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There are hazards in anything one does
but there are greater hazards in doing
nothing.

- Shirley Williams

Pause to Remember

Today - **November 11 - is Remembrance Day** when we pause to remember those who died in war. In church we call these moments sabbath.

Not only is keeping the sabbath one of the 10 commandments in Hebrew Scripture, it's also an important spiritual discipline in the Christian tradition. You can think of it literally – it's important to take Sundays off; or metaphorically – it's important to find times for spiritual reflection in our lives.

I know the busyness of life can make it difficult to find sabbath time, to make it to church on Sunday, or even tune in online. Similarly, it's easier to run from project to project, from work to play – than it is to pause and reflect on what this all means.

As Pastors we work Sundays and so finding that reflection time can be somewhat of a challenge. That's why it is quite common for clergy to take a sabbatical and why in their wisdom the Senior Pastor Search Committee built it into my contract.

I have to admit that the COVID 19 pandemic was a trying time for me as a spiritual leader and by the time I left for my sabbatical I really needed a break, but by the end of it I was so excited to come home and share ministry together again. The sabbatical did it's job! There was some vacation time with my partner, the World Council of Churches in Karlsruhe Germany with UFMCC Moderator Rev. Cecilia Eggleston, there was the Oberammergau Passion Play with my mother in Munich and a 650km hike to the Roman Catholic Shrine of Fatima in Portugal and burial place of St. James in Spain. You'll hear lots more about my sabbatical in some upcoming sermons and in a planned PowerPoint presentation in the new year.

We take time for sabbath not just to recuperate and reflect on the past, but also to strength us

and prepare us for the future. And having had three months to recharge my spiritual batteries I am sure that here at MCC Toronto "**The Best is Yet to Come**"!

In the coming months, we'll complete our social hall and programmatic space renovations, and shortly thereafter we'll start some sanctuary improvements. The year 2023 also marks the 50th anniversary of MCC Toronto and they'll be celebrations all year long, and post-COVID and with our improved space we plan to expanded congregational and public programming.

As we reflect on the past 50 years in a jubilee year of reflective sabbath we invite you to partner with us in the future as through our gifts, tithes, and offerings we make sure "the best is yet to come".

-Rev. Jeff Rock,
Senior Pastor

MAKE A GIFT TO THE BEST IS YET TO COME CAMPAIGN TODAY

Questions? Need assistance? Contact giving@mcctoronto.com

Musical Guest



Peter Deiwick is our offertory performer this week.

Peter is a Canadian actor/singer/musician who has over 25 years of professional performing experience. Some stage highlights include *Mamma Mia! We Will Rock You*, and *Rock Of Ages*, all with Mirvish productions. On Television Peter has worked for Disney, Netflix, ABC, NBC, FX Network, Global, and CBC, most recently with HULU in the new mini-series *Under The Banner Of Heaven* with Andrew Garfield and Sam Waterston.

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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](#)

Looking for a Few Good Elves!

Toronto Star Santa Fund

Santa & Mrs. Claus are looking for a few good volunteer elves to help deliver The Toronto Star Santa Claus Fund Boxes!

A long-standing Christmas tradition made possible by great volunteers, MCC Toronto is once again proud to be part of the Toronto Star's Santa Fund by serving as a conduit for the delivery of presents to underprivileged children across the GTA to ensure no child is without a gift at Christmas.

Volunteer Elf "Need to Knows":

- Presents for delivery will be available for pick-up at MCC Toronto on **Nov 25 (4 – 7 PM) or Nov 26 (9 AM – 12 noon)**, from the former Room 109 only (access through the laneway); volunteers will have a week to deliver the presents in the Riverdale/Thorncliffe Park communities (by Dec 4).

- Volunteer elves need to have a vehicle.

*If you haven't volunteered for this program before, and are interested in helping this year, please **click the link below to register!** If you have volunteered before, and have not already been contacted, please **click the link below to register.***

REGISTER NOW

Please be aware that we will need about 50% more elves this year as we have reclaimed the Riverdale routes. Still, volunteer elf interest **may** end up exceeding the number of elf routes... in which case you would be put on an ordered wait list. **DO NOT BE DISMAYED IF YOU ARE ON THE WAIT LIST!** Situations always develop where scheduled elves cannot fulfill their commitment.

Questions? Contact starboxsanta@gmail.com

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.

MCC Toronto's Community Outreach Partnership Grant



APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED: We have extended the deadline for our 2022 Community Outreach Partnership (COP) Grant to Friday, **Nov 25, 2022**. We encourage members and congregants to reach out to organizations that they know are doing important community work that aligns with our own, and encourage them to make application.

This annual up-to-\$5,000 grant is awarded to organization(s) doing work in the areas of LGBTQ+, social justice, youth supports, and/or health programs, with priority being given to smaller organizations.

To view full grant criteria and to see the application, please click on the link below.

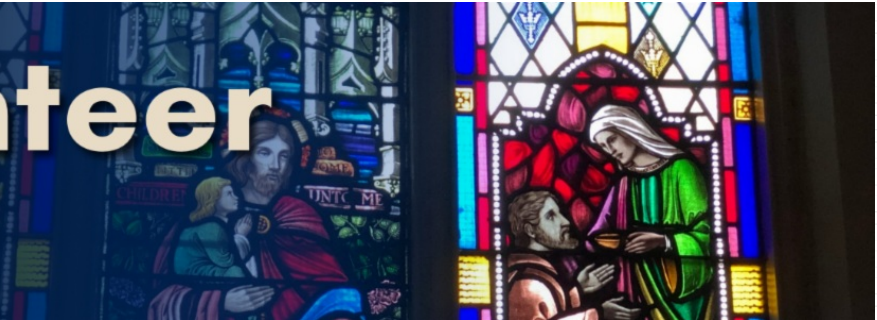
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Become a Monthly Donor



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 for more information.

Volunteer with us!

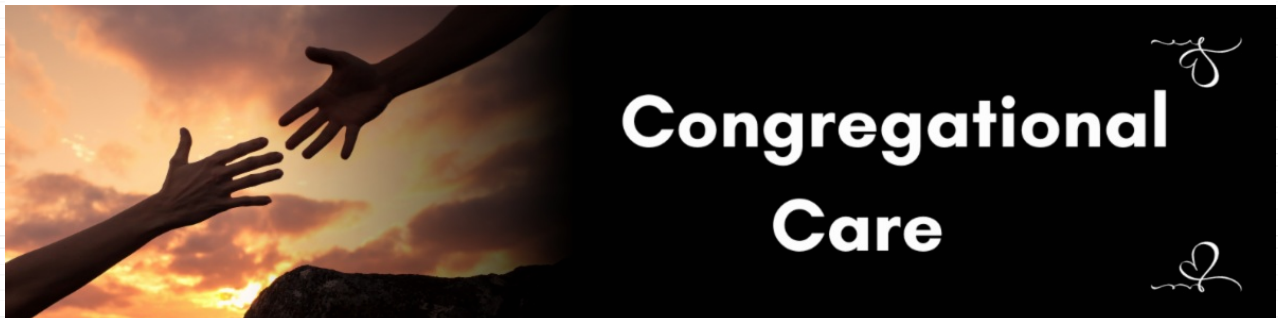


Volunteers have always been at the heart of MCC Toronto. We would not be the strong, inclusive and welcoming community we are, without the support and dedication of volunteers who help support our Worship Services and our other public programs.

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](#)



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 November 13 - 19

NOVEMBER 13-19	SUNDAY 13 11 AM - Online and In-Person Sunday Service	MONDAY 14	TUESDAY 15 7 PM - Bible Study	WEDNESDAY 16
		THURSDAY 17 10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion (ZOOM) 3 PM - Digital Fellowship Hall	FRIDAY 18	SATURDAY 19

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](#)



Bible Study

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Digital Fellowship Hall

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Tuesday | 7 PM
[ZOOM Link](#)
Meeting ID: 840 3113 2013
Passcode: 493156

Thursdays | 3 PM
[ZOOM Link](#)
Meeting ID: 889 7843 8853
Passcode: 560461



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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