

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

- Monday**
 12:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous
 1:30 pm Yoga & Meditation
 6:00 pm Sparks
 6:30 pm Brownies
 7:30 pm Yoga & Meditation
- Tuesday**
 9:00 am Quilters
- Tuesday & Friday**
 8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- Wednesday**
 7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous
- Thursday**
 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal
- Friday**
 10:00 am Overeaters Anonymous
 8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday, December 14

2:30 pm WWIT

Tuesday, December 15

8:30 am Audit Committee
 2:30 pm Eva's Phoenix - Christmas Dinner Set-up (offsite)

Wednesday, December 16

7:30 pm Experiencing an Ecological Christianity Book Study

Thursday, December 17

8:00 am Good Food Box
 5:00 pm TT Practice Group

Blessings have many faces; so do the needs of those around us. Let us rejoice in what we have been given and look for others with whom we can share it.

Sunday,
 Dec. 20, 2009

LOOKING
 AHEAD

- 10:30 am Advent IV
 Don Parsons,
 preaching
- 3:00 pm Sing-Along Messiah
- 7:30 pm Longest Night Service

Thursday, December 24

- 12:00 pm ESG Church Office
 Closed at noon
- 5:00 pm Christmas in Story and Song
 for All Ages
- 8:00 pm Christmas Candlelight Choral
 Service
- 10:00 pm Christmas Candlelight Choral
 Service
- 11:15 pm Christmas Eve Communion
 Service - small and intimate



Reminder: Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Trustees on Dec. 27

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS:

Dec. 24	9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Dec. 25 & 28	closed
Dec. 31	9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Jan. 1	closed
Jan. 4	open



OUR REGULAR HOURS:
 Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00

EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

Announcements

December 13, 2009

Please join us for coffee after the service hosted by the Not Just Couples Club in the South Studio.
 11:30 am Kairos Letter Signing 3:00 pm Sing-Along Messiah



Church School

- Upper West Wing:** Babies and Toddlers – (Infants – age 3) – Infant Room & the Treehouse with caregivers Lita, Josie and volunteers
- Bible Story Theatre:** Rotation 4 - Preparing for Christmas
- Lower Level:** Youth Church (Grades 6 and up) - Youth Room with Sheilagh McGlynn
- Parents:** In the event of a fire alarm, please meet your children on the front lawn. Each child must be signed-out with the Church School leader.

ESG News & Events



Bells Are Ringing
 This afternoon at 3 o'clock and around the world at 3 o'clock, local time, bells will be ringing to say how important the Copenhagen climate change summit is to our world. Bells will ring through those 24 hours to signal to the conference decision-makers the urgency of their work. ESG has no bells to ring, but we do have voices and pens to tell Canada's leaders that we want them to take strong action against climate change. Let your voice be heard for the sake of all the generations to come.

ESG's Longest Night Service Sunday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 pm

This is a quiet intimate service for those experiencing grief or for those wanting to experience the more quiet and peaceful side of Christmas.



PARKING at ESG

We have received approval to park along both sides of Lytton Blvd. from 2:30 pm to 6 pm on Sunday, December 13th for the Sing-Along Messiah and we have received approval for December 24th, Christmas Eve until 1:00 am. If anyone receives a parking ticket they should contact the office and we will provide them with a letter to take to the Parking Authority to have the ticket withdrawn.



2010 Calendars

United Church calendars are available to purchase for \$6. This year's theme looks back on United Church history in sepia-toned photos. Pick your copy up at the church office or call 416-481-1141.

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ESG Joint Search Committee (JSC) December Update

Your Search team continues to consider several applicants and referrals who meet our criteria for Minister of Worship & Team Leader. We have been observing ministers in churches around the Southern Ontario region, and we will invite the best qualified candidates to interviews in January. We are also considering excellent applicants from further afield who may be prepared to move to Toronto.

We thank you for your prayers and patience in this season of Hope and waiting ('Not Yet'). We are feeling confident in our selection of candidates, and that we will find the right match for ESG (Joy in the New Year). Wishing you the best during this Advent Season,

*Janet Hardy & Peter Wilkins,
JSC Co-Chairs*



Taizé Event Sat., Jan. 9th!

Please join Don Parsons, Peter Merrick, soloists and musicians in the morning (only) **Jan. 9, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm**, to learn via DVD about the origins and early years of the Taizé community in France, and then participate in a service of "Prayer with the Songs of Taizé." Last year over 40 attended and found this to be a moving experience. Come and learn about this tradition in preparation for **Sun., Feb. 28th** when our morning service will be in this style of worship. Cost: \$10.00. Sign-up at the Welcome Desk. Contact: Donna MacCandlish at 416 781-7085 or Jennie Keating at 416-762-4021.

A Bible Study for a New Year On Wed., Jan. 6 at 10:30 am, ESG

is offering a Bible Study on the theme of **"A Life of True Simplicity."** In this season of endings and beginnings Jesus calls us and the world to a radically changed life. It is not enough to have faith, we are called to simple acts of caring for others. Come out to study and discuss the scripture passage of **Matthew 25: 31-46**. We will also discuss timing and feasibility of future Lectionary daytime Bible Studies. This Bible Study class is limited to 12 people and a light lunch will be served from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. We have space for 6 more participants. Sign-up at the Welcome Desk or contact Jennie Keating at 416-762-4021 or by email at jennieandgerry@rogers.com



Volunteering for Eva's Phoenix

Thank you! We have reached the number of Volunteers needed for this event. The scarves have all been bundled and delivered to Eva's Phoenix. All gift bags have been prepared by Unit 12 who again this year offered their time. The big day is coming and the team is busy preparing for it. Thanks to all for your support. Gloria van Geilswyk 416-494-5224.



2010 Grief Group

Have you experienced a loss due to death, divorce or job termination? These four sessions led by Deborah Hart will explore the "tasks" of the grieving process from both a personal and spiritual perspective, with the goal of helping you move forward on your life journey. Wednesdays: Jan 20, 27, Feb 3, 10 at 7:30 pm. Contact: Deborah Hart 416-481-1141 ext. 320.

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GREEN TIPS

Want to get away from the high-carbon footprint of the Christmas Turkey? Plan a meat-free Christmas Dinner. Try your luck with a Christmas Festive Roast (nut and veggie-based). <http://www.viva.org.uk/christmas/index.php>. (VIVA – Vegetarians International Voice for Animals – UK)



Chestnut, Port and Thyme Strudel



Urgent Appeal

KAIROS, the ecumenical arm of our church (and 11 Canadian denominations) focuses on international and Canadian social justice work. They have been informed that their support from CIDA (our government's funding body for international aid) has been terminated. For 37 years, CIDA has been in partnership with KAIROS and its predecessors to fund vital programs around the world. This termination will devastate that work as CIDA has been the primary funder for these projects (over \$7 million of a \$9 million budget). Please take time to read and sign the petition in the narthex (and at coffee hour) and write to your MP about this disastrous decision of the Harper government. This request comes to us from KAIROS. The United Church of Canada, and your Outreach Committee. For more information, go to www.kairoscanada.org



OUTREACH CORNER

Outreach

Why give to M & S ?

Are you at your wit's end with all the requests and appeals that come to you during the Christmas season? Are you aware or concerned about the administration costs of some of these organizations? What about our own United Church's Mission and Service Fund? Our gifts to the M&S Fund support the administrative work of the church and help it to operate effectively and efficiently in pursuing its mission and ministry goals.

If you have not supported M&S in the past, please consider it this year. Also, look at the Welcome Desk for a copy of the 2009/2010 Special Edition of Mandate, your complete account of the Mission and Service Fund at work. Help yourselves!

LAY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES Christmas Eve Greeters

Christmas Eve welcomes members, guests and family home for the holidays. We want to ensure a warm welcome for each of the three services and hope you will take a moment after the service to add your name to the list in the narthex. This is a wonderful opportunity for family and friends to work together, so please feel free to add the names of children or grandchildren you would like to work with beside your name. Contact Barbara Buchanan, Coordinator of Lay Ministry, 416-481-1141 ext 260, barbara@esgunitied.org

