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"There is no greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

— John 15:13

### Renovations Set to Begin by End of May



Later this month, MCC Toronto begins **Phase 2 Building Fund renovations** to our Main Floor public spaces outside of our Sanctuary.

Being funded in full through donations to our recently launched **ELEVATION Campaign**, the renovations will transform our Social Hall and back meeting rooms into warm and welcoming places, with usable and attractive public spaces that can accommodate new congregant and community programming.

Our Facilities Manager Mark Asselin recently did a walk-through video of the renovation plan. You can watch it below.



Through the five-month construction period, hoarding will be installed in the Social Hall to allow access to our elevator and Sanctuary. The Church doors at Simpson Ave. and Howland Rd. will also be open.

To read more and to make a gift to the **ELEVATION Campaign**, click below.

**ELEVATION CAMPAIGN**



Our "Reel Theology" Sermon Series continues this Sunday with "**Luca**"!

A reminder that you don't need to see the film to be able to enjoy our Lesson for Life!

May 15  
May 22  
May 29

Luca  
Encanto  
CODA

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## Special Invitation to Newcomers to MCC Toronto | May 15

Are you new to MCC Toronto over the past two years? We want to get to know you! We'll be hosting a free **Newcomers Luncheon** on Sunday **May 15**, following our 11 AM Service - and we would love you to join. This is a chance to meet Rev. Jeff Rock and Rev. Junia Joplin and ask any questions you might have about our work and services. Please RSVP by email to [office@mcctoronto.com](mailto:office@mcctoronto.com).

**REMINDER:** There will be no Digital Coffee Hour this Sunday!

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### Musical Guest



**Phoebe Hu** is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Phoebe is 12 years old in Canada, 9 years old in The Choir of MCC Toronto, but her human age remains a mystery.

Born and raised in Taiwan, Phoebe started her training in classical music, became a hip-hop dancer, and completed her BA in Foreign Languages and Literatures. When Mom said it's time to channel all her talent into marrying some successful man, she channeled all her resources and flew to Canada instead with two suitcases, three cats and her best friend/partner in life.

She is now a Guelph/Toronto-based performer/creator/educator in Theatre, Musical Theatre, Film/TV and Voiceover, as well as movement & language coach for the industry. And you might have seen her face in some commercials involving a cat birthday party, auto/home insurance, or eating pizza, fries, and Cheetos in various locations.

Phoebe is grateful to MCC Toronto and the choir for keeping her privileges in check, for reminding her why she arts, and for being part of her hybrid Canadian family.

**May 15 | 11 AM | MCC Toronto's YouTube Channel**

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## Triangle Program Craft Pop Up Shop | May 15



Our Triangle Program's students will be hosting a craft pop up shop **this Sunday, May 15, from 12 Noon to 2 PM**, downstairs in the school. So join us to see some of the awesome items our students have been working so hard on, and don't forget to bring cash!

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## New Spiritual Practices Program | Continues May 19



Join Valerie De Souza, a Spiritually Integrated Counsellor, Educator and Registered Psychotherapist (Qualifying), for a continuation of a special 4-week Spiritual Practices Program that explores how our mental health, as part of our overall health, can be supported by our Christian spiritual practices.

Weekly Spiritual Practice Themes:

- May 19: Sacred Imagery
- May 26: Sacred Prayers

Sessions are FREE and occur on **ZOOM** on Thursdays from **7 - 8:15 PM**. Pre-registration is required.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the sessions.

Let's connect to learn, discuss, and be community together through life's many changes!



Reminder! MCC Toronto's Men's Retreat is Back! This year's theme is "**Living our Authentic Self**," and is being hosted at Jericho House in the Niagara Region from May 27-29.

We invite anyone who identifies as male to join us. To learn more and register, click on the link below. **Please note the registration deadline is Monday, May 23.**

[REGISTER NOW](#)

## **Save the Date - MCC Toronto Membership Class | May 31**

MCC Toronto will be offering a **Membership Class** on Thursday, **May 31** at **7 PM** for those interested in becoming members. The class will be offered on ZOOM.

In order to participate you must be:

- a regular worship attendee
- a financial contributor
- intend to volunteer when in-person services resume
- be a permanent resident of Canada
- ready to make a long-term commitment to MCC Toronto

At the end of the Membership Class, participants will discern if Membership is for them. To

register for the Membership Class please click on the link below!

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Membership Classes are offered several times a year, so if you can't make this one, don't fret. Only official members can serve on the Board of Directors, vote at the Annual Congregational Business Meeting, and elect a new Senior Pastor; non-Members are welcome to participate in and access all of MCC Toronto's Programs.

# Volunteer with us!

Volunteers have always been at the heart of MCC Toronto. We would not be the strong, inclusive and welcoming community we are, without the support and dedication of volunteers who help support our Worship Services and our other public programs.

To sign up for these or other opportunities, please click the link below.

[SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE](#)

# Congregational Care

Taking care of each other is more important than ever these days, and if you are in need of some care we are here for you. Just hop on the link below and fill out the form to let one of our pastors know about your needs.

Want to learn more? [Watch this video by Rev. Junia Joplin!](#)

[REQUEST CONGREGATIONAL CARE HERE](#)

Every Gift is a Blessing. Please consider making a gift to MCC Toronto today.

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**Online and In-Person Programming**

# May 15 - 21

<b>MAY</b> <b>15 - 21</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> 15 <b>11 AM</b> - Online and In-Person <b>Sunday Service</b>  <b>12 PM</b> - Triangle Program Craft Pop Up Shop  <b>12:15 PM</b> - Membership Luncheon  <b>1 PM</b> - Digital Coffee Hour	<b>MONDAY</b> 16	<b>TUESDAY</b> 17	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 18
		<b>THURSDAY</b> 19 <b>10:30 AM</b> - Ever Wonder Group Discussion (ZOOM)  <b>7 PM</b> - Spiritual Practices Support Program (ZOOM)	<b>FRIDAY</b> 20	<b>SATURDAY</b> 21

## Sunday:

**11 AM** - Online and In-Person Sunday Service

**12 AM** - Triangle Program Craft Pop Up Shop

**12:15 AM** - Membership Luncheon

**1 PM** - Digital Coffee Hour

## Thursday:

**10:30 AM** - Ever Wonder Group Discussion

(Email: [everwonder@mcctoronto.com](mailto:everwonder@mcctoronto.com))

**7 PM** - Spiritual Practices Support Program



Sunday Digital Coffee Hour

## Sunday Digital Coffee Hour

Sunday | 1 PM

[ZOOM Link](#)

Meeting ID: 828 3849 6709

Password: 797837



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# Online and In-Person Worship Services

Sunday 11 AM | In-Person | MCC Toronto YouTube

## Sunday Service Worship

Online | 11 AM | In-person | MCC Toronto YouTube

## Share Us Digitally!

If you know of anyone who might be interested in anything we're doing at MCC Toronto please invite them to join us digitally via the button below.

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Questions? Comments? Inquires?  
We'd love to hear from you!

Connect with us at  
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