



I know just how much I rely on my own faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning, I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God.

- HRH Queen Elizabeth II

## **Celebrating Our Weekly & Monthly Donors**

As we head towards Homecoming on September 18, your MCC Toronto Board of Directors wants to take the opportunity to thank the 300+ congregants who are currently enrolled in our weekly/monthly giving program.

Your giving through either automated credit card or bank deductions provides MCC Toronto with a predictable and vital level of support for the work we do. Your weekly or monthly gifts help fund:

- our weekly in-person and livestreamed Worship Services
- our Congregational Care Program
- our Music Ministry
- ongoing maintenance to our building
- our ability to offer space to The Triangle Program, Canada's longest running LGBTQ+ High School

Many thanks for your continued, generous support!

If you are not currently an automated donor, we invite you to please consider joining our family of weekly monthly donors. It is easy, convenient and it truly makes a difference in the work our Worship and staff we do every day on your behalf.

You can become a monthly donor by going to mcctoronto.com/donate or by emailing giving@mcctoronto.com.

- Bradly Hickman & Susan Leslie-Birkis, Board Co-Chairs

# Queen Elizabeth 1926 -2022

We remain saddened by yesterday's passing of Her Majesty, Elizabeth II, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of her other realms and territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, and Sovereign of Canada. Whatever our varied opinions on monarchy, there can be no doubt that she served her people with steadfast duty, and profound faith. May she rest in peace and rise in glory and may all who love her be comforted by her memory and the good she did in the world.

- Rev. Deana Dudley



We are excited to announce once again that MCC Toronto's Community Outreach Partnership (COP) grant will open for applications next Friday, September 16! Since the grant's origin, MCC Toronto has financially supported the work of 35+ organizations in the greater Toronto area. This grant is generously by funded ongoing donors who pledge a monthly donation of \$10 and is awarded annually to community groups that radically champion local issues. MCC Toronto is honoured to partner with organizations that align with our vision and mission, placing a special emphasis on LGBTQ+ issues, social justice, youth supports, and health programs. We encourage you to share this resource with contacts and organizations that may benefit from this wonderful opportunity. Applications will close on November 10. To view full grant criteria, please click on the link below!

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP GRANT** 

## **Musical Guest**



Julie Michels is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Julie is, quite simply, a woman with a beautiful voice. She sings everything and anything that catches her ear: jazz standards, rhythm and blues, Brazilian sambas, African chanting – in a world full of music, it's a banquet of sound just too delicious to pass up! She has played with George Koller, Ottawa's Chelsea Bridge, Kevin Barrett and her bands Sutra and The Parley at many popular jazz venues including the Montreal Bistro, Top of the Senator, the Rex, Hugh's Room, Ottawa's National Arts Centre, Toronto's own Statler's and Canadian and European festivals.

Julie's CDs include Singing Naked (duets with bassist George Koller), Live at Statler's (with guitarist Kevin Barrett), the soundtrack for Pivoting Echoes (debuted with one of Canada's premier dance companies, the Decidedly Jazz Danceworks) and Seriously Happy with the Royal Jelly Orchestra.

Julie is a featured artist on The Choir's second CD, Connected: Songs for the Heart, which is available for sale at our Information Centre and online on iTunes. Julie is also one third of the popular trio Broadsway, also featuring Heather Bambrick and Diane Leah. For details, go to their website: www.thebroadswayshow.com

**CLICK HERE TO JOIN THIS SERVICE ONLINE** 



Reminder! MCC Toronto's Homecoming will be celebrated in-person and online on **September 18 at 11 AM**.

For the uninitiated - or for those that need a reminder - Homecoming is when we throw open the doors and welcome back congregants and members who we might have not seen whether in-person or online during the summer. It is a time to recommit to MCC Toronto and to rejoin your faith family as we continue our spiritual journey - together!

Homecoming will also mark the return of our full Choir!

And while our Social Hall remains under renovation, we will be holding a special "Social Hour" get-together on the sidewalks around MCC Toronto following the Homecoming Service (weather permitting). Light refreshments will be served.

## Reminder Children's Church | September 25



Don't forget that Children's Church is returning for kids from kindergarten to grade 5 on **Sunday, September 25!** Register your child **here!** 

And be sure to bring your backpacks to receive a special blessing at the beginning of another school year, as well as a small gift to remind students that they are loved



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.

Right now we urgently need volunteers familiar with **webcasting**, **sound operation multimedia and information desk**.

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

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE



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.

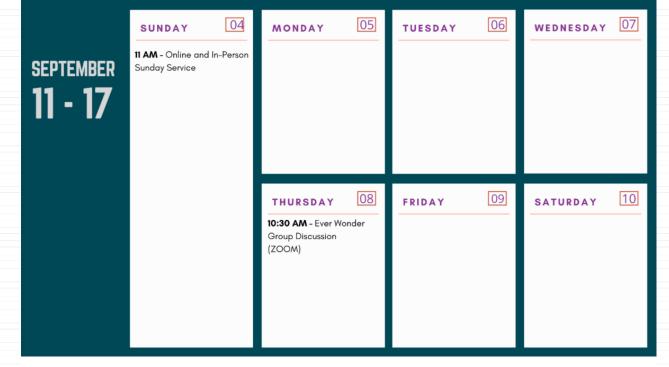
Want to learn more? Watch this video by Rev. Junia Joplin!

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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 September 11-17



#### Sunday:

11 AM - Online and In-Person Sunday Service

#### Thursday:

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



**Digital Coffee Hour resumes on September 25** 



Sunday Service Worship
Online | 11 AM | In-person | MCC Toronto YouTube

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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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