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When we talk about objects of desire, we are really talking about a cluster of promises we want someone or something to make us and make possible for us.

– Lauren Berlant



TIME CAPSULE



As part of our 50th Anniversary, MCC Toronto has launched a Time Capsule project and we want our entire MCC Toronto community to take part!

Project Co-Chairs Peter Kaellgren and Debra Williams think of this 50th Anniversary Time Capsule initiative as a Hope Chest for the Future. They invite all MCC Toronto community members to complete a Time Capsule form and submit it to MCC Toronto. In-person attendees of MCC Toronto's Worship Services can pick up a form at our Info Desk beginning Sunday, April 30. Members and congregants who participate with us online can complete a digital form.

All in-person or online submissions must be received by June 30, 2023.

[LEARN MORE AND GET INVOLVED!](#)



BACK IN 1973 DEANA DUDLEY

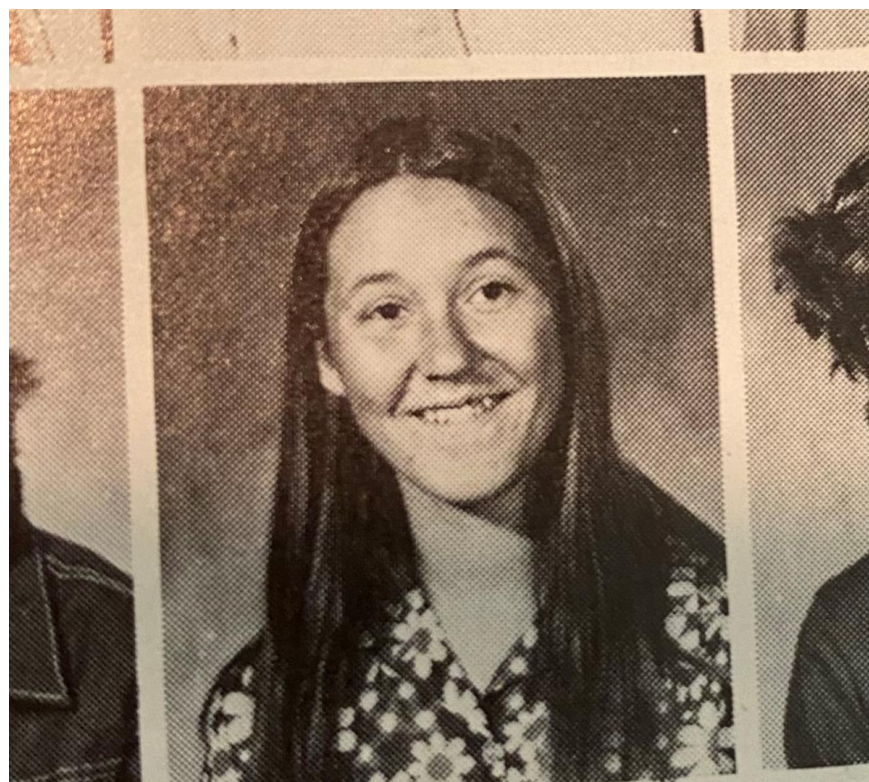
As MCC Toronto celebrates its 50th Anniversary in 2023, we are launching a weekly column looking back at the year 1973 to identify the news, happenings and trends that defined the year of MCC Toronto's founding. This week, we look at what Rev. Deana Dudley was up to in 1973!

1973... It's hard to believe that was 50 years ago. In 1973, I was a Junior, in 11th grade at Tamalpais High School, in Mill Valley, California, just north of San Francisco. Naturally, I was caught up in all the things that teen-age girls get all exercised about. My big activities were Marching Band and Choir, and I was also "sporty" – I lettered in volleyball and badminton.

By 1973, I had dated a few boys, kissed a few, and... well, never mind. Honestly, I wasn't sure what all the fuss was about with regard to boys. I just didn't get all the angst about having a boyfriend. Secretly (barely even acknowledged to myself), I had crushes on girls. I could still name all of them. Then, one day in 1973, I kissed a girl. (Well, actually, she kissed me, but I definitely kissed back.) And, need I add, I LIKED IT! I REALLY LIKED IT! Stars! Fireworks! Now I got what all the fuss was about!

Unfortunately, it was still 1973, and I was still pretty enmeshed in conservative Christian circles, and I jumped back in the closet and slammed the door shut for more than another decade. Ah, my wasted youth! In this [Lesbian Visibility Week](#), I want to acknowledge all those young girls whose own lesbian identity is just becoming visible to them. #thankskarron!

Rev. Deana Dudley,
Acting Senior Pastor



We Want to Hear From You | Pride Celebration Service

As the footprint of the Village shrinks each year due to redevelopment, the search for a space for MCC Toronto's Pride Celebration Service has become increasingly difficult. After an exhaustive search for this year, and with no outdoor options being available, we are down to two possible location options – and we want to hear what you think!

Option 1: Church on Church at Mattamy Athletic Centre, Varsity Court

Part of the redesigned Maple Leaf Gardens, [the Varsity Court](#) at the Mattamy Athletic Centre (part of the Toronto Metropolitan University) is a relatively new and very adaptable space with good acoustics. Should MCC Toronto pursue this option, the court floor would be covered, and the bleachers would be off to the side to accommodate a raised platform for the Pride Celebration Service and 700 chairs for seating. If this is the option we go with, we would need to raise \$15,000 to cover overall Celebration Service expenses.

Option 2: Church on Church at Church

While expected rain (that didn't materialize...) forced a move of last year's Pride Celebration Service back to our home church, we heard from many congregants that they appreciated the opportunity to celebrate Pride in our beloved Sanctuary.

Which option would you prefer? We would be grateful if you might complete this Survey by **Sunday, April 30 at 3 PM.**

[TAKE SURVEY NOW](#)

Musical Guest

Will Brockman is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Will is a singer and actor from New Jersey who is currently pursuing an MA at the University of Toronto's Centre for Drama, Theatre, and Performance Studies. His thesis, in collaboration with the Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies, examines the music and life of the late Israeli singer Ofra Haza.

Will also holds a BFA in Drama from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. This summer, Will will begin pursuing a Master of Sacred Music degree as well as cantorial ordination at Hebrew Union College's Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music.

**April 30 | 11 AM | MCC Toronto's
YouTube Channel**



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

Special Guest Preacher this Week



Rev. Dr. HyeRan Kim-Cragg is our guest preacher this week in honour of Asian Heritage Month!

Committed to an interdisciplinary approach to homiletics in practical theology, her teaching and research address various topics related to biblical interpretation, postcolonial theories, feminist homiletics and liturgy, migration, and decolonizing practices. Her current research is involved in intercultural preaching, as this intersects with race, gender, and multiple identities of the preacher and the congregations. She is particularly interested in language (verbal and non-verbal) issues for preaching as a communicative event. As a recipient of The Rowntree Scholarship at The United Church of Canada Foundation (2019), she has undertaken her research project on Preaching and Intercultural Ministry in the United Church of Canada. At the moment, Rev. Dr. HyeRan Kim-Cragg is the Principal of Emmanuel College of Victoria University in the University of Toronto and the Timothy Eaton Memorial

Church Professor of Preaching.

April 30 | 11 AM | MCC Toronto's YouTube Channel

Men's Retreat 2023 | Registration Now Open



Details of our MCC Toronto's [2023 Men's Retreat](#) are out!

This annual retreat will take place from **May 26 – 28** at [Jericho House](#) in beautiful Niagara Region. It is open to self-identifying males, with an all-in registration fee of \$260, which

covers accommodation, food, and participation costs. Scholarships are available for those needing financial assistance. Please reach out [here](#) to request a Scholarship Fund Application form.

Organizers will be available to answer questions and or to register you in person this Sunday (**April 30**) in the McCain Family Social Hall following the Service. Or you can register now by clicking the link below!

REGISTER NOW

To make the Retreat available and accessible to folks who might not otherwise be able to afford the full registration fee, please consider making a charitable tax receiptable gift below.

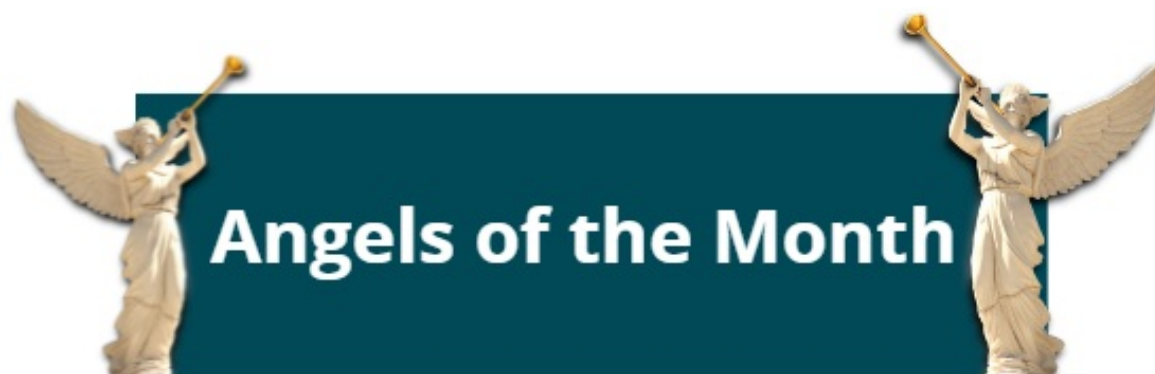
MAKE A SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATION

Children's Church | Returns May 14

Bi-weekly Children's Church returns **Sunday, May 14**, 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!

Volunteer with MCC Toronto's Congregational Care Ministry

This spring, MCC Toronto is looking to grow our team of congregational care ministers. We're currently seeking 2 or 3 volunteers to serve as lay ministers in the congregational care program. Lay minister responsibilities include providing basic pastoral care to folks who submit care requests at mcctoronto.com/care as well as occasionally leading the prayers of the people during worship. If you think you may be suited for the work of congregational care, or would like to learn more about the role, please contact Rev. Junia Joplin at jjoplin@mcctoronto.com. An information session will be hosted on **Sunday, May 7** following the Service in the Rainbow Room.



Our Angels of the Month are all the volunteers who made a huge success of the Thrift Shop Blow-Out Sale hosted earlier this months.

A HUGE thank you to Richard, Florence, David, Ikechuwu, Edith, Sayo, Christiana, Allan, Blessing, Sharon, Babatunde, Neil, Sylvester, Kelly, Pat, Temilope, Pazi, Roy, Paul, Shayo,

Olufenmilayo, Makuma, Solome, Olatilewa, Pepita, Catherine, Okorie, Ismael, Edith, Pazi, Samuel, Klinfred, Judith, Solome, John, Greg, Stephen, Ian, Sylvester, Pazi, Ehioba, James, Pat, Kelly, and Bill!

Thanks to your collective efforts, \$2,500 was raised in support of MCC Toronto's work and mission!



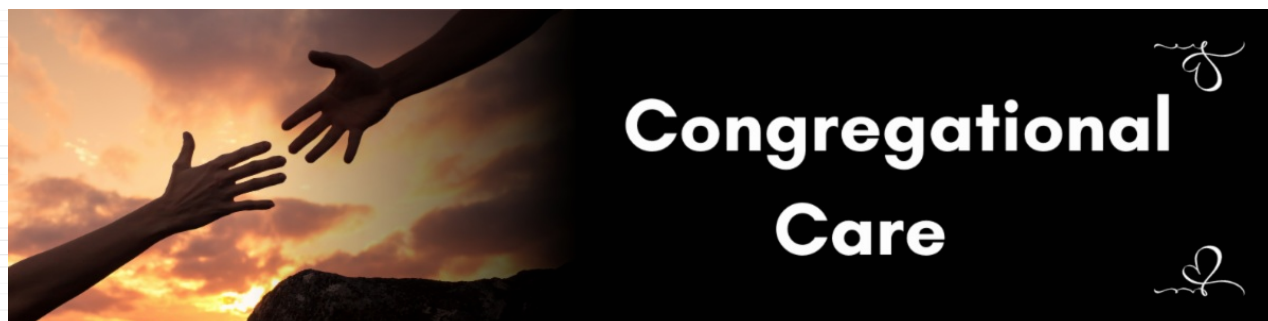
Volunteers have always been at the heart of MCC Toronto. We would not be the strong, inclusive and welcoming community we are, without the support and dedication of volunteers who help support our Worship Services and our other public programs.

To sign up for volunteer 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!](#)

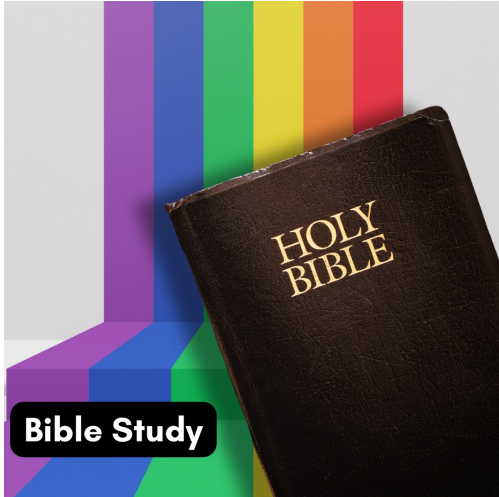
This Week at a Glance April 30 - May 6

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



Bible Study

Bible Study

There'll be no Bible Study until MAY 16



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



