



"Leather is a reminder of the wild and untamed spirit within all of us."

- Anonymous

## Join us for a Leather Sunday Service



The MCC denomination has a long and storied history with the leather community. Founder Rev. Troy Perry (he/him) was an active participant, and MCC Toronto's Rev. Bob Wolfe and Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes (he/him) made important inroads into the Toronto leather community in our early years in order to build bridges and spread the word that MCC is a welcoming place to all. As Rev. Dr. Hawkes shared with us in his guest sermon this past Sunday, the leather community- through groups like the Spearhead - has intersected with MCC Toronto in many ways over the years. This coming Sunday MCC Toronto is proud to host its first-ever **Leather Sunday Service** both as a way of recognizing the importance of the leather community in the history of the 2SLGBTQ+ movement and also as an open invitation to members and congregants to wear their favourite leather or pleather items.

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## Daylight Saving Time| Sunday, Nov 5



# DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Let's all enjoy an extra hour of sleep on Sunday so turn your clocks **backward**, or you'll be too early for the fabulous Worship Service we're planning for you.

The time change will happen at **2 AM** on **Sunday, November 5!**

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## Musical Guests | Nov 5

Our Musical guests this week are **Anwar Khurshid** (he/him) and **Julie Michels** (she/her).



Anwar's musical journey as both a composer and performer of music for the sitar has spanned decades of learning in the tradition of Indian classical music.

He has collaborated with musicians from other genres, including Paul Deslauriers (blues), Bruce Cassidy (jazz), and the Sultans of String (flamenco and Cuban jazz), as well as performing Middle Eastern, Japanese and Chinese music.

His music was featured in the Oscar-winning film *Life of Pi* and can be heard in numerous Bollywood films.

Anwar has received international acclaim for his performances in the US, Canada, the UK, Turkey, India and Pakistan.

Julie is, quite simply, a woman with a beautiful voice. She sings everything and anything that catches her ear: jazz standards, rhythm and blues, Brazilian sambas, African chanting – in a world full of music, it's a banquet of sound just too delicious to pass up! She has played with George Koller, Ottawa's Chelsea Bridge, Kevin Barrett and her bands Sutra and The Parley at many popular jazz venues, including the Montreal Bistro, Top of the Senator, the Rex, Hugh's Room, Ottawa's National Arts Centre, Toronto's own Statler's

and Canadian and European festivals.

Julie's CDs include Singing Naked (duets with bassist George Koller), Live at Statler's (with guitarist Kevin Barrett), the soundtrack for Pivoting Echoes (debuted with one of Canada's premier dance companies, the Decidedly Jazz Danceworks) and Seriously Happy with the Royal Jelly Orchestra.

Julie is a featured artist on The Choir's second CD, Connected: Songs for the Heart, which is available for sale at our Information Centre and online on iTunes. Julie is also one-third of the popular trio Broadway, also featuring Heather Bambrick and Diane Leah. For details, go to their website: [www.thebroadwayshow.com](http://www.thebroadwayshow.com)



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

## Looking for a Few Good Elves!

Santa is looking for a few good volunteer elves to help deliver The Toronto Star Santa Claus Fund Boxes!

A long-standing Christmas tradition made possible by great volunteers, MCC Toronto is once again proud to be part of the Toronto Star's Santa Fund by serving as a conduit for the delivery of presents to underprivileged children across the GTA to ensure no child is without a gift at Christmas.

Volunteer Elf "Need to Knows":

Presents for delivery will be available for pick-up at MCC Toronto **Friday, Nov 24 (4 – 7 PM) or Saturday, Nov 25 (9 AM – 12 noon)**, from the Rainbow Room (former Room 109) only (access through the laneway); volunteers will have two weeks to deliver the presents in the Riverdale/Thorncliffe Park communities (by Dec10).

Volunteer elves need to have a vehicle.

*If you haven't volunteered for this program before*, and are interested in helping this year, please **click the link below to register!** *If you have volunteered before*, and have not already been contacted, please **click the link below to register.**

[CLICK HERE](#)

Questions? Contact Santa (Graham White): [mcctsanta@gmail.com](mailto:mcctsanta@gmail.com)

## 50th Anniversary Cups and T-Shirts



By popular demand, our fabulous 50th Anniversary Coffee Cups and t-shirts are available for sale now.

Adorned with our 50th Anniversary logo, these cups and t-shirts are for sale from our Info Desk. **Cups cost \$15 each and can be purchased with credit/debit or by having exact change. The T-shirts are \$25 each, and you can order them online by clicking on the link below.**

**PRE-ORDER YOUR T-SHIRT TODAY**

## **MCC Toronto Membership Classes | Nov 5 & 7**

# **Membership Class**

**REMINDER!** Are you interested in becoming an official member of MCC Toronto? Would you like to learn more about what church membership means, and what kind of church we are? Two upcoming membership classes are being offered - one in-person, and one virtual. Join us in person **this Sunday, Nov 5 at 12:45 PM** in the Sanctuary, or online **Tuesday, Nov 7 at 7 PM** on Microsoft Teams.

After completing the class, participants may or may not choose to proceed with church membership.

In order to participate you must be:

- a regular worship attendee (at least 3+ months)
- a financial contributor
- willing to volunteer
- ready to make a long-term commitment to MCC Toronto



Meeting ID: 249 619 616 349

Passcode: kXD8XY

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## Chair Yoga Flow (Online & In-Person) | Nov 6 | 6 PM



Join us for a yoga class for **all bodies, ages, and genders**! This entire class will take place from a chair, and is for everyone interested in mindfulness, moving their body, and self-care! Join us in person at 115 Simpson Ave., or join online using the link below! Entrance to the building is by ramp. DM or email with any accessibility Qs or with any access needs. All bodies, all genders, no hate! (Taught by a Queer & Trans, Trauma-informed Certified Yoga Teacher)

Register for in-person: [CLICK HERE](#)

Join online: [CLICK HERE](#)

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## Queer Care Circle | Nov 6 | 7:30 PM



This event is a mini-retreat from the anxiety, pressure, and burn-out that queer folk experience from the weight of having to advocate for themselves and others. Join us at 115 Simpson Ave. to 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.

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## Hark! A Christmas Concert | Dec 9 | 3 & 7 PM



Tickets for **Hark! A Christmas Concert with The Choir of MCC Toronto & Special Guests** at the low, low cost of \$25 are now on sale! Hosted in our beautiful Sanctuary on **Saturday, Dec 9** with performances at **3 & 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!** 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 before or after Sunday Worship Services, or at the door.

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

[BUY TICKETS ONLINE](#)



Winter is coming, and that means cold weather here in Toronto. Last weekend, we gave winter clothing **to over 350 individuals**, and we still have another 400+ individuals in need. For anyone planning to downsize their closets, please consider donating any gently

used winter clothing for men, women, teenagers and kids. This includes **coats, boots, hats, gloves, scarves, sweaters, backpacks**, and of course, **purses and bags!** Our primary need is to keep people warm, but kitchenware and other household items are also appreciated!

**Items can be dropped off Tuesdays, Thursdays or Sundays.** To arrange a drop-off, or to request a pick-up of your items, **contact Marge [here](#)**. Thank you!

# Volunteer with us!

Volunteers are the heartbeat of MCC Toronto! Please click below to review current 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 November 5 - 11

### Sunday:

**11 AM** - Online and in-person Worship Service  
**12:45 AM** - Membership Class (in person)

### Monday:

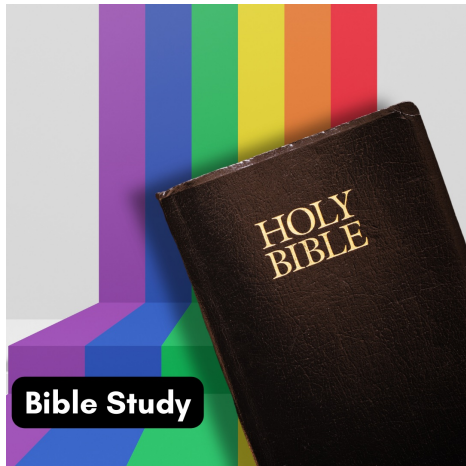
**6 PM** - Chair Yoga Flo  
**7:30 PM** - Queer Care Circle

### Tuesday:

**7 PM** - Membership Class (online)

### Thursday:

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



**Bible Study**  
Resumes Nov 14



**Children's Church (VIP Kids)**  
Weekly - During Sunday Services  
Sign up your child/ren [HERE](#)



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