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"We have to be visible. We are not ashamed of who we are."

— Sylvia Rivera

Pride 2022



MCC Toronto kicks off Pride Month this Sunday with guest preacher Sherwin Modeste, Executive Director of Pride Toronto, and the launch of our month-long Children & Family Pride flag art project.

As we move closer to the grand in-person return of our **Church on Church Pride Celebration Service**, we invite you to consider making a special Pride donation to help support our work. Pride donors will receive VIP seating at the Service as well as in-person and online recognition.

[MAKE A PRIDE DONATION TODAY](#)

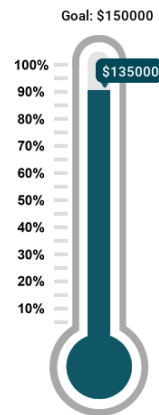
Please also consider signing up as a [volunteer](#)!

CongregationAL Campaign – Update



Many thanks to the congregants who have already stepped forward and made gifts in support of our Congregational Campaign ([hyperlink to website](#)). With \$60,000 raised to date – plus the generous matching gift of \$75,000 from [Anne Brayley & Nanette Sanson](#) and [Andrew Fleming & Roger Keglovich](#) – we only have \$15,000 more to raise.

Please consider making a gift [today!](#)



Congrats to Mark Asselin – Published Writer!



While I don't usually have occasion to mix my love of reading and my work here at MCC Toronto, I just had to share the wonderful news that Mark Asselin, our hard-working Facilities Manager, has recently published his personal memoirs. *This Wall* chronicles Mark's journey from a boy raised in Northern Ontario, through heart wrenching obstacles that challenged him every step of the way, to the fearless soul he is today that inspires me and so many others.

Beyond the fact that he took on and completed such a daunting project, what is amazing to me is how every sentence, every paragraph, every page is the Mark Asselin that we know and love. Mark is a remarkably candid writer who is able to convey emotion in every written word – whether detailing boyhood memories or describing the pain of the many hardships he has endured over the years. Moreover, *This Wall* is an amazing love letter to MCC Toronto, as not only a place where Mark found the support and love he needed, but also as a place that brings joy and hopefulness to those who proudly call it our spiritual home.

The MCC Toronto staff team is enormously proud of our friend and colleague, Mark (Oak) J. Asselin, on his perseverance and his success. Please consider purchasing a copy of *This Wall* for your Pride month read!

-John R. Farrell,
Director of Development & Communications



[PURCHASE THIS WALL TODAY](#)

Please Join Us in Welcoming Our New Executive Director



We want to give Shannon a warm welcome as our new Executive Director. With over 12 years of experience in the non-profit sector, Shannon is passionate about providing high-quality leadership to organizations and making an impact through organizational efficiency. Shannon is a graduate of the University of Toronto and holds a Bachelor of Education from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) at the University of Toronto.

Shannon comes to MCC Toronto after working as the Director of Operations for CJ's SKATEPARK and the Executive Director of CJ's SKATEPARK FOUNDATION. CJ's SKATEPARK is one of the largest indoor Not-For-Profit skateboard parks in North America that sees over one million visitors per year and strides to make skateboarding accessible for everyone. Shannon oversaw the strategic direction of the skatepark and its foundation, increased revenue and the operational budget through fundraising, securing grants and

sponsorship, and championed new programs for those with barriers to access the sport.

Shannon is excited about her new role as Executive Director at MCC Toronto and to be part of such an amazing, vibrant community. She is looking forward to meeting MCC Toronto's congregants and making an impact in the community.

Join us in giving Shannon a warm welcome!

Musical Guest



Mark Cassius is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Mark is a concert and musical theatre artist. He is a graduate of Sheridan College's Music Theatre Program and is presently working on a Masters degree in Music Composition at York University.

He is highly recognized for his work as a member of the world-renowned acapella group, The Nylons (1997–2005). On Broadway, he has performed in *Ragtime*, the revivals of *Shenandoah* (1989) and *Jesus Christ Superstar* (2012). Other musical theatre credits include *Cats* (Canadian Premier), *The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber In Concert*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (with Donny Osmond), *Miss Saigon*, *Showboat*, and *The Musical of Musicals (The Musical)* (Broadway World "Best Actor" nominee).

He has been featured at both the Shaw and the Stratford Festivals. At Stratford, the role of "Mr. Magix" in *My One and Only* (2008), won him critical acclaim. He is a performance instructor at the Randolph College for the Performing Arts and is completely dedicated to the nurturing of the artist. Sharing at MCC Toronto is always a joy and an absolute blessing. Follow him on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter [@TheMarkCassius](#)

June 5 | 11 AM | MCC Toronto's YouTube Channel

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THIS SERVICE ONLINE](#)

Save the Date | June 19 | 12:15 PM

Annual Congregational Business Meeting

Our 2022 Annual Congregational Business Meeting will be on June 19, after the Sunday Worship Service. We will publish the relevant documents on our website next week. So mark your calendar and watch for next week's Query for all the details.



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.

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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.

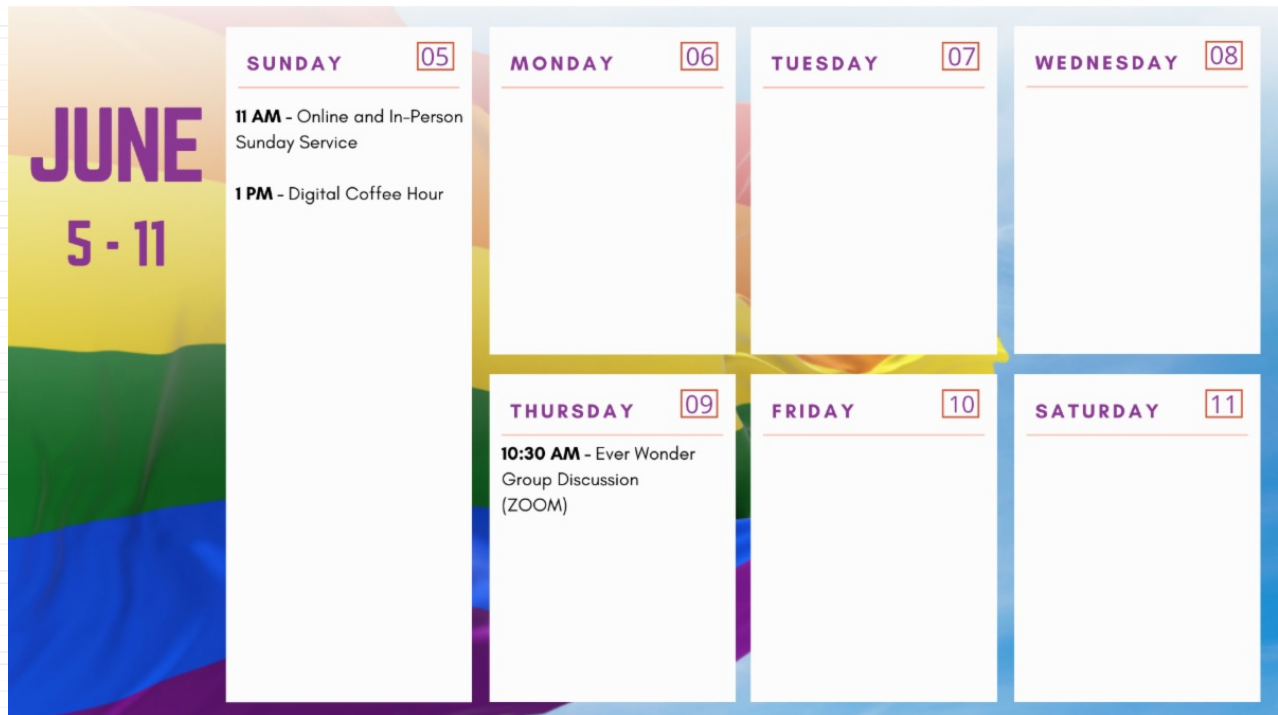
Want to learn more? [Watch this video by Rev. Junia Joplin!](#)

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

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Online and In-Person Programming June 5 - 11



Sunday:

11 AM - Online and In-Person Sunday Service
1 PM - Digital Coffee Hour

Thursday:

10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion
(Email: everwonder@mcctoronto.com)



Sunday Digital Coffee Hour

Sunday Digital Coffee Hour

Sunday | 1 PM

[ZOOM Link](#)

Meeting ID: 828 3849 6709

Password: 797837

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Sunday Service Worship

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

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