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Life becomes bearable if we can face ourselves and see the qualities in ourselves that contribute to the quality of life of others.

– Mark J. Asselin

Grief, Gratitude and Grace!



Mark J. "Oak" Asselin

It is with mixed sadness and profound gratitude that I tell you that our beloved Facilities Manager, Mark J. "Oak" Asselin, died Wednesday morning at Casey House. It was very, very peaceful, and he was surrounded by loving family and friends. I can also tell you that Mark was more than ready in so many ways – to leave the pain of his illness behind and start the new adventure of what lies beyond this earthly life.

I acknowledge that the concept of Medical Assistance in Dying is a difficult subject for many people. I confess that when Canada first began the conversations about making M.A.I.D. an accessible choice, I had trouble with it. But the older I get, and the more needless suffering I see, I have come around to understanding that death with dignity can be a human right. Mark wanted to be very open about his choice, and whatever our feelings are about M.A.I.D., I hope we can all completely respect his autonomy around his own life and death.

Mainly at this time, I want to express my profound gratitude for Mark, and the gifts – both personal and professional – that he has given us, and gratitude to all of the folks who have helped make Mark's last days so peaceful and happy; in particular, I want to thank Brendalee Cox and Tanisha Roberts for giving Mark a home in his last months – a true example of faithful hospitality. I also hope you will pray for those who mourn Mark, especially his family, friends, and colleagues here at MCC Toronto.

Rev. Deana Dudley,
Acting Senior Pastor

Easter Services

We invite 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](#))

Musical Guest



Danah-Lee is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Danah-Lee is a Contemporary Christian/LGBTQ musician, producer, award-winning music educator, entrepreneur, author, and church music director. In addition to her strong faith in Christ as a member of the LGBTQ community, she owns and operates an inclusive music school.

Danah was nominated for Louder Than The Music's "Christian Album of the Year" (2020) and the "Impact Award" at Ottawa's Capital Music Awards (CMA) (2021).

March 26 | 11 AM | MCC Toronto's YouTube Channel

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

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



Our Seniors 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 | Mar 26

Bi-weekly Children's Church returns this **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 Nite in the Spotlight | Community Meal | Mar 29



Join us for **Trans Nite in the Spotlight** next **Wednesday, March 29!** A **free community meal** and celebration of trans joy featuring Drag artistry from DeVery Bess, stand-up comedy by Al Val, music from CJ the X and Sara Anne Campbell, and more! For dinner, we'll serve pasta dinner with vegan and gluten-free options!

Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM!

Thrift Shop Blow-Out Sale | April 1 & 2 | 10 AM - 4 PM

It's the Sale to End All Sales

Thrift Shop



Saturday & Sunday
April 1 April 2
10 AM - 4 PM

 MCC Toronto
115 Simpson Avenue

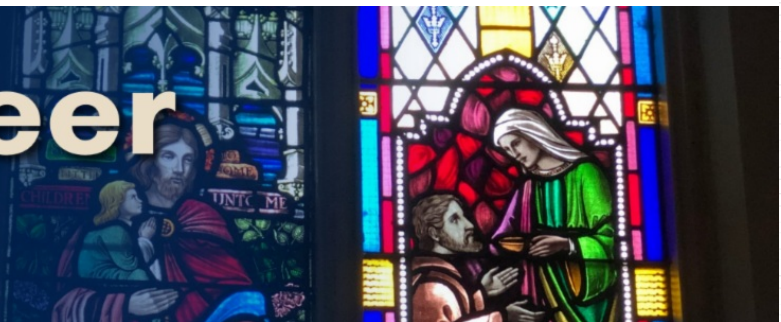
On **Saturday, April 1** and **Sunday, April 2** from **10 AM to 4 PM**, MCC Toronto will host a Thrift Shop sale in the Social Hall. It will be the sale to end all sales!

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

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

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 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](#)

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 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!](#)

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This Week at a Glance March 26 - April 1

Sunday:

11 AM - Online and In-Person Sunday Service

11 AM - Children's Church

1 PM - Knitting for Seniors

Tuesday:

7 PM - [Bible Study](#)

Wednesday:

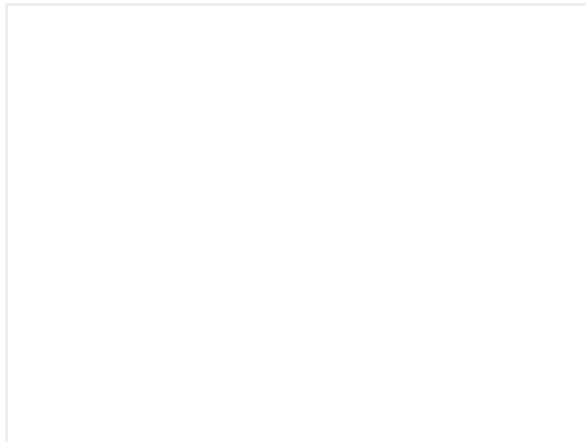
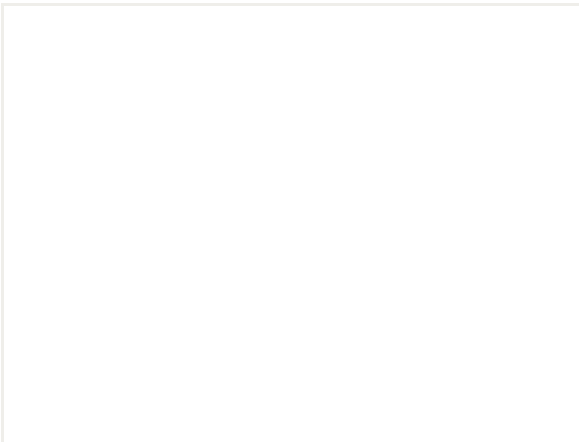
6:30 PM - Trans Night in the Spotlight

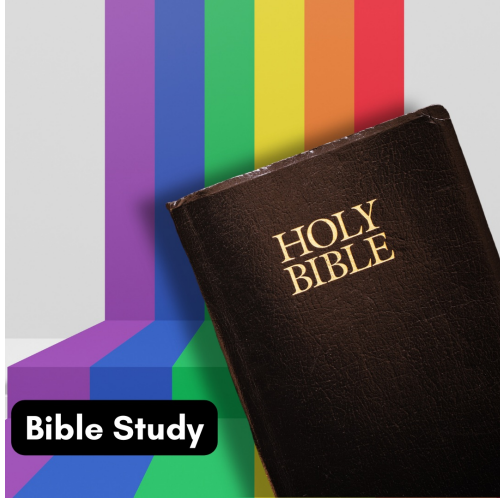
Thursday:

10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion

(Email: everwonder@mcctoronto.com)

3 PM - [Digital Fellowship Hall](#)





Bible Study

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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

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

Connect with us at communications@mcctoronto.com



Sent with love 

