



“The surest measure of the things that really matter in life is that they generate anniversaries and reunions.”
- Robert Brault

Be Part of our 50th Anniversary Concert!

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| 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: mcctoronto.com | |

As announced last week, MCC Toronto will be hosting a spectacular **50th Anniversary Concert** on **October 19** to celebrate 50 years of Service and 50 years of Music. And we'd love you to be part of it!

Beyond amazing **music and performers**, the Concert will feature a dynamic and immersive video component which will trace our journey as a faith community with images drawn from our archives. To augment our digital collection, we are inviting our MCC Toronto family to submit photos to be displayed during the Concert. Specifically, we are looking for wedding pictures (whether you were married at MCC Toronto or not) or pictures of you and your partner to be included in a special digital presentation. We are also looking for candid photos showing MCC Toronto life over the years, which could be pictures from any of our special events, gatherings or worship services. Our goal through this photo call to action is to highlight the faces of our ever-evolving Toronto family and to celebrate the love that brings us together week after week.

Please send your photos to communications@mcctoronto.com by **Friday, September 29**.

Tickets for the **50th Anniversary Concert** cost \$75 (including HST). Please note that donations are being invited to provide complimentary tickets to members and congregants who might not otherwise be able to attend. Hit the link below on how to become a donor, buy tickets, or make a donation.

- Jason Jestadt (he/him)

BECOME A DONOR, BUY TICKETS, MAKE A DONATION

Good News! Homecoming to be hosted in Sanctuary | Oct 1



I am thrilled to share the good news that our Sanctuary Project continues to move along on budget and on time. We are so confident, in fact, that we are currently planning to move back into the Sanctuary for Worship Service beginning **Sunday, October 1!** While we typically host our **Homecoming** celebrations in mid-September, I hope our MCC Toronto faithful will forgive us if we delay that celebration for just a few weeks so that we can host **Homecoming** in our beloved Sanctuary. Please save the date - what a wonderful **Homecoming** this will be!

This news does mean that our Worship Services will continue in the McCain Family Social for the next three weeks. Many thanks to our members and congregants who have been patient through this process. And, of course, many, many, many thanks to the donors to our Congregational Campaign whose support has enabled us to beautify our spiritual home!

- Rev. Deana Dudley(she/her),
Acting Senior Pastor and CEO

Special Guest Preacher

I'm also really excited to have a special guest preacher this **Sunday, September 10**, our former Senior Pastor, Rev. Jeff Rock (he/him)!

As many of you know, Rev. Jeff has received and accepted a call to a great church out in Vancouver, Canadian



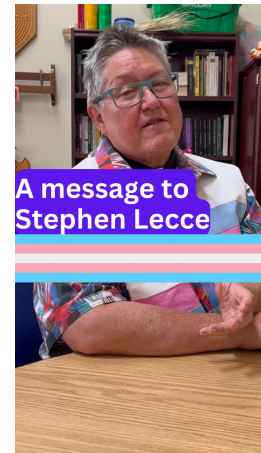
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Memorial United Church. So, he and his partner Casey will be leaving Toronto in the next few weeks. Come say goodbye and wish him well on his way!

- Rev. Deana Dudley(she/her)
Acting Senior Pastor and CEO

Rev. Deana's Message to Stephen Lecce

Last Friday, Rev. Deana took to camera to spread the word about how MCC Toronto has zero tolerance for transphobic comments, especially when aimed at young people, and especially from government officials. If you haven't already, click on Deana's image to watch the video.



MCC Toronto 50th Anniversary T Shirts!



If you have pre-ordered a T Shirt, you can pick it up this Sunday (**September 10**) 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

Gavin Hope (he/him) is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Gavin is a three-time Juno Award nominee, both as a solo vocalist and as a member of

the iconic Canadian a cappella group The Nylons. He has sung with Natalie Cole, Deborah Cox, James Brown, and Aretha Franklin, among others.

Gavin has been a featured vocalist with Jeans 'n Classics for more than a decade, performing the music of Earth, Wind and Fire, Michael Jackson, Prince, Stevie Wonder, and various Broadway hits on the symphonic stage.

His musical theatre highlights include *The Lion King* (Simba) and *RENT* (Collins).

From the studio to the stage, Gavin just loves to perform, and when he's not on the road, he loves to share his gifts with fans in his current hometown of Toronto.

**September 10 | 11 AM | MCC Toronto's
YouTube Channel**



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

Become a Sponsor of our Social Hour & Cookie Situation

In July, our good friend Debra Williams (she/her) stepped forward to sponsor our Social Hour & Cookie Situation for the month of August. Debra has generously agreed to continue her support through the month of September up to and including our fabulous **Homecoming** on October 1.



If you are interested in supporting an upcoming Social Hour (for Worship Services after October 1), please reach out to giving@mcctoronto.com. We are inviting a donation of \$150 per Social Hour. Your gift will be 100% tax deductible and will be recognized through an in-service announcement and a sign located at our Community Kitchen.

Blessing of Backpacks & Brains

After the **11 AM** worship service on Sunday, **September 10**, Revs. Deana, Junia and Jeff will be outside on the southeast corner of the church (Howland Ave. side) to offer blessings for the new school year. Students of all ages, as well



as their families, are invited to be there!
Come out and receive a free backpack tag!

September Soiree | Sept 10 | 4 PM

We are gearing up for a fantastic party with Transforming Style, and YOU'RE INVITED!

The evening will feature an open bar, appetizers, music, performances by drag superstar Naomi Leone, special gifts, and a raffle for prizes, including vintage jewelry, signed sports memorabilia, memberships to Toronto attractions, and more! Get your tickets [HERE](#).



LGBTQ+ Refugee Programs Info Session | September 24

Curious about our LGBTQ+ Refugee Programs? Want to dive into what MCC Toronto is doing for the LGBTQ+ community in Canada and beyond?

Come hang out with us on **September 24, right after Sunday Service in the Rainbow Room**. We'll talk about the amazing work of our LGBTQ+ Refugee Programs and how you can get involved!

Questions? Please email:
communications@mcctoronto.com

Volunteer

with us!

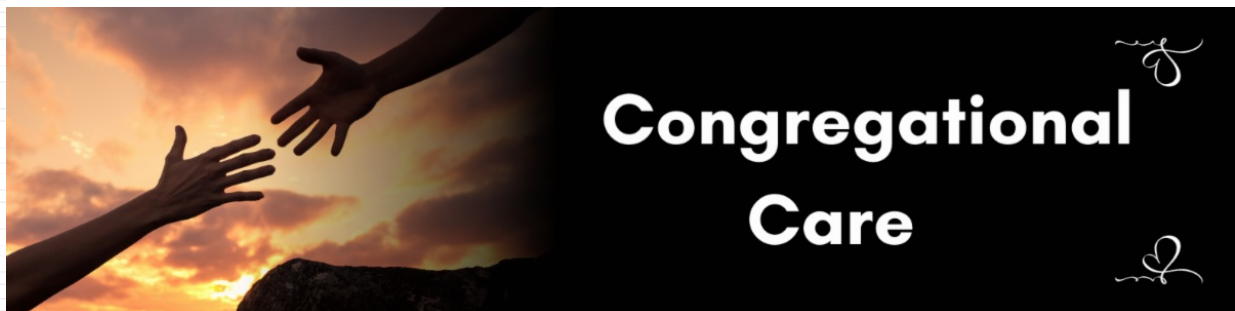
MCC Toronto is incredibly grateful to the hundreds of volunteers who help support our Worship Services and other public programs. Please note at this time we are unable to accept new applications for Worship Team volunteer demands due to a high volume of interest. Please click on the link below to view 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 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 10 - 16

Sunday:

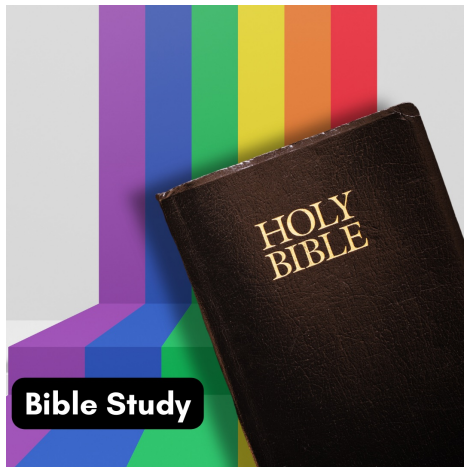
Thursday:

11 AM - Online and in-person Worship Service
12 PM - Blessing of Backpacks & Brains
4 PM - September Soiree

10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion
(Email: everwonder@mcctoronto.com)

Tuesday:

6 PM - FREE Yoga



Bible Study

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Resumes on September 26



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September 10



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

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