

# activity guide



Joan Spears' pottery at Creative Eye



Annual Golf Day 2011



Bake Sale Bounty at the Rummage Sale 2011

## Welcome to Eglinton St. George's United Church

This *Spring Activity Guide* outlines many of the opportunities for learning and expressing our faith that exists at Eglinton St. George's United Church from

## April 2012 – June 2012

We hope it will inspire you to participate in and enjoy the many facets of our community.

Any groups or programs that develop throughout the year will be announced in our newsletter, weekly bulletins and on our website.

Also look for our monthly "ESG Happenings" via your email, or there are paper copies at the Welcome Desk to pick up.

*Open doors Open minds Open hearts*

## All Events

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**Holy Monday - Prayer of Heart & Body, April 2 at 7:30 p.m.** The Monday evening Yoga and meditation group invites you to hear the Holy Week story and embody it in simple movement and music from the Taizé community in the South Studio. Casey Rock, Deborah Hart and group members will lead this meaningful worship experience. All postures take place either seated or standing (suitable for everyone). Contact Deborah Hart, 416-481-1141, ext 320.

**Confirmation Classes** Meets on Thursdays, 5:15 to 7:00 p.m., April 5 and 12. Confirmation Sunday is April 29. Contact: Connie Capes-Leslie at 416-481-1141 ext. 310, [connie@esgunitied.org](mailto:connie@esgunitied.org)

**Spring Fling Fashion Show, Fri., April 13 at 2:00 p.m.** We would like to invite everyone to an afternoon of fashions and fun. Come a little early and enjoy tea and cookies! Afterwards you may shop our sale until 4:00 pm. Hope to see you there. We would appreciate any donations of squares or cookies! Thanks. Contact: Joyce Deyong, Marnie Malcolm and Barb Moote.

**Rummage Sale Week, April 10, 6 p.m. to April 14, Sale Day** Join a team of enthusiastic volunteers who begin setting up for the sale on Tuesday evening and continue during the days and evenings until the sale begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Come for an hour or two whenever you are free are during the week. There are friendly coordinators who will find you a job and invite you to relax at the Volunteer Café during breaks. Help on the Sale Day is also greatly appreciated. Contact Barbara Buchanan, Lay Ministry Coordinator, 416-481-1141, ext 260, [barbara@esgunitied.org](mailto:barbara@esgunitied.org).

**Cookies-in-a-Jar Fundraiser, April 15<sup>th</sup> after worship** ESG Church School is hosting an upcoming Fundraiser in support of Free the Children, raising funds for water in Haiti. These jars will be on sale after worship at \$10.00 ea.

**United Church of Canada, Expansion of Doctrine, April 18 and 25, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.**

The United Church has made several statements of belief since its inception in 1925: *A Statement of Faith*, *A New Creed* and a *Song of Faith*. All congregations have been asked to vote on whether any or all should be formally accepted as part of our doctrine. Barbara White, minister at Bedford Park United, will lead a joint study of these statements. Everyone is welcome to help us explore, discuss and learn. Contact Barbara White, [revbarbwhite@yahoo.ca](mailto:revbarbwhite@yahoo.ca)

**Jack and Jesus, The third Wednesday of the month, 8 p.m. April 27 and May 8**

Held at the Granite Brewery (Eglinton & Mt. Pleasant) Jack and Jesus is about being in a community; hanging out, meeting new people, relaxing, eating, sharing drinks and talking about life, God, faith, school, family, relationships or whatever you like. Contact: Nick Coates at 647-637-7867 or [nicker.coates@gmail.com](mailto:nicker.coates@gmail.com)

**Good Food Box Pick-up: April 19, May 17, June 14**

Contact Janet Whitney for information about the program at [whitneygandj@yahoo.ca](mailto:whitneygandj@yahoo.ca) or 416-223-4509

**How Can I Keep from Singing?**

**Men's Choir April 22 & Women's Choir May 13**

Here is your chance to join the ESG Choir for one of two special services. The Men's Choir rehearses April 12, 15 and 19 and performs on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the Women's Choir rehearses April 26, May 3 and 10<sup>th</sup> and performs on May 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful opportunity to join the choir for a short time, have some fun and make a joyful noise. No experience is necessary and all are welcome, *but you must be available for all the rehearsals*. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk or contact David Lemmon, 905-888-8181, [froghollow@rogers.com](mailto:froghollow@rogers.com)

**Compassionate Justice Series, Sunday, April 22 ,12:30 p.m.**

Roseneath Theatre Presents *Tough Case* by David S. Craig This compelling play is a powerful vehicle for young people to learn about restorative practices. The play is an invitation for audience members to think, feel and challenge assumptions about justice and retribution, the role of the community in nurturing and protecting its members, the need for dialogue and negotiation in dealing with all community members; both victims and those who bring them harm. \$10 pp which includes a light lunch. Contact: Jim Black 416-782-7478.

**Final Friday Film Night, April 27 and May 25**

**7:00 p.m.** The last Friday of the month is the time to join us in the South Studio to enjoy thought-provoking, current or classic films. We finish our season on May 25<sup>th</sup>, so please mark your calendar and watch for details in the weekly announcement page. Freewill offering to cover costs is appreciated. Contact: Olive Frame at 416-485-7796

**ESG Women's Retreat, Friday, May 4-Sunday, May 6**

Our theme is Living Your God-Given Gifts, facilitated by Patti Thompson and Connie Capes-Leslie at the Providence Spirituality Centre in Kingston. The cost of \$130.00 includes accommodation and meals. Registration forms are at the Welcome Desk and should be submitted by April 13. Contact Patti Thompson at [patriciathompson@rogers.com](mailto:patriciathompson@rogers.com).

**Seniors' Tour of Leaside Retirement Living Residence, Tues., May 8.** Meet at ESG at 10:30 am to car pool for the tour and lunch. Sign up at the Welcome Desk. Contact: Barb Moote 416-485-2485.

**3rd Annual Creative Eye: ESG's Talent Showcase, May 13 after worship** The Creative Eye needs you. We would like you to participate in a showcase of congregational creativity. Display and talk about your craft or creative interest. Registration forms and sign-up sheet are at the Welcome Desk. Don't be shy! Contact: Laurie Denham, 416-497-5434

**Seniors' Luncheon, May 16, 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.** Our Spring Luncheon is open to all seniors, with special invitations to members confined to home or seniors' residences. Contact: Deborah Hart 416-481-1141 x. 320.

**Picnic in the Park, June 3**  
Mark your calendar for our second picnic at Eglinton Park following morning worship. Last year was a sunny

and warm day and we had a wonderful celebration with food, old-fashioned games and fellowship. Can you help with decorating or organizing food? Please contact Barbara Buchanan, [barbara@esgunitied.org](mailto:barbara@esgunitied.org), 416-481-1141, ext 260

**ESG Annual Golf Classic, Tuesday, June 5**  
With the spectacular weather that we have been having, thinking ahead to the 11th annual ESG Golf Classic and mark it in your calendar now. We are back at Richmond Hill GC and the price is still the same. For \$150, you get a round of golf, power cart, golf balls, a bucket of balls for a warm-up session, an excellent buffet dinner, and discounts at the pro shop. Lunch and mulligans available at nominal extra cost. Lots of fun, prizes, and great companionship. Brochures and registration forms available at the Welcome Desk Contact Ross Healy, 416-482-9833.

## ESG Calendar

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### April

- 1 Palm Sunday Worship Service**  
*Deborah Hart leading, 10:30 am  
Luncheon & Annual General Meeting after the service*
- 2. Holy Monday is Way of the Cross with Yoga & Meditation at 7:30 pm with Casey Rock**
- 4 Lectionary Bible Study - cont'd 10:30 am**
- 5 Confirmation Class - cont'd 5:15 pm**  
*Maundy Thursday at 6:00 pm. We will enjoy a simple supper of soup together followed by worship with communion. Deborah Hart leading*
- 6. Good Friday Worship Service**  
*This is a time to reflect and meditate on the mystery of Good Friday. Music of the season will deepen our experience of this holy day. Barbara White preaching, 10:30 am  
ESG office is closed*
- 8 Easter Services at 9:15 am and 11:15 am**  
*Come and experience the joy of the Easter message with Don Parsons preaching and Communion being celebrated.*
- 9 Easter Monday, ESG closed**
- 12 Confirmation Class, concludes, 5:15 pm**  
*Men's Choir Rehearsals begins, 7:30 pm*
- 13 Spring Sale Fashion Show & Afternoon Tea 2:00 pm**
- 14 ESG Spring Rummage Sale 10 am - 1 pm**
- 15 Worship Service with Baptism**  
*Deborah Hart preaching, 10:30 am  
Men's Choir practice, after service  
Church School Fundraiser, after service  
Daily Apple Green Café, 12:00 noon*
- 18 Jack and Jesus 8:00 pm**
- 19 Good Food Box**  
*Men's Choir practice, 7:30 pm*
- 22 Men's Choir Sunday, Reception of New Members ,**  
*Don Parsons preaching, 10:30 am  
Compassionate Justice Play - Tough Case, 12:30 pm*
- 25 United Church Doctrine - cont., 7:00 pm**
- 26 Women's Choir rehearsals begins, 7:30 pm**
- 27 Final Friday Film, 7:00 pm**
- 29 Worship Service with Youth Confirmation, and Communion, Connie Capes-Leslie and Nick Coates leading. 10:30 am**

## ESG Calendar - cont.

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### May

- 3** Women's Choir rehearsal
  - 4** Women's Retreat, begins
  - 6** **Worship Service with Communion, 10:30 am**  
*Daily Apple Green Café, 12:00 pm*
  - 8** Seniors residence tour, 10:30 am
  - 10** Women's Choir rehearsal
  - 13** **Women's Choir Sunday, Worship Service**  
*with Baptism, 10:30 am*  
*Creative Eye Art Show, following service*
  - 16** *Spring Seniors' Luncheon, 12:00 pm*  
*Jack and Jesus 8:00 pm*
  - 17** Good Food Box
  - 20** **Worship Service, 10:30 am**
  - 21** *Victoria Day, ESG closed*
  - 25** **Final Friday Film, 7:00 pm**
  - 27** **Worship Service, 10:30 am**
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### June

- 3** **Worship Service**  
*with Baptism, 10:30 am*  
*ESG Picnic Eglinton Park, after service*
- 5** *ESG Golf Classic, 1:00 pm*
- 10** **Pentecost Worship Service**  
*10:30 am*
- 14** *Good Food Box*
- 17** **Worship Service**  
*Father's Day with Baptism, 10:30 am*
- 20** *Jack and Jesus 8:00 pm*
- 24** **Worship Service**  
*10:30 am*



Maundy Thursday