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THE BEST IS YET TO COME
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You have to be able to get up and dust yourself off and always be going forward.

– Rita Moreno

The Best is Yet to Come Campaign

This time of year, there are two places you can find me when the weekend comes. One is church (I'm that tall lady in the white robe who says "y'all" a lot – come say hi!).

The other place I can be found most weekends is the local ice rink, watching as my two boys play hockey. Only a couple of weeks after back to school, weekly practices and games begin. The boys welcome the new season with butterflies in their stomachs. They're excited about getting back into something they enjoy, about reuniting with teammates, and about all the big and small successes the season can bring. But they're anxious, too. Anxious about tryouts and evaluations. Anxious about how much tougher the competition might have gotten since last year. Anxious about how rusty they might be after several months off.

As the weeks and games come and go, I love seeing how their early season rust begins to fall off. I love watching their anxiety dissipate. I love seeing their confidence grow as their skill improves. I love knowing, in October and November, that they will be better players by the time March arrives.

I love knowing that the best is yet to come.

The best *is* yet to come! You're going to be hearing that phrase over and over at MCC Toronto as we approach the end of 2022. It's a phrase we're using for our [Year-End Appeal](#), as we work towards fully funding the life-saving, life-changing work we do. It's an idea that points us towards 2023 with some of those same butterflies my boys and I experience when hockey season begins.

These words aren't just a catchy slogan – they speak to our sense of hope heading into a new year. I'm especially excited at the prospect of launching new and rebooted programs including **senior's ministry**, **women's group**, **the Sunday evening Worship Service**, to

name a few.

Just like at the beginning of hockey season, we'll have some rust to shake off. We'll be anxious about the momentum and energy we've lost during the pandemic and construction. Some of us may be nervous about getting involved in new program, impatient waiting for something we've been missing, or even annoyed by the way some things have changed. We know that these feelings come with every beginning, so we'll probably need a little extra grace at times.

But there's also plenty of excitement, because a beginning is only, well, the beginning. Let's look together for things to get better and better. And let's be hopeful! Because the best is yet to come!

-Rev. Junia Joplin
Associate Pastor, Programs & Congregational Care

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Update | MCC Church in Kampala, Uganda Offerings

You may recall that last month Rev. Deana made a special offering call for a MCC Church in Kampala, Uganda that feeds dozens of children every Sunday, most of whom are living with HIV, or have been orphaned by AIDS. We were overjoyed by the generosity of your response, and by the end of October, we had raised over \$1,400. As Rev. Deana noted earlier, your generosity will buy a lot of posho (corn meal) which is a staple of their diet.

The good news continues!

This week, we received a gift of \$1,500 from long-time congregant Lorraine Lederer as a match to all the donations received to date. Inspired by Rev. Deana's words, Lorraine has made this gift in loving memory of her wife Mary Lederer who was known to all as a kind and generous person.

MCC Toronto is grateful to Lorraine, and to the many congregants who have now contributed nearly \$3,000 to this important initiative. Thank you!

Musical Guest



Alana Bridgewater is our Offertory Performer!

She is a Toronto actor and singer, best known for her role as Killer Queen in Mirvish's *We Will Rock You*. Her film and TV credits include *Hannibal*, *Dino Dan*, *Lost Girl* and *Mysticons* and she is the voice of Mr. King Dice in the hit video game "Cuphead." Alana received a Gemini nomination for CBC's *Gospel Christmas*, has sung backup vocals on tour for Johnny Reid, and performed in the Toronto Blues Society's "Women's Blues Revue." In 2020, Alana will be recording her second album.

Daylight Saving Time| Sunday, Nov 6

It's Daylight Savings Time!



Don't forget to turn your watch **backward** and get an extra hour of sleep this Sunday, or you'll be too early for the fabulous Worship Service we're planning for you.

The time change will happen at **2 AM** on **Sunday, November 6!**

Join us for Hark! A Christmas Concert | Saturday, Nov 26



Get into the holiday spirit by joining us for [Hark! A Christmas Concert with The Choir of MCC Toronto & Special Guests](#) in our beautiful Sanctuary on **November 26** with **3 PM** and **7 PM** performances.

Along with amazing performances from The Choir of MCC Toronto and Pride & Joy, we are thrilled to welcome some of our favourite musical guests including Bruce Dow, Kelly Holiff, Gavin Hope, [Mary Kelly](#) and Cantor David Rosen, all under the music direction of Jason Jestadt.

[BUY TICKETS NOW](#)

Bible Study on Gospel of John | Tuesday, Nov 8 | 7 PM

Our [Bible Study Series](#) on the Gospel of John continues. Join us on **Tuesday, Nov 8** at **7 PM** on Zoom.

[JOIN BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM](#)

Meeting ID: 840 3113 2013
Passcode: 493156

NEW Digital Fellowship Hall Program | Nov 10 | 3 PM

A reminder that all are welcome to join us for new weekly [Digital Fellowship Hall](#) on Zoom. We'll be logging every Thursday afternoon at **3 PM**.

Meeting ID: 889 7843 8853
Passcode: 560461

Children's Church | Nov 13 & Nov 27

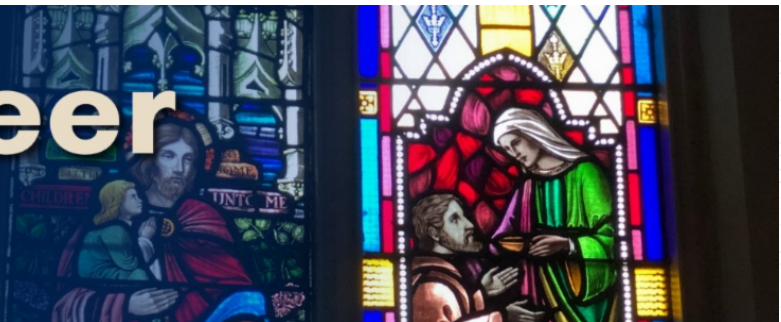
Our every second Sunday Children's Church returns Sunday, **Nov 13** and **Nov 27** for kids from kindergarten to grade five. No registration is required but please click [here](#) to tell us about your child/children should you be interested in having them join us.

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 for more information.

Volunteer with us!

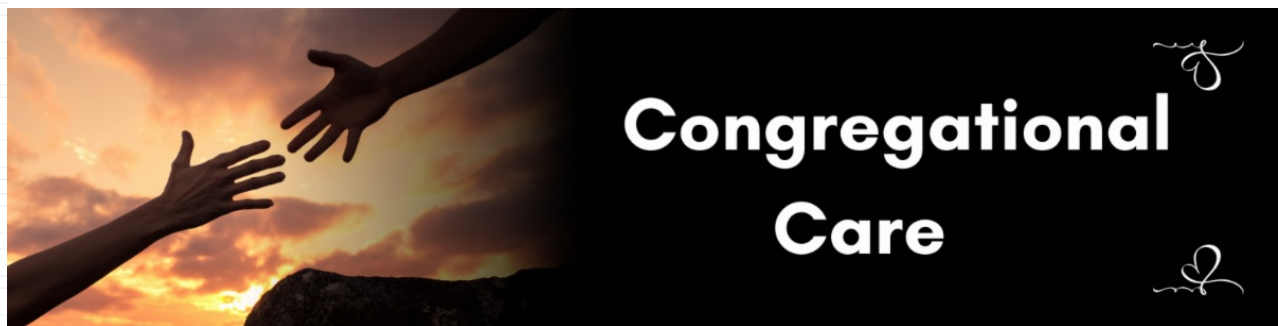


Volunteers have always been at the heart of MCC Toronto. We would not be the strong, inclusive and welcoming community we are, without the support and dedication of volunteers who help support our Worship Services and our other public programs.

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](#)



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 November 6 - 12

NOVEMBER 6-12	SUNDAY 06 11 AM - Online and In-Person Sunday Service	MONDAY 07	TUESDAY 08 7 PM - Bible Study	WEDNESDAY 09
		THURSDAY 10 10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion (ZOOM) 3 PM - Digital Fellowship Hall	FRIDAY 11	SATURDAY 12

Sunday:
11 AM - Online and In-Person Sunday Service
Tuesday:
7 PM- [Bible Study](#)

Thursday:
10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion
 (Email: everwonder@mcctoronto.com)
3 PM- [Digital Fellowship Hall](#)



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Sunday 11 AM | MCC Toronto YouTube

Sunday Service Worship

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

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