctuary after 11am service
- ✓ Coordinating reserving pew space for special occasions
- ✓ At evening services arranging placement of servers for anointing & communion and backup for Altar Guild set up.

The time commitment is one Sunday per month for both morning services (8am to 12:45pm) OR one evening service (6:00pm to 8:30pm).

To get involved visit the Volunteer Integration Partners (V.I.P.) at the Information Desk on Sundays after any worship service to find more about volunteering. **Carol Newman, Coordinator of Volunteers & Engagement**, can be reached at extension 126 or CNewman@MCCToronto.com

There is a place for you to volunteer at MCC Toronto!

MCC TORONTO DEACONS**A Note from Deacon Sandra Millar****Coordinator of Worship, Pastoral Care and Funerals**

I would like to introduce our Deacons serving in worship so that you may know them better - to see the different gifts and life experience they offer, and to know that we are here to serve you and join you on your deepest life journeys, as you invite us in.

We now have the largest number of deacons MCC Toronto has ever had and therefore the greatest pool of gifts to offer. We stand poised for expanded ministry, new communal endeavours, and even greater support of you, our congregation.

To access support from a deacon, here are the ways:

- 1) **speak directly to the deacon on duty**
- 2) **email Deacons@MCCToronto.com**
- 3) **email Care@MCCToronto.com**

Deacon Dameon

Dameon has been attending MCC Toronto for over 14 years, and has been a deacon for the past three and one half years. During this time Dameon has discovered the power of the healing spirit, and has focused his ministry in this direction. His faith in this discipline has served him well through his life journey, and is looking forward to sharing this gift of God with us here at MCC Toronto.

Dameon's faith background is United Church of Canada. He was involved with MCC Calgary during the Churches conception there, where he worked to help create a vibrant church community. During this time he experienced the power of Pentecostal worship, which still shapes him today.

Deacon Darlene Morris

Darlene Morris was born in 1936 in small town USA. I am a retired nurse, mother of six and grandmother of 12. I moved to Toronto in 1967 and started my search for a church. It took me 29 years to find MCC Toronto but when I did I knew that I was home. I have been a member of MCC Toronto for over 14 years, volunteering in many jobs. I have fought my demons with alcohol, cigarettes and a relationship break-up ...and won. May this be of use to someone else? The more that I participate in the activities in my church, the more I have loved every moment. I truly feel blessed to be a Deacon; may I serve you well.

SELF-ADMINISTERED COMMUNION STATIONS

Separate communion tables will be set up at the centre back of the Sanctuary on the ground floor and under our DNA banners upstairs.

Instructions for self-administered Communion:

- ♦ Please cleanse your hands with a drop of sanitary liquid.
- ♦ Remove the linen
- ♦ (If you wish) lightly dip host in de-alcoholized wine.
- ♦ Consume host.
- ♦ silent blessing example:
"Know that God loves you unconditionally and is ever-present with you. Amen."
- ♦ If you are waiting, please maintain an atmosphere of calm reflection as others receive.
- ♦ Replace the linen

[Note: Hosts have been consecrated and are holy. If dropped, please pick-up and consume the wafer; or set it aside on the plate provided, for Altar Guild attention.]

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

The Amazing Race

"So many changes, so many challenges. MCC Toronto celebrated together on the day of President Barack Obama's inauguration, joining millions of hopeful masses around the world. I was overjoyed by the hope that we might, someday, perhaps sooner rather than later, all get along. That this unlikely charismatic treasure won the race to presidency was just amazing to us! The symbol of a man with an African father and a white American mother was just awesome to me personally, as was the mixed heritage of faith traditions, from agnostic to Muslim, in his family background. Certainly no one can expect one man to solve the whole world's problems, but there is no doubt that the monumental occasion showed a shift in consciousness we could all feel. And though some critics point out that Obama has not been out loud enough about gay marriage, I appreciate that moderating the masses is a difficult task. That he mentioned GLBT and friends in his victory speech was a moment in history, and the fact that he was barely in office for hours when he began overturning discriminatory laws spoke volumes."

Read the whole article by Lorette C. Luzajic in "Global Connections", our quarterly outreach initiative, where we leave our sanctuary and join our far away friends through a newsletter-zine with information about what's happening in our church, in the denomination, and with LGBT rights around the world. We can be a place of prayer for all people, even our friends who cannot be with us. If you have friends around the world, share this connection with them.

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A MESSAGE FROM ANNE BRAYLEY

Chair of the Congregational Giving Committee

I have been writing this column now for a couple of years and I sometimes wonder what new and inspiring ideas to share with you about congregational giving. I think the most important message to keep delivering is that we are called to give in many different ways as part of our spiritual journey. Of course, there is the reality of our basic need for financial support, so let me speak to that today. While we don't want to wear out our welcome talking about that, it is important that we all understand the true cost of running our church so we can contribute to it according to our means. Last month the Board of Directors approved the final budget for 2009. While our financial health is good, we have substantial requirements to support all the initiatives planned for this year. I encourage you to ask questions of any of our Board members or senior staff, so you have a full understanding of how your contributions support the many goals of MCC Toronto.

As the year unfolds, I will also share with you more about the work of the Board of Directors. We are a dedicated group who share your love of MCC Toronto on many levels. Our role is to support our excellent staff team by providing strategic guidance, as well as rolling up our sleeves to work on projects that will help achieve the church goals this year and into the future.

A NOTE FROM JENNIFER O'CONNOR

Development Associate

Easter Greetings,

Our Easter Service is fast approaching! I hope that you are planning to attend and that you might bring a friend with you. Invitation cards are available in the Social Hall again this week.

Again this week, you will find a special offering envelope in your Sunday News. Please consider making an additional gift at Easter. Your support is greatly appreciated.

This month, the development office will publish the first issue of the Abundance Report, a quarterly newsletter that will show how your gifts of time, talent and treasure are making a difference at MCC Toronto. Look for your copy in Sunday News.

Thank you again for all of your gifts. If you have any questions or comments regarding fundraising at MCC Toronto, please do not hesitate to contact me at (416) 406-6228 ext. 111 or JOConnor@MCCToronto.com.

Sincerely,
Jennifer O'Connor

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.



**Sponsor
- A - Day**

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.

The church's mortgage payments are:
\$170 per day / \$1,190 per week / \$5,170 per month

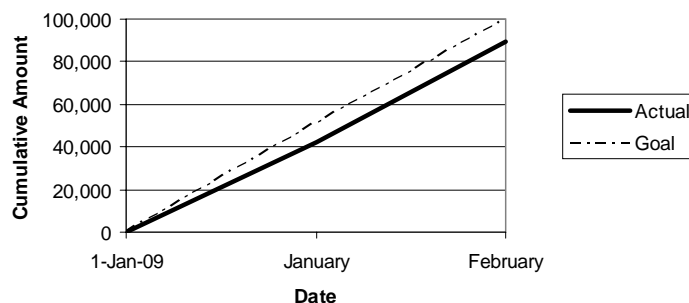
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Building Bridges

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 February 28, you have given **\$89,188** through your regular offerings. Our year-to-date goal was **\$99,926**.

2009 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!

REGISTERED CHARITY

MCC Toronto is registered as a charitable organization with the Government of Canada, and its charitable registration number is 130353469RR0001. MCC Toronto issues tax receipts every January for eligible contributions received during the previous year.

For more information about charitable giving to MCC Toronto please contact Jennifer O'Connor at JOConnor@MCCToronto.com or (416) 406-6228 ext. 111.



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Saturday, May 30, 2009

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Silent auction and raffles**

**Registration 11:00am to 12:45pm
1:00pm Shot Gun Start**



Guest Host Deb Pearce

**SIGN-UP STARTS ON
EASTER SUNDAY**

MCC Toronto's annual Golf Tournament has raised \$30,000 in three years sustaining the social programs of MCC Toronto like the Triangle and Refugee Programs. This year 5% of the proceeds will go to Wellspring Cancer Caresupporting members of the GBLT community.

With appreciation to a few of our loyal supporters
**Trudy Fraser, Mary di Salvo,
Golf Clearance Warehouse
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[Add your name here.]

Contact
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MCC TORONTO THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is located in the balcony of the Social hall. Staffed by volunteers and stocked by generous donations from the congregation and friends, the shop is open from around 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Sundays. Recent re-organization means that you can now really see our merchandise. Check out "Barbie's Pink Tea Table" set with fine china and champagne flutes! Our table napkins and linens are now beautifully sorted and displayed. Vases, necklaces, jewellery, books, CDs, a fondu set, pots and pans, kitchen tools, glassware, frames, candles, figurines, pictures, and a range of cheery decorative accessories await your inspection. NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO BEGIN YOUR SPRING CLEANING AND HELP THE CHURCH WITH YOUR EXCESS ITEMS!!

Contact Louis Bodnar (Tel. 416-929-9513) for pick up of large donations. Smaller donations may be brought in on Sunday or deposited behind our green curtains during the week. Please DO NOT donate OLD COMPUTER EQUIPMENT OR TELEVISIONS, OR CLOTHING. The city and province are now providing recycling facilities for equipment and TVs. The Salvation Army, Goodwill, the St. Vincent de Paul, or Value Village would be grateful for donations of good used clothing. Please bring only what is good enough to be sold at a yard sale.

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@RWorldToronto.com



"Did YOU know?"

...that we have a jar at the Info Centre where you can place Canadian Tire money that's been sitting around your house stuffed away in drawers, jacket pockets and purses!

It's time to spring clean and donate.

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

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Our ASE Winter Term 2009 is currently in full swing AND ...
Some of these amazing courses still have room for you...
And others are "new each week" as they are designed on a
Week-by-Week Drop-in Format
You can simply show up and attend that evening's session!

ASE Classes THIS WEEK

A New Earth II

Monday, April 06 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm / Sanctuary

CLM, CLMmore, Parenting, and Deuteronomy
will return after Holy Week!

Visit the ASE SPACE in the Information Centre
for in - depth course details.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC OUTREACH

Last June, Rachel Meyer participated in an outreach trip to the Dominican Republic with MCC youth from all around the world. Rachel and the youth worked to rebuild a school house in a local impoverished village and ran a summer Bible camp for the kids of the school. In August of 2008, Rachel shared some of her journey with our church congregation, recounting the transformational experience it was for her, and sharing her gratitude for our financial assistance.

Well MCC Toronto, Rachel is back at it! She has been working hard over the last five months as the youth representative for the planning committee that is organizing this year's outreach trip. She will head back to the Dominican Republic in June to continue the work started last year.

This gives MCC Toronto another opportunity to 'be a bridge' as we support this global youth outreach program and Rachel. On Sunday, April 19 and 26, Rachel will have a table set up in the Social Hall following all three services. You can participate in this amazing experience by donating to help Rachel raise the \$2,000 she needs to cover food, travel, and lodging. UFMCC is so proud of their youth for getting directly involved in the global issues that surround us, and we at MCCT are also so proud of Rachel for being a part of it. Please stop by the Youth Outreach Trip table after services on the 19th and 26th, to get more information, and to participate as generously as you can!

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The above listed people all have mail waiting for them!

Did you know that MCC Toronto has a Community Mailbox?
This is where anyone can leave and/or pick up mail!

Located at the south end of the hallway just outside the sanctuary, everyone is welcome to use this mailbox - all we ask is that you date everything you drop off and check periodically to see if you have mail.
If mail is not picked up after 3 months, it may be discarded.

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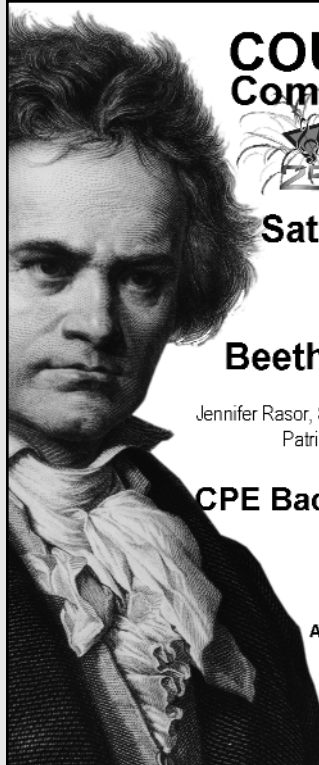
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HOLY WEEK

at MCC Toronto

During this special time, we also invite you to participate in our Easter offering. Your gift, in addition to your regular Sunday offering, allows us to be a voice of hope and new life throughout the year.

An Easter envelope has been provided within your order of service.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Palm Sunday

April 5

9:00am, 11:00am and 7:00pm Service
Guest performer: Marcus Nance

Good Friday

April 10

7:00pm Service (*Nancy service available.*)
Guest performer: Maria Piazza

Easter Sunday

April 12

Sunrise Service

with MCC Christos
overlooking the lake on
Ashbridges Bay



Gather in parking lot by 5:45am
Walk to the Service at 6:00am

Maps are available at the Information Centre
and at the back of the Sanctuary.

Do you need a ride, or can you offer a ride?

Please sign-up at the Information Centre
or e-mail SunriseByTheLake@MCCToronto.com

MCC Toronto Easter Services

9:00am, 11:00am and 7:00pm Worship & Celebration
Guest performer: Stephanie Martin

Seder Supper

Tuesday, April 14, 6:30pm

Taize Service

Wednesday, April 15, 6:15pm to 6:45pm

