

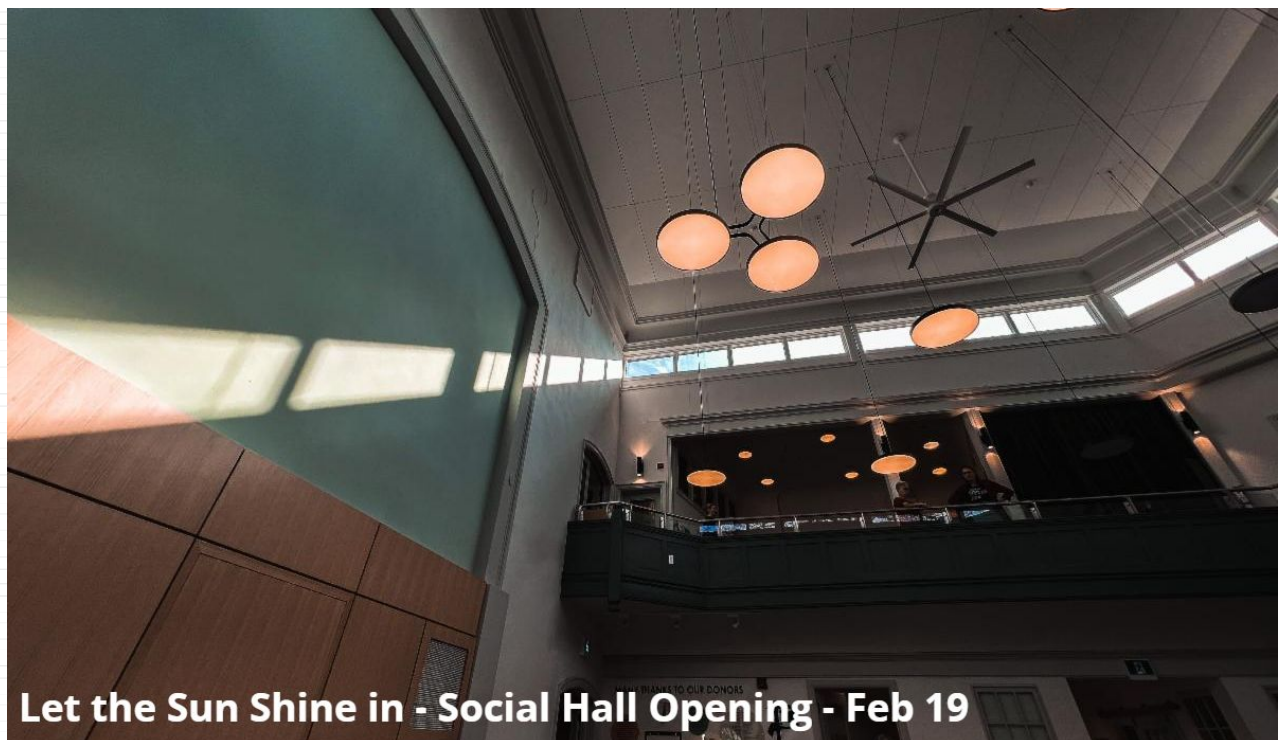


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"Privilege isn't about what you've gone through; it's about what you haven't had to go through. And right now, we are in a time that is calling on us to learn the stories that we don't know."

- Janaya Khan, founder of BLM Toronto

## Celebrating the Reopening of our Spaces



Mark your calendar!

Following our Sunday Service on **February 19**, MCC Toronto invites you to join us as we celebrate the reopening of our now named McCain Family Social Hall. Per Rev. Deana's

suggestion, we are calling the event **Let the Light Shine In!**

After eight long months of construction, we can finally return to using all the 5,000 net square foot spaces that have been lovingly and beautifully renovated. Exciting new features include:

- A newly light-filled renovated Social Hall due to the removal of the drop ceiling and the unveiling of clerestory windows along three walls that have been boarded up for 30+ years!
- The creation of a new Programming Wing comprised of the former rooms 109, 110 and 111; these fresh new spaces will soon bear the names – Rainbow Room, Lavender Room, and Butterfly Room – and will be for congregational & internal programming and community use!
- A new totally accessible Information Desk is now positioned next to our elevator!
- A new Welcome Centre (former Room 100) will take over the space currently occupied by our facilities team!
- A new, fully equipped Altar Guild suite (former Room 100)!

We can't wait to begin to move into our new spaces! Looking ahead ...

- On **February 22**, we will host our first Community Meal in the Social Hall at 6 PM in celebration of Mardi Gras, to be followed by an Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary at 7:30 PM!
- Beginning later this month, our LGBTQ+ Refugee Team will move its in-person Orientation and Information Sessions back into our Social Hall and Programming Wing!
- Beginning this spring and summer, our new Human Rights team will begin rolling out new public and partner programming, including launching a new initiative that will mentor, house, provide funding and offer operational support for queer youth-led advocacy groups in Toronto!

As always, many, many thanks to donors to our **ELEVATION – MCC Toronto Campaign**, whose support have made these renovations possible. Very special thanks to our Facility Team of Mark and Santiago for overseeing this huge undertaking.

At MCC Toronto, the best is yet to come!

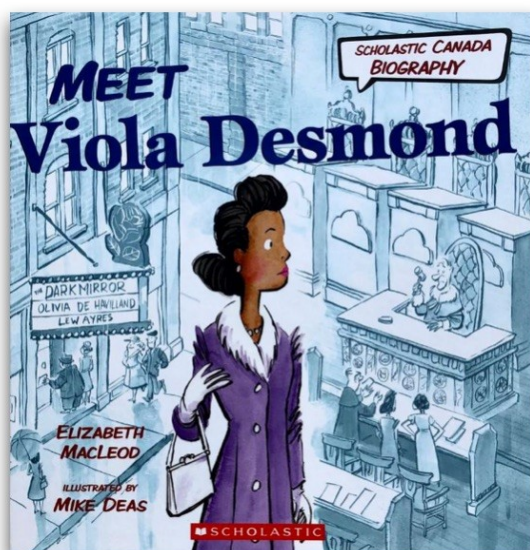
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## Black History Spotlight

We continue to celebrate Black History Month with fantastic music by black artists, insightful Lessons for Life, and spotlighting influential black figures in our history. Last week, Rev. Junia began our Black History Spotlight series by highlighting the life and work of Rev. Pauli Murray, an American civil rights activist, lawyer, gender equality advocate, priest, author, and queer person. [You can read about Rev. Pauli Murray here](#) or [watch Rev. Junia talking about her last year on MCC Toronto's TikTok channel!](#) Watch the video below if you missed our Worship Service!



This Sunday, Rev. Junia will be sharing the story of Viola Desmond. Desmond was a businesswoman who fought against racial discrimination in Canada in the late 1940s. A person of faith, Desmond's activism drew inspiration from her church, Halifax's Cornwallis Street Baptist, and her pastor, Rev. Dr. William Pearly Oliver. Desmond's story is a vital piece of Canadian history; it's also a reminder that faith and human rights activism have a rich history of going hand in hand.



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## A Statement from MCC Toronto's Board of Directors

Following last week's Town Hall, MCC Toronto's Board of Directors released a statement yesterday (**Feb 9**) that you can read below. The next Town Hall will be hosted on March 5.

[READ THE STATEMENT HERE](#)

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## Musical Guest



**Billy Newton-Davis** is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Billy is a singer/songwriter/recording artist and four-time Juno Award winner. He has performed in venues across Europe and North America, sung with artists such as Celine Dion, and is perhaps best known for his extensive work with The Nylons.

Billy also donates his talent towards numerous humanitarian causes, including AIDS awareness, Actors Equity, and housing for people living with mental illness.

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN US FOR THIS SERVICE ONLINE](#)

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## Children's Church | Returns Feb 12

Bi-weekly Children's Church returns this Sunday, **February 12**, 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 take part!

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## 2022 Charitable Tax Receipts Update

REMINDER: MCC Toronto will be sending 2022 charitable tax receipts out via email beginning later this week. If you have new email or address information, please pass along your new details to [giving@mcctoronto.com](mailto:giving@mcctoronto.com). If you would prefer to have a hard copy of your tax receipt mailed to you, please also let us know.

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## Young Adult Meet and Greet | Monday, Feb 27 | 7PM

MCC Toronto Young Adults will be hosting a meet and greet event at the Glad Day Bookstore (499 Church St. Toronto) on Monday, **February 27th, from 7 to 9 PM**. Come on out to the Village, grab coffee or drink, and connect with other folks in your church family. While this meet and greet is being hosted by MCC Toronto's Young Adults program, grownups of all ages are welcome!

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### Winter Clothes for Those in Need

If you're getting an early start on your spring cleaning and are clearing your closets, please consider donating clothing items to MCC Toronto!

There is an **URGENT** need for:

- winter boots
- winter coats
- sweaters & hoodies
- NEW socks and underwear
- hats, gloves and mittens
- Men's clothing (especially size medium)

Please feel free to drop items off on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Sundays. To arrange a drop-off, or to request a pick-up of your items, contact Margi Wallace by clicking on the link below:



[Email Margi](#)

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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 support our operations. You can sign up on our [website](#) or contact [giving@mcctoronto.com](mailto:giving@mcctoronto.com) for more information.



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](#)

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

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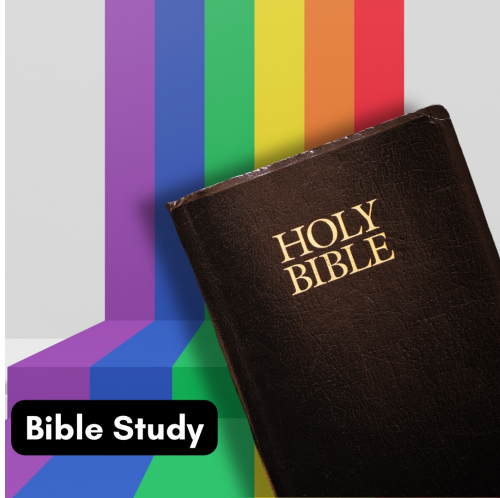
### Online and In-Person Programming February 12 - 18

<b>FEBRUARY</b> <b>12-18</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> <span>12</span> <b>11 AM</b> - Online and In-Person Sunday Service  <b>11 AM</b> - Children's Church	<b>MONDAY</b> <span>13</span>	<b>TUESDAY</b> <span>14</span> <b>7 PM</b> - Bible Study	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <span>15</span>
		<b>THURSDAY</b> <span>16</span> <b>10:30 AM</b> - Ever Wonder Group Discussion (ZOOM)  <b>3 PM</b> - Digital Fellowship Hall	<b>FRIDAY</b> <span>17</span>	<b>SATURDAY</b> <span>18</span>

**Sunday:**  
**11 AM** - Online and In-Person Sunday Service  
**11 AM** - Children's Church

**Tuesday:**  
**7 PM**- [Bible Study](#)

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



### Bible Study

#### Bible Study

Tuesday | 7:00 PM

[ZOOM Link](#)

Meeting ID: 897 1945 8479

Password: 559690



### Digital Fellowship Hall

#### Digital Fellowship Hall

Thursday | 3:00 PM

[ZOOM Link](#)

Meeting ID: 889 7843 8853

Password: 560461



#### Sunday Service Worship

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

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## Share Us Digitally!

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](#)

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

Connect with us at [communications@mcctoronto.com](mailto:communications@mcctoronto.com)



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