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eNews for the MCC Toronto community



"Advocacy is not a luxury. It's a necessity. We advocate for our survival."

- Eddie Ndopu

Our Human Rights Work



MCC Toronto is excited to launch a new Human Rights page on our website detailing our focuses and priorities and to announce the roll-out of a number of new programs and events taking place in the newly-named Paul Austin Human Rights Centre.

With support made possible through generous donors to our [ELEVATION - MCC Toronto Campaign](#), MCC Toronto's new elevated human rights work builds on the legacy of our 50-years as a place of worship - and a place of action. New initiatives will include activities to address gaps in 2SLGBTQIA+ mental health, the launch of a new public speaking series we call **Proud Voices** and increased collaborations with partner organizations on human rights issues at home and abroad.

Stay up to date and engaged with the upcoming launch of **Outspoken**, a new newsletter built to keep you informed. Packed with essential information on community events, advocacy, action, resources, and exciting new programs from MCC Toronto, **Outspoken** aims to connect you with your community and amplify your voice in the city and beyond. We also invite you to follow us on Instagram at [@mcchumanrights](#) for updates on our work, special events, and ways you can show up and speak out with us in Toronto.

Church on Church at Church Pride Celebration Service

June 25 | 10:30 AM | @ MCC Toronto



Rev. Deana Dudley, Acting Senior Pastor, and Jason Jestadt, are hard at work preparing an amazing Pride Celebration Service. With The Choir of MCC Toronto, Alana Bridgewater, Gavin Hope, Shannon McCracken, Genevieve Trudel and drag queen Messy Margaret and at a new start time of **10:30 AM!**

Join the [Facebook Event](#) to get the latest updates in your feed! And please consider making a Pride donation to help support our activities.

MAKE A PRIDE DONATION



BACK IN 1973
FADS, FASHIONS & TOYS

As MCC Toronto celebrates its 50th Anniversary in 2023, we are launching a new 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 fads, fashions, and toys!

Fads and fashions come and go. Sometimes everything old is new again. How many of these fads, fashions and toys do you remember from 1973?

STREAKING started at Memphis State University and quickly took off. Running naked in public for publicity, as a prank, a dare, or a form of protest. We wonder who in our congregation will confess to having been a streaker?

POTTERY CLASSES were the latest social craze – well before Demi Moore and Patrick Swayze!

WOMEN'S CLOTHING: The hippy look was still in! Tie-dyed shirts, 'Peasant' blouses, capes, ponchos, bell-bottoms, frayed jeans, ankle length maxi-dresses and midi skirts.

MEN'S CLOTHING: wild coloured shoes with thick platforms and 3" heels became popular – who has a pair hiding in their closet at home?

TOYS: Anybody remember Weeble Wobbles? They were one of the biggest Christmas sellers back in 1973. How about Pong? It became one of the first arcade games ever created, and certainly the first to be commercially success.

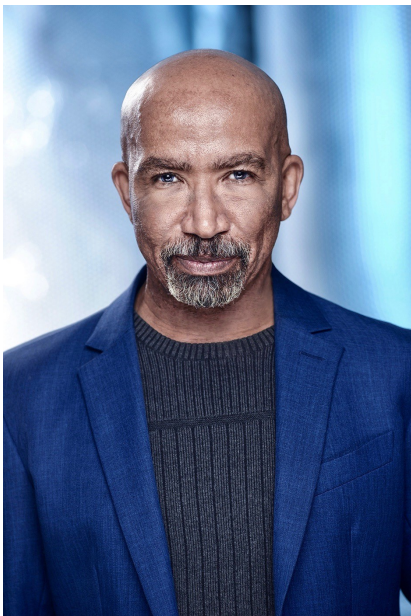
FUZZY TOILET COVERS were popular, covering both the tank and the seat cover. Pink, harvest gold and brown were "must haves". What colour did you, your parents or grandparents have?

HOME DÉCOR: along with your fuzzy toilet cover, you may have had teak or pine furniture, your TV was part of a cabinet with space for knick-knacks, macrame everywhere, fake wood veneer alarm clock sporting numbers that flipped, push button phones that replaced rotary, and fringed lampshades to go with the exposed brick in your rec room.

We laughed a lot as we researched this column and will only confess to each other our own unique 1970's fads, fashions and toys! Please share your memories [here](#).

- Jennifer Alexander & Lori Boyce

Musical Guest



Mark Cassius is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Mark is a versatile singer and entertainer, who has been featured on Broadway, in the Original Cast of *Ragtime* and revivals of *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Shenandoah*.

He has spent seasons at both the Shaw and Stratford Festivals. Also, with Drayton Entertainment in *Damn Yankees*, *The Little Mermaid* and *Sweet Charity*. His Toronto Theatre credits include *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (with Donny Osmond), *Miss Saigon*, *Showboat*, *Cats* and the Toronto premiere of the Off- Broadway Musical *The Musical of Musicals (the Musical)*, for which he received a Broadway World, "Best Actor" nomination.

He toured internationally with acclaimed Canadian Pop/Acappella quartet, "The Nylons", for eight years. He has been a Musical Director at Canada's Wonderland, a

Vocal coach for School Theatre Arts programs and Vocal Studios across Canada and the United States. He is a recurring Performance instructor at The Randolph College for the Performing Arts in Toronto and also teaches Musical Theatre Performance courses at Sheridan College and Toronto Metropolitan University.

You can follow Mark on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#)!

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

Children's Church | June 11

This **Sunday (June 11)** marks our last Children's Church before taking a summer break. Children's Church will resume in September. This week, Bring your little ones from kindergarten to grade five to make art and memories for our 50th Anniversary Time Capsule project.

Drag Bingo in Support of The Choir | June 15 @ 7 PM



MCC Toronto invites you to join us for *Drag Bingo Extravaganza*, a special one-night fundraising event in support of The Choir of MCC Toronto.

Hosted by the fabulous Messy Margaret, *Drag Bingo Extravaganza* is being hosted in the McCain Family Social Hall this coming **Thursday, June 15 at 7 PM** (doors open at 6:30 PM). Tickets cost \$15 and are available via the link below. Choir members will be selling tickets in the Social Hall following this week's Sunday Worship

Service. Tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the event.



[LEARN MORE AND BUY TICKETS](#)

SAVE THE DATE | 2023 ACBM | July 9

Our Annual Congregational Business Meeting 2023 will be held on **Sunday, July 9**, after the Worship Service. Please save the date.



TIME CAPSULE

Have you made your submission to our 50th Anniversary Time Capsule project yet? Read more and participate via the link below, or pick-up a Time Capsule form at the Info Desk during our Sunday Services.

REMINDER: our resident photographer and friend Jim Woodbridge will be taking group photographs of our congregants at the end of this week's (**June 11**) Sunday Service. Our goal is to print photographs of our congregants and our spiritual home to include in our Time Capsule. And if able, we will also be taking pictures of the kids in our Children's Church! Please get ready to say ... cheese!

[LEARN MORE AND GET INVOLVED!](#)

Senior Pastor Search | Survey

REMINDER: The members of the Senior Pastor Search Committee would like to hear the congregation's thoughts and perspectives on the kind of Senior Pastor MCC Toronto needs to guide and steward us into the future. Please take a few minutes to complete the online survey below. Paper copies of the survey are available at the Info Desk. The Committee would be grateful to receive your responses by **Sunday, June 18** – completed paper surveys can be returned to the Info Desk.

TAKE SURVEY NOW

50 Acts of Kindness | Share Your Stories!



REMINDER: MCC Toronto family members are invited to share with us a recommended act of kindness and a few sentences about why that act of kindness will make our world a better place as part of our 50 Acts of Kindness Campaign. You can submit your recommendations and [stories here](#).

Also, MCC Toronto will be hosting two very special workshops following Worship Services this Sunday (**June 11**) and **18**.

- **June 11** – a workshop with landscaper Leah Uchida on plants that require less water resources to thrive in our gardens | hosted in our Rainbow Room
 - **June 18** – an interactive workshop with Janet Fitzsimmons on nurturing kindness to strangers.
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Important Announcement | Digital Fellowship Hall



Thursday, June 15, will be our last Digital Fellowship Hall before it goes on a summer break and returns in September.



MCC Toronto is incredibly grateful to the hundreds of volunteers who help support our Worship Services and other public programs. Please note at this time we are unable to accept new applications for Worship Team volunteer demands due to a high volume of interest. Please check out our website for other great volunteer opportunities including:

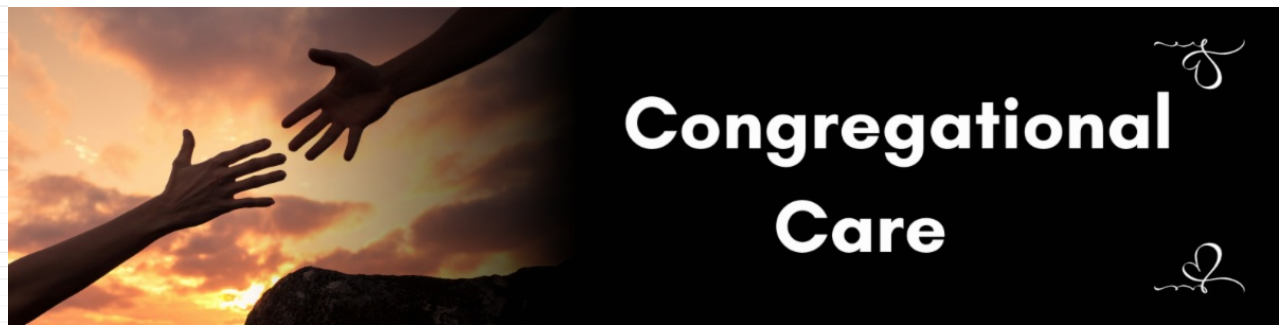
We are still looking for team members to help rejuvenate and maintain the church gardens and grounds between now and October 2023. It is expected that Garden Faeries will be able to dedicate up to 5 hours a month. No experience is necessary, just your love of nature and eagerness to make our outdoor space beautiful and welcoming for all who visit. Interested in this opportunity - sign up 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!](#)

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This Week at a Glance June 11 - 17

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)

3 PM - [Digital Fellowship Hall](#)

7 PM - Drag Bingo



[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



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

Connect with us at communications@mcctoronto.com



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