



"All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."  
 - Martin Luther King Jr.  
 (And Happy Labour Day to all who toil!)

## 50th Anniversary Concert

MCC TORONTO'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT	
50 years of <i>Service</i>	THURSDAY, OCT 19
50 years of <i>Music</i>	7PM   MCC TORONTO
Tix: <a href="http://mcctoronto.com">mcctoronto.com</a>	

Dear MCC Toronto Family,

When we at MCC Toronto first began talking about our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary plans (back in the summer of 2022!), we set out to create meaningful opportunities for our members and congregants to reflect on how our faith family and community have grown over the past 50 years. As a "piano man" I immediately and unsurprisingly thought of music -- and how the story of MCC Toronto, and the story of the 2SLGBTQ+ community, could be told alongside the music that was on the airwaves along our 50 year journey that began on July 17, 1973.

Today, we are excited to announce the realization of that planning and thinking. On Thursday, October 19, MCC Toronto will host a spectacular **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert - 50 Years of Service | 50 Years of Music**. This unique immersive concert experience will feature twelve incredible guest vocalists, along with three choirs, a full rock band, and archival pictures, film, interviews and news clips that together, will create a multimedia celebration of our history. We have lined up some of the most iconic music of the past five decades including songs by Stevie Wonder, The Doobie Brothers, Bob Dylan, The Bee Gees, David Bowie, Supertramp, Diana Ross, Jonathan Larson, Jesus Jones, Lionel Richie, Talking Heads, Sting, Queen, Nirvana, Elton John, Diane Leah, Katy Perry, Bruce Cockburn and more! We will also be premiering a new song composed for MCC Toronto's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

Planning for this Concert has been a labour of love for me, and for all of us at MCC Toronto. You can find information about becoming a donor, buying tickets or making a

donation in the link below. I look forward to celebrating with you all in October!

- Jason Jestadt (he/him)  
Music Director

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## An Update from our Garden Faeries

Last Saturday morning, Ivan Canete (he/him), one of our fantastic Garden Faeries, swung by to share an update on the projects he and others have been digging into. He spilled the beans on their upcoming plans, too—how they're jazzing up our church grounds, making them more splendid and eco-friendly!

Hit play on the video right below to get the full scoop on the incredible feats our Garden Faeries are up to and catch a glimpse of their exciting roadmap ahead.



## MCC Toronto 50th Anniversary T Shirts!

If you have pre-ordered a T Shirt, you can pick it up this Sunday (**September 3**) at the Service.

If you are interested in buying one, you can purchase with **debit/credit or exact change** at the Info Desk following **next** Sunday's Worship Service. Or you can order online below!



ORDER YOUR T SHIRT ONLINE TODAY

## Musical Guest



**Beth Silver** (she/her) is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Beth is a cellist based in Toronto. Involved in a variety of musical projects and genres, she is admired for expressive, compelling playing, for her ability to paint in many colours through her instrument, and for her knack of capturing character and spontaneity in music.

A lover of many genres, Silver is as much at home in a traditional classical ensemble as she is in a band arranging and exploring new voices for cello.

Having studied Jewish music in New York, Beth is one of North America's foremost klezmer fiddle-style cellists. She is currently engaged in a study project in which she has been travelling to Romania to work with traditional Transylvanian musicians.

**September 3 | 11 AM | MCC Toronto's YouTube Channel**

CLICK HERE TO JOIN US FOR THIS SERVICE ONLINE



# Angels of the Month



We have angels among us! **Alan Brody** and **Greg Gregorovich** are our Angels of the Month! They have been taking care of anything that needs fixing, repairing or updating in and around our church. Also, if we have any sort of facility catastrophe, they are on it.

Join us in thanking them and appreciating the hours and hard work they put into MCC Toronto's maintenance and upkeep!

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## September Soiree | Sept 10 | 4 PM



Open bar, new friends, captivating music, and an electrifying drag show! Could it get any better? And all for a noble cause!

Together, we're celebrating MCC Toronto's new and beautiful partnership with Transforming Styles, which happens to celebrate its 2-year anniversary!

You can expect beautiful musical performances, irresistible dance moves, a mesmerizing drag show featuring the sensational [@naomileone\\_](#), and more!

Interested in learning more about our Human Rights work? Buy your ticket [HERE](#) to keep your spot for an unforgettable evening of fun, friendship, and kindness!

See you at **Wella Salon** in the beautiful **Liberty Village** on **September 10** at **4 PM!**

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# Volunteer

with us!

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 click on the link below to view other volunteer opportunities.

[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](mailto:giving@mcctoronto.com) for more information.

## Congregational Care

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.

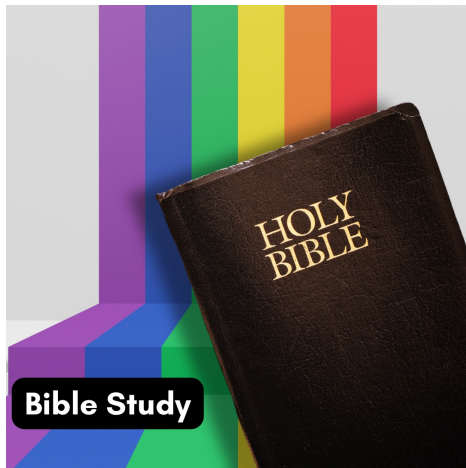
Want to learn more about our Congregational Care program? [Watch this video by Rev. Junia Joplin](#) (she/her)!

[REQUEST CONGREGATIONAL CARE HERE](#)

### This Week at a Glance September 3 - 9

Sunday:

Thursday:



### Bible Study

**Bible Study**  
Resumes on September 26



### Blessing of Backpacks & Brains

**Blessing of Backpacks & Brains**  
September 10



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

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



*Sent with love* ❤️



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