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Love, Poetry & All that Jazz - Sunday Evening Vespers Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 5:00 pm



Celebrating the season of love.

It matters not who you are or who you love, all are welcome in the house of God. Join us for an evening that combines the joy of poetry, the music of jazz and the love of God in the world.

Music provided by - The Jordan Klapman Quartet

Jordan on piano, Bill Bridges on guitar, Lew Mele on double bass, and Tom Skublics on winds.

Invite your friends and neighbours and come for this special evening vespers service of reflections, prayers, and beautiful music. Our theme is Love and is a reaffirmation of our solidarity with our LGBTQ community.

FAITH-BASED BOOK CLUB: FRIDAY MORNINGS! 9:20-10:50 AM EVERY FRIDAY (CHILDCARE PROVIDED BY MAY & RAY CHONG) Join Rev. Debra and others on a spiritual journey using our Scriptures and Brian McLaren's new book: "We Make The Road By Walking". Come for a time of spiritual exploration reading, reflection, conversation, and prayer. Invite your friends to join you as we consider together what a honest, living, growing faith can mean for our lives and for our world. You are welcome to join the group at any time. Contact Rev. Debra for more information.



THE PROMISE OF INCLUSION, THE POWER OF LOVE: PURSUING GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING, RECONCILIATION & CHANGE

Toronto--acclaimed the most diverse city in the world and home to six million Canadians—has been chosen as the host city of the 7th Parliament of the World's Religions, to be convened in November 1-7, 2018. More than 10,000 people will participate in the 2018 Parliament, which will last for seven days and comprise more than 500 programs, workshops, and dialogues, alongside music, dance, art and photography exhibitions, and related events presented by the world's religious communities and cultural institutions. **If you are interested in a group rate, speak to Rev. Debra she is getting a group together and registering in the coming week.** For more information, visit: <https://parliamentofreligions.org/parliament/2018-toronto/toronto-2018>

Life-Story Writing



Everyone has a story to tell - What's yours?
A weekly Memoir Writing Program
for 8 Sunday afternoons starting
April 8 - May 27, 2018
1p.m. - 3p.m.
in the Living Room of
The Donway Covenant United Church,
230 The Donway West
(north of Lansdowne Ave East's end of Don Mills Rd.)
Registration is required
Please call Jennifer at 416 444 5444 to register
Materials price will be
\$25.00 per person, plus
tax and materials fee.

EVERYONE HAS A STORY - WHAT'S YOURS? April 8-May 27 join a weekly Memoir Writing Program held from 1 - 3 pm at the Donway Covenant United Church at 230 The Donway West. Please call Jennifer at 416 444 5444 to register. Materials \$25.



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP This week we will have: Nursery for those 3 and under; Sunday School will be held upstairs for those 4 and above. Children can feel free to choose the group that suits their needs. Contact Allison if you have any questions.

KIDS NIGHT OUT is coming up on Friday, February 16th from 5:30-7:30. Come and join us for games night and a pizza dinner! All kids are welcome so invite your friends and neighbours. to register (so that there's enough pizza) email manorroadkids@gmail.com.

LITTLE RAINBOW FISH PLAY GROUP is in full swing every Wednesday 9:30-11:30!! Weekly Drop in for the local community children 0-5 and caregivers. Please bring a snack (cut up fruit, crackers, cheese, no nuts) to share with the group at snack time. Entry by donation (suggested is \$5/family to cover, tea/coffee/milk/cheese (and to help the church keep on the heat and lights). We have 3 circle times 10:00, 10:45 and 11 am, please sign up at the registration table. The organizers are now trained in infant & child choking, CPR & emergencies. We can always use volunteers too. Let Susan or Allison know if you can help out. Please note only street parking is available - the lot is for daycare drop off only. Thank you.

Visit us on Facebook.

MANOR ROAD CHILDREN'S CHOIR is in session!!

Now until April 25 - 4:30 -5:30 for children ages 6-10. Cost is \$130 per child - subsidies available upon request. To register, contact manorroadkids@gmail.com

HELP! HELP! MANUEL NEEDS HELP. Please volunteer to help with set up, snacks and clean up of coffee hour. Manuel is there to get it going but needs your help to make it great! Sign up on the clipboard provided.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU... Seeing all the little ones having so much fun every week really warms the heart. Little Rainbow Fish Playgroup would not exist without the generosity of all who have donated toys, volunteer time, food and money. The local caregivers continued support has really helped too. As January wraps up, we received an extremely generous donation from Lorna M Yates that means we can definitely afford our coffee, milk and cheese! Thank you to all who help out at LRF!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE If you know of someone who needs congregational care support, please contact Rev. Debra, Don Reynolds, Susan Johnson or Betty Kelman. Please continue cards and support for Irene French, Michelle Bennett, Jean Ballinger, Mary Murray, and Freda Forster.

SEARCH COMMITTEE: As our MAP (Ministry Articulation Profile) Committee completes their portion of the process, an active search for a new Minister can begin. We are looking for volunteers to assist our Search Committee which is responsible for posting the Ministry vacancy, coordinating a comprehensive search and meeting and interviewing candidates. This is an important next-step in the future of Manor Road. If you have ideas on the direction you would like our church to grow in and want to have a say, this is a great way to get involved. Please contact Heather Fogarty or Suzi Morris to get involved.

This Week. . .

February 11 – Transfiguration Sunday

Worship 10:30 am

Jazz Vespers 5:00 pm

February 13 - Executive Meeting 7:00-9:00 pm

at home of Suzi Morris

February 16 - Kid's Night Out

Office closed

And Beyond. . . .

February 14 – Ash Wednesday

February 18 - Sunday Worship: Lent 1 - 10:30 am

February 19 & 20 - Office closed

March 2 - Friday - Messy Church - 5:30-7:00 pm

March 20 - Tuesday - Presbytery Plenary Meetings all day

WEDNESDAYS

Little Rainbow Fish Drop-In at 9:30 - 11:30 am

MRUC Children's Choir at 4:30 - 5:30 pm

FRIDAYS

Faith Based Book Club - 9:20-10:50 am in Large Meeting Room, using Bruce McLaren's book, "We Make The Road By Walking."

SUNDAYS

*Choir Practice in the Upper Room 11:45 – 12:30 in the Upper Room. **Note: No Choir practice on February 18th*

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

MICHELLE BENNETT: If anyone would like to provide a meal for Michelle, contact Betty Kelman regarding food allergies before preparing.

OUR SYMPATHIES

MONA PIPER passed away at Sunnybrook Hospital on January 31. Ann and her brother, spent many hours at Mona's side in the time leading up to her passing. Visitation and Service will be at Humphrey's Funeral Home. Visitation at Humphrey-Miles, Friday, Feb. 9 2:00–4:00 & 6:00–9pm. Service at St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church, Saturday, Feb. 10, am. Our deepest condolences go to Ann, her brother, John, and to their family.

PAUL ROWNEY passed away on February 1st at age 81. Manor Road congregants would remember him as the step-father to the Cunningham family children. The family will receive friends at the Humphrey-Miles Funeral Home from 5:00-8:00 pm on Thursday, February 8th and from 10:00 am on Friday, February 9th followed by a Celebration of Life Service at 11:00 am. Condolences, photographs and memories may be forwarded through www.humphreymiles.com.

ISABELLE BROWN: Isabelle's brother, Stewart Annad, passed away on January 31st after a long illness. Funeral plans still TBA.

FEBRUARY 16-20 - NEXT WEEKEND - OFFICE CLOSURE. The office will be closed for and extended Family Day weekend. Tricia will be back in the office on Wednesday February 21st.