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“On the death of a friend, we should consider that the fates through confidence have devolved on us the task of a double living, that we have henceforth to fulfill the promise of our friend's life also, in our own, to the world.”

—Henry David Thoreau

Upcoming Easter Services

MCC Toronto invites you and your friends and families to our upcoming Easter Services.

On Good Friday, we remember the Seven Last Words of Christ in word and music with an in-person and livestreamed Good Friday Service on April 7 at 7 PM.



We will begin our Easter Sunday with a Sunrise Service at Ashbridges Bay at 5:45 AM. The Service will be uploaded to our [Facebook page](#) at approximately at 7 AM.

All are welcome to join us for our fabulous celebratory Easter Sunday Service at 11 AM, which will be livestreamed on our [YouTube channel](#).

During this special time, MCC Toronto invites you to consider the opportunity of making a gift in memory. All donors (and their remembered loved ones) will be recognized in the Query and as part of our Easter Sunday Worship Service. Click on "Make an Easter Offering" on the link below.

MAKE AN EASTER MEMORIAL GIFT

Easter Services Schedule

Palm Sunday: (April 2)

11 AM - Online and In-Person Good Friday Service
([Watch on YouTube](#))

Friday: (April 7)

7 PM - Online and In-Person Good Friday Service
([Watch on YouTube](#))

Sunday: (April 9)

5:45 AM - Sunrise Service at Ashbridge Bay ([Watch on Facebook](#))

11 AM - Easter Sunday Service ([Watch it on YouTube](#))

Celebrating Mark Asselin | Sat, Mar 18 | 3 PM



All MCC Toronto members, congregants and friends are invited to attend a very special “living funeral” Celebration of Life Service for our dearest friend Mark Asselin, MCC Toronto’s Facilities Manager. Rev. Jeff Rock will be officiating the Celebration Service with assistance from Revs. Deana and Junia. The Service will include musical guests Gavin Hope, Prince Janotra, Julie Michels, Dale Miller and Pride & Joy, performing some of Mark’s favourite songs, with Music Direction by Jason Jestadt and Diane Leah.

The Service will also be livestreamed. Click [here](#) to watch.

MCC Toronto invites you to make a gift in celebration of Mark which you can do through the link below.

MAKE A CELEBRATION GIFT IN MARK'S HONOUR TODAY

Musical Guest



Shannon Linton is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Shannon is a Canadian singer-songwriter, classically trained vocalist, and climate activist.

After narrowly avoiding a career in opera, she rediscovered her passion for popular music and began performing and recording her own songs, first with Northern Hearts (2019 CBC Searchlight Top 100) and now as a solo artist.

Shannon's debut EP, *In Spite of Everything*, was released Spring of 2022 and is available on Bandcamp and everywhere you stream or download music. You can follow her on Instagram and Facebook @shannonlintonmusic.

March 19 | 11 AM | MCC Toronto's YouTube Channel

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

Thrift Shop Update

Since its establishment in the 1990s, the Thrift Shop has become a part of the MCC Toronto experience for many congregants. The joy of an unexpected find, the thrill of the hunt, the cache of low prices – many of us have donated to or supported the Thrift Shop over the years. In fact, our records show that since 2005, the Thrift Shop has raised \$86,971 in support of MCC Toronto's work and mission.

Following a long period of closure due to the pandemic and the renovations of our Social Hall, a decision has been made to close down the Thrift Shop – but not without one mammoth blow-out sale!

On **Saturday, April 1** and **Sunday, April 2** from **10 AM to 4 PM**, MCC Toronto will host a Thrift Shop sale in the Social Hall. It will be the sale to end all sales!

If you are interested/available in volunteering before, during or after the sale, please sign up at the link below.

MCC Toronto extends deep thanks and appreciation to David Manion, Peter Kaellegren, John Alexander, Louis Bodner, Alan Brody and the many volunteers who have dedicated their time and efforts in support of MCC Toronto's Thrift Shop.

Knitting for Seniors | Sun, Mar 19, 26 & Apr 2 | 1 PM



Our Senior's Programming invites you to **3 beginner knitting** classes. These classes are limited to **3 to 4 participants**, so please register to reserve your spot. If you're already a knitter, you're welcome to join in building this community. Just so you know, knitting needles and yarn will be provided, but we need the needles back at the end of the three sessions, so we recommend bringing your own. We'll give you a list of recommended supplies and where to get them in the last session.

The classes will be held on **Mar 19, Mar 26, and Apr 2 at 1 PM** at MCC Toronto's **Lavender Room**. Please email seniors@mcctoronto.com for more details and to register. All are welcome, no matter your gender or knitting skill level.

Children's Church | Returns Mar 26

Bi-weekly Children's Church returns on **Sunday, March 26**, 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!

Trans Night in the Spotlight | Community Meal | Mar 29

All are invited to join MCC Toronto for a special Community Meal we are calling Trans Night in the Spotlight. Modeled as a 70s Variety Show tribute, this event is totally free and no registration is required. Start time is **6:30 PM**.

Saying Goodbye

It is with deep regret that we announce the departure of Bennett "BJ" Jensen as MCC Toronto's inaugural Human Rights Director. We are grateful to BJ for the time he spent conceptualizing and planning for new programming as part of our elevated human rights work, and we look forward to building on his plans and good thinking over the months ahead.

While MCC Toronto will be posting to hire a new Human Rights Director shortly, we are happy to have Cassidy Hicks continuing on as our Manager of Human Rights & Community Outreach.



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.

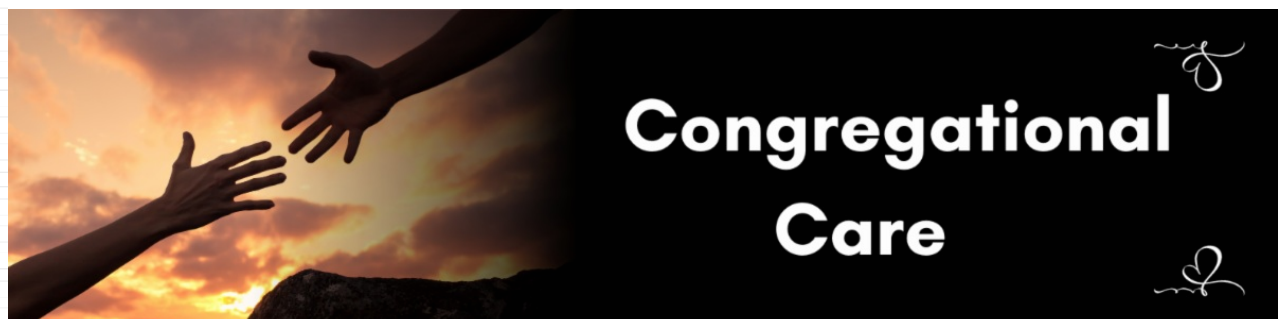
Right now we need volunteers for our **Triangle Program Lunches, Information Desk, Thrift Shop Cleaning and Sale.**

To sign up for these or other opportunities, please click the link below.

[SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE](#)



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 for more information.



Taking care of ourselves or others is always important. 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!](#)

This Week at a Glance March 19 - 25

Sunday:

11 AM - Online and In-Person Sunday Service

1 PM - Knitting for Seniors

Tuesday:

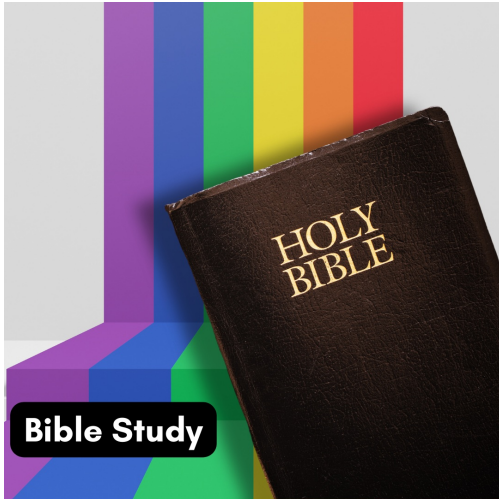
7 PM - [Bible Study](#)

Thursday:

10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion

(Email: everwonder@mcctoronto.com)

3 PM - [Digital Fellowship Hall](#)



[Bible Study](#)

Tuesday | 7:00 PM

[ZOOM Link](#)

Meeting ID: 897 1945 8479

Password: 559690



[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

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

Connect with us at communications@mcctoronto.com



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