



"I love to hear a choir. I love the humanity... to see the faces of real people devoting themselves to a piece of music. I like the teamwork. It makes me feel optimistic about the human race when I see them cooperating like that."

- Paul McCartney

Hark! A Christmas Concert with The Choir of MCC Toronto



And while it might not yet be Hallowe'en ([boo!](#)), The Choir of MCC Toronto is already in the holiday spirit! Today, tickets go on sale for [Hark! A Christmas Concert with The Choir of MCC Toronto & Special Guests](#) at the inflation-busting price of \$25. Hosted in our beautiful and newly renovated Sanctuary on **Saturday December 9** with performances at **3 PM** and **7 PM**, this annual MCC Toronto Christmas with The Choir tradition is a great way to kick-off your Christmas festivities. This year's **Hark! Concert** features performances from The Choir of MCC Toronto and Pride & Joy, with special guests Alana Bridgewater, Bruce Dow, Sterling Jarvis and Cantor David Rosen, all under the music direction of Jason Jestadt.

Tickets can be purchased at the link below, from the Info Desk during Sunday Worship

Service, or at the door.

***Hark!** is made possible by a gift from Walter Donovan, made in loving memory of his partner Lee Hill.*

[BUY YOUR TICKETS HERE](#)

Oh What a Night! | 50th Anniversary Concert



What a glorious night! Many thanks to all of you who were able to join us for last night's **50th Anniversary Concert - 50 Years of Service | 50 Years of Music**. A nearly full house was present to hear 22 amazing musical performances intermixed with narration, photo and videos showcasing 50 years of MCC Toronto. It was magical!

Many thanks to Michael McCain & the McCain Family for their Presenting Sponsorship gift in support of the evening, and to the many donors who contributed to its success.

And now begin the NEXT 50 Years!

Musical Guests



Shannon Linton (she/her) and **Jakeb Daniel** (he/him) are Cobourg, Ontario-based folk-pop artists who've played extensively as solo artists. As a newly formed duo, they bring infectious energy and thrilling harmonies to their catchy original songs as well as their fresh takes on well-known hits.

Their music has been described as "effortless and fun," and when Jakeb and Shannon perform together listeners stop what they're doing and take notice.

October 22 | 11 AM | MCC Toronto's YouTube Channel

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

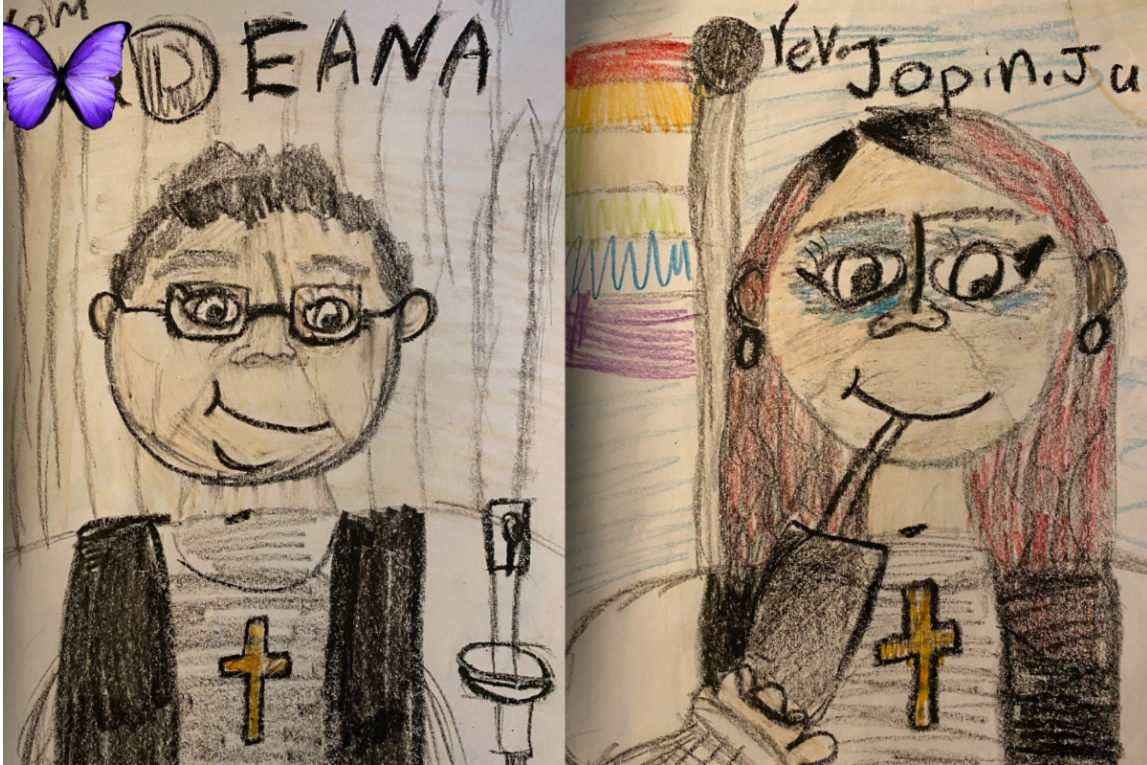
50th Anniversary Coffee Cups - Now on Sale!



By popular demand, we are now making our fabulous 50th Anniversary Coffee Cups available for sale beginning this Homecoming weekend!

Adorned with our 50th Anniversary logo, these cups are for sale from our Info Desk. **Cups cost \$15 each and can be purchased with credit/debit or by having exact change.**

Children's Church (VIPkids) | Oct 22



MCC Toronto's **VIPkids program** is ready to welcome your little ones this **Sunday, October 22**, during the morning worship service. Classes for children from kindergarten to grade 5 will be held in the Butterfly Room. This year's classes will be held each Sunday morning instead of twice a month!

If you're interested in making your child or children part of VIPkids, please fill out this [online info form](#).

Mutual Learning: Online Campaigns Against Marginalized Groups | Tuesday, Oct 24 | 10 AM

What can democracies learn from one another to protect human rights? A group of Canadian and German researchers and activists are joining forces to compare how studying online hate campaigns in another country can help us identify and counter those campaigns in our own.

On **October 24**, the first results of comparative research into online hate campaigns will be shared in a conference entitled *Mutual Learning Between Democracies: Online Campaigns Against Marginalized Populations*. The conference will review Germany's experience with anti-migrant campaigns and identify new research to compare anti-LGBTQ+ campaigns in both countries, with a keynote presentation by LGBTQ+ rights activist Kimahli Powell of Rainbow Railroad. Participants will explore how both civil society and governments in both countries can exchange insights on a more systematic basis, engaging both civil society and governments in a new practice of democratic solidarity. Please register [here](#) to attend.

Halloween Yoga Party | Tuesday, October 24 | 6 PM



Fabulous queer dance party meets an every-body style yoga class! Come ready to stretch, dance and move as we mesh bobbing to the beat with time spent in beginner yoga poses. Come as you are or dress up for the event! (Please no masks, capes or anything loose that could get in the way of stretching/moving safely). Use one of our yoga mats or bring your own! Light snacks and non-alcoholic drinks to follow. All bodies, all genders, no hate! (All of our classes are taught by a Queer & Trans, Trauma-informed Certified Yoga Teacher.) Register [HERE](#).

Winter Clothes Donations Needed



Donations are needed! Clean out your closet and bring everything to MCC Toronto. All donations will be distributed to 2SLGBTQ+ youth and newcomers at our winter clothing drive.

Queer Care Circle | Monday, November 6 | 6 PM



Queer Care Circle

Join us for a time of community and self-care. This event is a mini-retreat from the anxiety, pressure, and burn-out that queer folks experience from the weight of having to advocate for themselves and others. Share a meal, get to know new friends, and participate in creative activities and conversations to reflect on what we love about queerness, and the hopes we have for our community. Questions? Email our Human Rights Team [HERE!](#)

Volunteer with us!

Volunteers are the heartbeat of MCC Toronto. Please review volunteer opportunities 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](#) (she/her)!

[REQUEST CONGREGATIONAL CARE HERE](#)

This Week at a Glance October 22 - 28

Sunday:

11 AM - Online and in-person Worship Service
11 AM - Children's Church

Tuesday:

10 AM - Mutual Learning
6 PM - Halloween Yoga Party
7 PM - Bible Study

Thursday:

10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion
(Email: everwonder@mcctoronto.com)
7 PM - 50th Anniversary Concert



[Bible Study](#)

Tuesday | 7:00 PM

[ZOOM Link](#)

Meeting ID: 897 1945 8479

Password: 559690



Children's Church

NOW weekly!

Sign up your child/ren [HERE](#)



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

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