

Weekly Calendars

LOOKING AHEAD

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday—Friday
9:15 am Friends in Fitness

Monday
1:30 pm Yoga & Meditation
4:30 pm Sparks
6:30 pm Guides & Brownies
7:30 pm Yoga & Meditation

Tuesday
9:00 am Quilters
7:30 pm Tai Chi

Tuesday—Thursday
11:45 am Daily Prayers

Tuesday & Friday
8:00 pm Alcoholics Anon.

Wednesday
7:00 pm Overeaters Anon.

Thursday
5:30 pm Walking Group
7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 6
7:00 pm Planning & Priorities Group
7:30 pm Anne Lindsay Evening

Wednesday, March 7
7:00 pm Youth Ministry Group
7:30 pm Lenten Book Study
7:30 pm M&P Meeting

Thursday, March 8
5:30 pm Confirmation Module 4

YOGA CANCELLATIONS
 Monday, March 5th - 1:30 pm
 Monday, March 12th - 1:30 & 7:30 pm

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 **OUR OFFICE HOURS ARE: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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Sunday, March 11, 2007
8:00 am Sunday Morning Women's Group
8:00 am Sunday Morning Men's Group
10:30 am **Lent III**
Robert Oliphant preaching
 Jazz Service for Lent

Monday, March 12
5:00 pm WWIT Meeting

Wednesday, March 14
7:30 pm Lenten Book Study

Thursday, March 15
12:30 pm Unit 12 UCW

Think Green! Spring & St. Patrick's Day are truly just around the corner!

Warm your spirits with some toe-tapping Irish Music & fun Saturday, March 10 at 7:30 pm with the Ulster Accordion Band !

Tickets \$15 for an evening of music, song, laughter & humour with this favourite entertainment group! Refreshments

Call Eldon Dixon for tickets 416-261-6924. at Church of the Master United Church, 3385 Lawrence Ave. E. (416-431-0333)

Follow Up on "Facts & Fitness for the Brain" at the Fairlawn Neighbourhood Centre

Several who attended Heather Palmer's presentation at ESG last November indicated an interest in further workshops. Heather is offering a 5 week course called **Memory Enhancement**, starting **Thursday, March 22**, from 1:00 -3:00 pm. The course will fill up fast, so for more information and to register, please call **416-488-3446**

Eglinton St. George's United Church Announcements



March 4, 2007

After the Service
 Join us for lunch in the gym
 and at **1:00 pm THE EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S ANNUAL MEETING**

Please sign the Environment Committee letter, to Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario, available in the Narthex.
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE TODAY

CHURCH SCHOOL

Attention Parents: Please "sign out" children at the end of Church School. Also, please advise your child's leader if your child has food allergies.

On the Upper West Wing:
Infants and toddlers (infants - age 3) with our caregiver, Lita, along with volunteers
Kindergarten (ages 4,5) with teachers in room 213
Bible Story Theatre (grades 1-5) in St. George's Hall—rotation 7 **Kingdom Stories**
On the Lower Level: Youth Church (grades 6 and up) in the Youth Room

During the season of Lent, the children of the Church School and their families are supporting a water well project through the **Ryan's Well Foundation**. On April 1st, we will be engaging in a project at church school connected to this that requires empty, clean, 1 L mason jars. If you have some that you would like to donate, there will be a box in the Narthex on March 11, 18 and 25th to receive them.

Eglinton St. George's
JAZZ SERVICES FOR LENT
 All services Sundays at 10:30 am
 March 11: Jane Bunnett
 March 18: Guido Basso
 March 25: Joe Sealy, Paul Novotny & friends

Southern Ontario Chapter of the Hymn Society
 CALLING ALL HYMN WRITERS!!
Workshop for Writers and Auditors
 Lead by, Dr. Mary Louise Bringle, Boston
Saturday, May 26, 2007 at
 Royal York Road United Church
 Text Submission by April 30, 2007
 Contact lydiapedersen@attglobal.net

Eglinton St. George's United Church

In Paradisum

Fauré: Requiem
Steve Dobrogosz: Mass (1992)
Fauré's beloved Requiem, with the original orchestration restored by John Rutter, and the lyrical, Jazz-influenced Mass by Steve Dobrogosz.
Choir and orchestra conducted by Peter Merrick.

Palm Sunday, April 1, 2007, 4:00 pm

Community Events

The Christian as Citizen - How faith informs our approach to social issues Saint Luke's United Church, 353 Sherbourne St. Toronto

Presents a special lecture series: **Thursdays March 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2007 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm**
This exciting Lenten lectures series presents four dynamic speakers:

March 8, 2007 Dr. Stephen Hwang – a general internist at St. Michael's Hospital and Inner City Health researcher, will speak on homelessness.

March 15, 2007 Lynn McDonald –Former member of Parliament and environment critic; director of "The Collected Works of Florence Nightingale" at the University of Guelph. She will speak on the environment.

March 22, 2007 Patria Rivera – Finalist for the 2006 Trillium Book Award for Poetry. Editor of Catholic Missions in Canada Magazine. She will speak about the Arts.

March 29, 2007 Prof. Ursula Franklin –Professor Emerita of the University of Toronto's Department of Metallurgy and Material Sciences, author of many scientific research papers, a humanitarian and feminist voice. She will speak on Pacifism as a Map.

For a complete schedule, visit our Web site at: <http://www.sluc.org> and view the "Events" page.

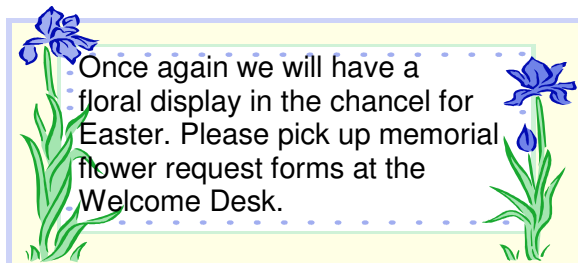
BECOMING AN INTERCULTURAL CHURCH IN TORONTO CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 10, 2007, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Beverly Hills United Church, 65 Mayall Ave., Toronto

An opportunity to learn with colleagues and with Helen Richmond, former national Director of Multi-Cultural and Cross-Cultural Ministry for the Uniting Church in Australia. Open to ministry personnel and lay leaders in all (ethnic minority, ethnic majority, as well as multi-cultural) congregations. *Share your stories of being church, meet Helen Richmond, learn from her and from one another, strategize on next steps.* **Registration:** \$10.00 per person, call Diane Buchanan at 416-241-2677 X223 or dbuchanan@torontoconference.ca

ESG News & Events



Once again we will have a floral display in the chancel for Easter. Please pick up memorial flower request forms at the Welcome Desk.

The Spring Rummage Sale is coming soon -
Saturday April 14 from 10:00-1:00.

Rummage and Volunteers are needed.

Check the collection list and sign up at the Welcome Desk or contact Betsy Anderson, 416-481-1141 ext 260, betsy@esgunited.org if you can help.

Guess Who's Coming To Dinner? Returns April 28th



This successful event is being held once again. Only the hosts know who's coming for dinner. The guests are in the dark until they arrive. It's a great way for new people to get to know members of our congregation. For those longer term members, perhaps you'll meet someone who is new to ESG, put a name to a face you've seen before but never spoken to or talk with someone you're familiar with, find interesting things about them you didn't know. If you haven't attended before or if this is the first time you've heard about this event, give it a try. It's always fun. Registration will take place after the services on March 18, March 25, April 1st and April 15th. We're looking forward to registering everyone!

ESG News & Events

OUTREACH CORNER



GREEN TIPS

Did you know:

The average Toronto commuter spends 1 hour each way. That's the equivalent of three work months per year!!

Only 10.5% use public transit!! What is wrong with this picture???

*As beneficiaries
of generations
of generosity and
good stewardship, will our children also
be good stewards?*



Did you know that you can make a gift to the church through a bequest in your will and the charitable donation receipt your estate receives will help offset taxes?

PLEASE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SIGN UP FOR GREETING/USHERING ON THE SUNDAYS WHERE HELP IS NEEDED.

Thank you!

See flip chart at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

Lay Ministry Opportunities at Eglinton St. George's

Thanks to all who helped with the Pancake Supper. It was a great intergenerational event with yummy food, crafts and stories. Special thanks to Dana Clemens and Ann Thompson who headed up the team. **Help is needed for serving coffee** next **Sunday, March 11**. If you can be part of the team, please let Betsy Anderson know, betsy@esgunited.org or 416-481-1141 ext. 260,

Wonderful news for another year! Donations to the Mission and Service Fund in 2006 exceeded our national goal and totaled \$30,335,930! In Toronto Conference, our total was \$4,495,746 which was 100.03 % of our 2006 goal. A great accomplishment!

Thank you!

Many thanks to all of you who continue to faithfully donate and promote the important work of Christian service and mission here in the Conference, across Canada, and around the world. Our efforts help to console, to advocate, to shelter, to organize, to train, to support, and to empower individuals, groups, congregations, education centres, theological schools, justice coalitions, denominations and ecumenical bodies around the globe. Through the unified Mission and Service Fund we become the hands and feet of Christ, reaching out with compassion and love in many places beyond our local context. We say to the world, "We care deeply about all the people of God and the planet itself. We wish to mend the world as God has called us to do."

Every year we realize that Mission and Service Fund dollars are stretched to their limit in our Conference and in other regions. The needs are great. As we enter a time of reflection in the Lenten period, let us renew our commitment to being lively and faithful Christian disciples who ask searching questions about the realities of our world and our roles within it. Despite immediate and concrete concerns that we face individually and as congregations, we must not lose sight of the "bigger picture" for the sake of God's emerging kingdom in our midst.

In Christ,
Barbara Lloyd, Conference Minister for Christian Formation and Congregational Development Toronto Conference, United Church of Canada