

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

- Monday**
12:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous
- 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

Thursday, December 24

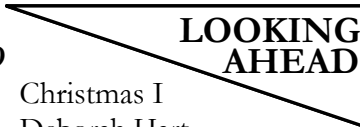
- 12:00 pm ESG Church Office
Closed at noon
- 5:00 pm Christmas in Story and Song
for All Ages
- 8:00 pm Christmas Candlelight Choral
Service
- 10:00 pm Christmas Candlelight Choral
Service
- 11:15 pm Christmas Eve Communion
Service - small and intimate



Reminder: Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Unit 12 on Dec. 27

Sunday,
Dec. 27, 2009

10:30 am Christmas I
Deborah Hart
preaching

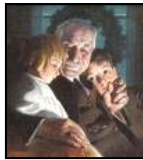


Monday, December 28

ESG Church Office Closed

Friday, January 1

ESG Church Office Closed



*Look for a way to bring
God's love to those
who are not filled
with joy in this season.*

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 pm

Church Address: 35 Lytton Boulevard, Toronto, ON M4R 1L2
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EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

Announcements
December 20, 2009



Please join us for coffee after the service hosted by the Trustees in the South Studio. 7:30 pm Longest Night Service

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: Advent & Christmas, returning for Communion
- 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.

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*The Ministers
and Staff at
Eglinton St. George's
wish everyone
a Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year!*

**ESG's Longest Night Service
Tonight 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. for Dec. 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.



PLEASE NOTE: For 2009 Income Tax Receipts, donations must be postmarked by midnight December 31, 2009.

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 & Christmas Season,

Janet Hardy & Peter Wilkins,
JSC Co-Chairs

A Bible Study for a New Year On Wednesday, 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



**Sing-Along Messiah
Thank you!**

Accolades to Peter Merrick, choir members and guest singers for a joyous performance of Handel's Messiah. Thank you to all volunteers who contributed to the success of this wonderful event

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

Last Minute Guidance

Don't overbuy food at Christmas; watch your waist and your waste. Try to buy fresh, unpackaged produce and supplies to minimize packaging waste. Use re-useable dinnerware rather than disposables. Let everyone pitch in to clean up - that's half the fun! Eat all the food you make; send guests home with leftovers in glass jars; freeze leftovers in easily re-heatable portions.

Why give to Mission & Service ?

Deciding on gifts is tricky. If you're working on a gift list, you'll understand. This season there are countless catalogues of livestock or specific goods suggesting what others need. The Rev. Leslie-Elizabeth King from Thomson, Manitoba is concerned about buying a chicken for someone in a remote village who may not even want a chicken. She says, "Partnership is so much better than charity, but people haven't the time or the inclination to wade through a long explanation to find out why. We need a simple, clear statement to explain why giving to the M&S Fund is a better way to give. The idea of donating livestock fulfills our need to connect personally. Sadly, the church is competing against chickens and I fear we are losing."

Our gifts to the Mission and Service Fund are offered to partners who use the money to meet needs that they, not we, identify. We trust their assessment of what is needed and value their insights. This season, choose carefully and please support the work that we do together by giving to the Mission and Service Fund.

Thank you!

**OUTREACH
CORNER**

Over \$1700 was raised on Food, Fabric and Fun Sunday. The monies were given to the following:

- * **Massey Centre,**
- * **Christian Resource Centre,**
- * **The Bloor Street United Refugee Outreach for New Families in Canada**
- * **Adelaide Drop-In (Fred Victor Centre).**

The food has gone to **The Stop.** The great collection of toys, warm clothing and toiletries made the Christmas season more joyous for young moms and toddlers, refugees, disadvantaged women and families in Regent Park.

Thank you!

LAY MINISTRY MANY THANKS

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time during this past year in response to our numerous requests in the Lay Ministry corner. Many wonderful ESG folk came forward to offer their time and talent to help make the many activities and programs in 2009 a success.

Merry Christmas!

Barbara Buchanan, Coordinator of Lay Ministry, 416-481-1141 ext 260, barbara@esgunitied.org



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.