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If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you,  
it will be enough.

– Meister Eckhardt



## Christmas Eve Services to be held at MCC Toronto

After conducting a detailed Cost-Benefit Analysis on three potential venues for this year's Christmas Eve Service, including a return to Roy Thomson Hall, MCC Toronto has made the decision to host multiple Christmas Eve Services at our church home. The reality remains that in this "pseudo" post-COVID period, there are still too many risks associated with returning to a 2,700-seat venue, particularly as we know many long-time congregants are not yet comfortable returning to regular Worship Services. The prospect of hosting our cherished

Christmas Eve Service in an expensive premiere event space to a likely diminished number of ticket buyers was not a financial risk that we felt our members, congregants and communities would want us to make.

The good news, however, is that following last year's regrettable but necessary last-minute pivot to an online Christmas Eve Service, this will mark - God willing - the **FIRST time** that MCC Toronto will be hosting Christmas Eve Services at its spiritual home. At this point, we expect to replicate last year's intended Christmas Eve Services plan with a Children & Family Service at **5 PM**, identical **7 & 9 PM** Services (on par with our previous Roy Thomson Hall program) and the possibility of a more introspective **11 PM** Service. We will share fuller details about our 2022 Christmas Eve Service plans next month.

While we acknowledge that some folks may be disappointed by this decision, I did want to let you know that MCC Toronto is currently working on a host of exciting special events and projects as part of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in 2023. In my view – and I hope yours – the best is yet to come for MCC Toronto!

-Rev. Deana Dudley, (Acting) Senior Pastor

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## Musical Guest



**Shannon Linton** is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Shannon, a singer-songwriter from Cobourg, Ontario, is Palm Sunday's Offertory Performer! In addition to Shannon's solo work, she is one-half of the folk pop duo Northern Hearts. You might hear hints of Shannon's operatic training in her powerful voice, adding a unique and rich flavour to her music.

Shannon is the mom of two kids and lives on her fourth-generation family farm. You can currently hear her perform if you park at the end of her driveway while she sings and plays on her front porch!

She is also one of the co-founders and choral directors of SONG, a free, socially inclusive music program for youth in Northumberland County.

Shannon has two singles available everywhere you buy or stream music online. Follow



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## Children's Church | Oct 9

Our every second Sunday Children's Church returns this Sunday (October 9) for kids from kindergarten to grade five. No registration is required but please click [here](#) to tell us about your child/children should you be interested in having them join us.

## Blessing of the Animals - Allen Gardens | Oct 9 | 3 PM



The feast day of St. Francis of Assisi (patron saint of animals and the environment) happens in early October every year. Animal and people of all types are welcome to come for a blessing! This is an open and inclusive event so feel free to invite friends, family and furry babies, fowl, fish, and amphibians to this fun family occasion.

So bring your furry or unfurry friends to the **Allen Gardens Dog Park** on Sunday **October 9**, at **3 PM**.

## Join Us for the Yale Whiffenpoofs | Oct 11 | 8 PM



Don't forget to join us next **Tuesday** for a special **Yale Whiffenpoofs** Concert at MCC Toronto. The performance starts at 8 PM and the doors at 7:30 PM. All are invited.

The Yale Whiffenpoofs are North America's oldest collegiate a cappella group. Founded over a hundred years ago, the Whiffenpoofs have performed before US Presidents, been on television (*Glee*) and toured around the world. And soon they will be performing before our MCC Toronto family in a special performance hosted by Jason Jestadt, MCC Toronto's Music Director.

This special performance is a Pay What You Can (PWYC) opportunity. All donations at the door will go in support of MCC Toronto's Music Ministry.

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## Returning Soon - Weekly Bible Study | Oct 18 | 7 PM

Our clergy team is excited to announce the return of weekly Bible studies on Tuesday, October 18! That evening on Zoom, we'll begin a 6-week series on the Gospel of John.

Written decades later than the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, or Luke, John's perspective on the life of Jesus is distinctively mystical. What makes this book unique? What does John say about Jesus that isn't in the other accounts of his life?

Join us to reflect on these questions and more!

**JOIN BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM**

**Meeting ID: 840 3113 2013**  
**Passcode: 493156**

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September's Angels of the Month were all the volunteers who sprang into action to make our after-worship Social Hour on the sidewalk possible these past few weeks, with a special shout-out to Dameon, Allan Lyons & David Ritchie for their leadership. Weather permitting, you'll be seeing more of them in the weeks to come.

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# Become a Monthly Donor



It is always a pleasure to acknowledge and celebrate members and congregants enrolled in our weekly and monthly giving program! The on-going support of our 300+ sustaining donors is so critical to the work MCC Toronto does everyday, and we are extremely grateful for your gifts. However, like a lot of churches, MCC Toronto has seen our weekly and monthly contributions decline over the past two years. Today, we invite you to consider joining our family of weekly or monthly donors. Whether your gift is \$5 a week, or \$25 a month, every bit helps. You can sign up on our [website](#) or contact [giving@mcctoronto.com](mailto:giving@mcctoronto.com) for more information.

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## Volunteer with us!

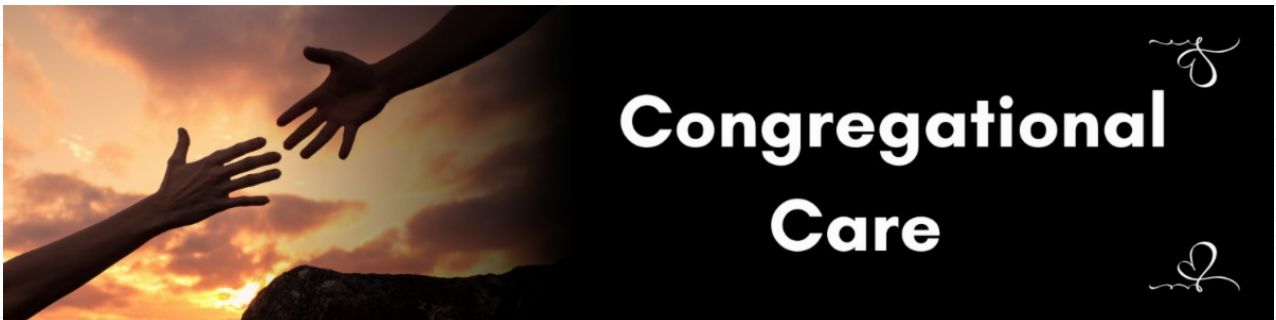


Volunteers have always been at the heart of MCC Toronto. We would not be the strong, inclusive and welcoming community we are, without the support and dedication of volunteers who help support our Worship Services and our other public programs.

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](#)



## 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!](#)



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

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## Online and In-Person Programming October 9 - 15

OCTOBER 9-15	<b>SUNDAY</b> 09 11 AM - Online and In-Person Sunday Service 3 PM - Blessing of the Animals at Allen Gardens Dog	<b>MONDAY</b> 10	<b>TUESDAY</b> 11 8 PM - Yale Whiffenpoofs Concert	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 12
		<b>THURSDAY</b> 13 10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion (ZOOM)	<b>FRIDAY</b> 14	<b>SATURDAY</b> 15

**Sunday:**

11 AM - Online and In-Person Sunday Service

3 PM - Blessing of the Animals at Allen Gardens Dog

**Thursday:**

10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion

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

**Tuesday:**

8 PM - Yale Whiffenpoofs Concert



**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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