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Into this world, this demented inn, in which there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ comes uninvited.

– Thomas Merton

Celebrate Christmas Eve with your MCC Toronto Family





Tis the day before Christmas Eve, and all the creatures are stirring at MCC Toronto as we prepare to host four (4) Christmas Eve Services in our spiritual home for the very first time. **No tickets or registration is required.** And all our invited!

5 PM Children & Family Service (in-person/watch on Facebook live - click [here](#))
This children and family focused Service includes carol sing-alongs and a special interactive pageant that tells the story of Jesus' birth.

7 PM Celebration Service (in-person)

9 PM Celebration Service (in-person/watch online - click [here](#))
Under the theme of Home for the Holidays, and featuring performances from The Choir of MCC Toronto, Prince Janotra, Shannon McCracken, Julie Michels and Billy Newton-Davis, MCC Toronto's Celebration Services will sparkle and shine as we - together - celebrate this holiest of days.

11 PM Candle Service (in-person/watch on Facebook live - click [here](#))
MCC Toronto's Candle Service is for community members looking for a quieter more reflective Christmas Eve experience.

MCC Toronto's Christmas Eve Services will be led by Rev. Deana Dudley along with Rev. Junia Joplin. As announced at this past Sunday's Worship Service, Rev. Jeff Rock is on personal leave and regrettably is unable to be with us.

Whether you, your family and loved ones are able to join us in-person, or by watching from home, we look forward to celebrating this joyous occasion with our MCC Toronto community. And Merry Christmas!

MAKE A CHRISTMAS OFFERING

MCC Toronto is grateful for your Christmas Offerings. Questions? Need Assistance? Contact giving@mcctoronto.com

Our Community Outreach Partnerships (COP) Recipient



Left to right: Sam Breamer, Nicole Enrile & Keith Tennant (Transforming Style) & Lee Sef Moran (MCC Toronto Board member). Photo Credit: Cass Hicks

At our December 18 Sunday Worship Service, we were delighted to present this year's Community Outreach Partnerships (COP) grant of \$5,000 to Transforming Style.

Transforming Style is a new Toronto-based start-up organization that provides cost-free support, beauty & styling services, and wardrobe to 2SLGBTQIA+ community members who face barriers to access. You can read more about their amazing work [here](#).

With Transforming Style, our adjudicators (made up of members of our Engagement Committee of the MCC Toronto Board) saw great alignment with MCC Toronto's work and mission, and an organization that was addressing important issues around equality and accessibility.

COP grants are awarded annual and are intended as an opportunity to expand MCC Toronto's reach into the community. Since the late 90s, MCC Toronto has granted over \$150,000 to over 40 community organizations

Our Community Outreach Partnerships (COP) Grant is funded through monthly \$10 donations from a family of donors made up of MCC Toronto members and congregants. Interested in becoming a COP grant monthly contributor? Contact giving@mcctoronto.com

Thank You to Our Christmas Memorial Donors



Many thanks to the following donors for their gifts in memory of cherished loved ones. We are honoured to remember them with you.

Susan Amey in Memory of **Kimba Charles Amey**
Anne Brayley & Nanette Sanson in Memory of **our parents**
Cathy Brown in Memory of **Walter & Dorothy Brown**
Nancy Frailey in Memory of **Dennis & Lucille Frailey and Alligene Dudley**
Barrie Lehman in Memory of **my dear mother**
Jim Robertson & Jim Scott in Memory of **Ed White**
John Ross in Memory of **Warren Schell**
Leighton (Leigh) Sayers in Memory of **Sheila Wilson, Leonel Silva & Dianne Izzard**
Dawn Sinclair in Memory of **Phyllis Sinclair**
Brian Upward in Memory of **Helenka Krasocka**

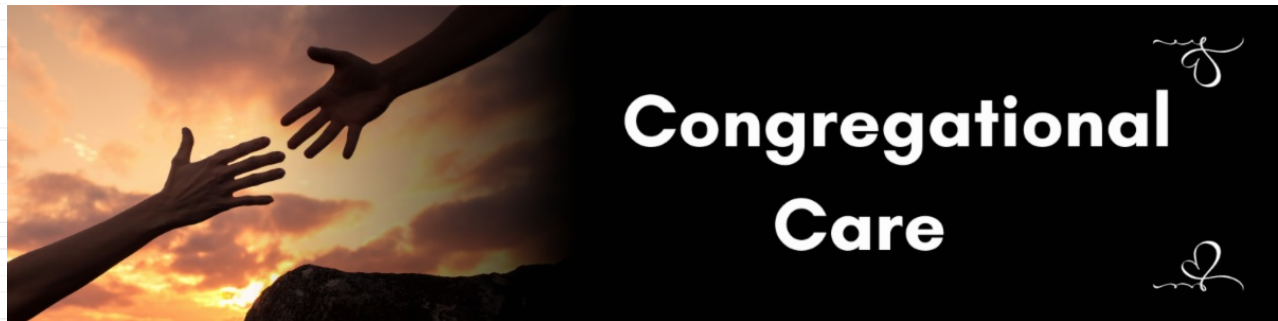


It's not too late to make a gift in support of MCC Toronto's **Best is Yet to Come Campaign**.

Realizing our Year-End Appeal fundraising goal of \$125,000 will mean that MCC Toronto has the resources needed to build out our spiritual and human rights work, particularly as we head into our 50th Anniversary year in 2023. With the loss of budgeted special events revenues and decreased offerings in 2022, our ability to realize our full ambitions are challenged if we fall short of our goal.

If you are able, we would be grateful for your support. With your help, the best is yet to come!

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



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 about our Congregational Care program? [Watch this video by Rev. Junia Joplin!](#)

[REQUEST CONGREGATIONAL CARE HERE](#)

Online and In-Person Programming December 24-30

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| DECEMBER 24-30 | SATURDAY 24 5 PM - Children & Family Service 7 PM - Celebration Service 9 PM - Celebration Service 11 PM - Candle Service | SUNDAY 25 11 AM - Casual Christmas Day Worship Service | MONDAY 26 | TUESDAY 27 |
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| | | WEDNESDAY 28 | THURSDAY 29 10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion (ZOOM) 3 PM - Digital Fellowship Hall | FRIDAY 30 |
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Saturday:

5 PM - Children & Family Service (In-person/Facebook live)
7 PM - Celebration Service (In-person)
9 PM - Celebration Service (In-person/[livestreamed](#))
11 PM - Candle Service (In-person/[Facebook live](#))

Sunday:

11 AM - Online and In-Person Sunday Service

Thursday:

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

(There will be no Query on Dec 30, 2022)

Online and In-Person Programming January 1-7

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| JANUARY 01-07 | SUNDAY 01 11 AM - Online and In-Person Sunday Service | MONDAY 02 | TUESDAY 03 | WEDNESDAY 04 |
| | | THURSDAY 05 10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion (ZOOM) 3 PM - Digital Fellowship Hall | FRIDAY 06 | SATURDAY 07 |

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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.

[SHARE THE QUERY HERE](#)



Questions? Comments? Inquires?
We'd love to hear from you!

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