

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, February 8**
2:30 pm WWIT
7:30 pm Nominating Committee
- Tuesday, February 9**
7:30 pm Last Minutes Group - Yoga
- Wednesday, February 10**
10:30 am Lectionary Bible Study
7:30 pm Grief Group
- Thursday, February 11**
5:15 pm Youth Confirmation
- Saturday, February 13**
10:00 am Sabbath Living Retreat



Sunday Morning Men's Group Feb. 14 at 8:00 am

Ken Bagnell will be speaking about John Wesley, founder of Methodism.

- Sunday, February 14, 2010**
- 8:30 am** Sunday Men's Group
8:30 am Sunday Women's Group
10:30 am Don Parsons preaching, Reel Theology III - *A Single Man*

LOOKING AHEAD

- Monday, February 15**
ESG is closed for Family Day
- Tuesday, February 16**
5:00 pm TT Practice Group
6:00 pm Pancake Supper
7:30 pm Worship Committee
- Wednesday, February 17**
10:30 am Lectionary Bible Study
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Reflections
- Thursday, February 18**
8:30 am Good Food Box
5:15 pm Youth Confirmation
- Friday, February 19**
7:00 pm Youth Night

UCC Haiti Relief - Good News Update!
 Through the UCC Emergency Response Fund \$543,000 has been sent to Haiti. You can donate online at <http://www.united-church.ca/haiti> (select *Emergency Response* and type "Haiti Appeal") or by mail: pick up a pre-addressed envelope at the Welcome Desk.



Reminder: Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Wellness Cte on Feb. 14.

Could sharing our gifts with those who need them be part of God's hope for the world?

EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

Announcements

February 7, 2010

Please join us for coffee after the service hosted by Communications in the South Studio.
 12 noon Daily Apple Café with Valentine's theme

Church School

- Upper West Wing:** Babies and Toddlers – (Infants – age 3) – Infant Room & Treehouse Room with caregivers Lita, Josie and volunteers
- Bible Story Theatre:** Rotation 6 - Life in Palestine
- 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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Sabbath Living Retreat:

Using Marva Dawn's book, *Keeping the Sabbath Wholly: Ceasing, Resting, Embracing, Feasting* as a guide, we will explore the concept of Sabbath Living and how to integrate this into everyday living. Join Connie Capes-Leslie for this day retreat at ESG on **Sat., Feb. 13, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**. Bring your own lunch – coffee, tea and juice will be provided. We will meet in the North Studio in the lower west wing. Sign-up at the Welcome Desk **until today**. Min. 6-8 people.

Reel Theology for one more Sunday:



Feb. 14 is *A Single Man*
A Single Man, set in 1962, is the story of a British college professor (played by Colin Firth) who is struggling to find meaning to his life after the death of his long-time partner.

Lenten Study Group

Four Wednesdays March 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Please join Connie, Deborah and Don for a four-week Lenten Study as we explore our relationship with money and its impact on our faith life. We will be using a book of daily reflections called **There's No ATM in the Wilderness**. On sale Feb. 14, 21 and 28. Cost is \$12.00. A sign up sheet is at the Welcome Desk.



Pancake Supper– Tues., Feb. 16 at 6 pm

Come to ESG's traditional pancake supper! Crafts, songs and storytelling round out this intergenerational Family Friendly Program. \$5 per person or \$15 for families. Tickets available after service.



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

Closed for Family Day
 Monday, February 15

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Ash Wednesday Reflections Feb. 17 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Are you looking for a quiet reflective way to begin the Lenten season? Are you interested in exploring Lenten themes through labyrinth walking, working with clay, reflecting on visual images, studying scripture? If so, come to ESG and discover a creative, inspirational way to begin Lent. All activities will be self-directed with guidance offered. Visit one reflection station or visit them all, it's your choice. Contact Connie Capes-Leslie at connie@esgunitied.org.



Thurs., Feb. 25 - 7:30 - 9 pm Come and enjoy an informal evening with **Brother Emile of Taizé**. Sign up at the Welcome

Desk. Take this opportunity to ask questions and prime yourself for Sunday Taizé Worship on Feb. 28, described below.

A Service of Prayer with the Songs of Taizé Sunday Worship - February 28

Founded during WWII by Brother Roger, the ecumenical community of Taizé, nestled in the hills of Burgundy, France, welcomes up to 6,000 young adults each week from every part of the world. Worship three times a day (shaped by rich congregational song, scripture, silence, candles and fresh flowers) is the heartbeat of this community's life. The simple prayer/songs of Taizé become a kind of mantra as they are sung over and over with rich harmonies, expressive cantor and instrumental parts moving us into a deep communion with God. People of every faith tradition find Taizé profoundly meaningful. Led by Don Parsons.

Week of Guided Prayer

Sun., Feb. 28 – Sat., Mar. 6, 2010

Our WOGP was such a wonderful experience for the participants that we are going to be holding another one at ESG. This year's theme is "We are not Alone." Here are a few of the comments from last year's participants:

- It was a great ...rewarding...experience.
- Fed a deep need for growth in God.
- It takes a time commitment – but well worth it.
- ...made a difference in my life...enriching.
- It gives balance to my busy world.

For a detailed pamphlet, see the file folder on the Welcome Desk where you can sign-up. Contact Jennie Keating at 416-762-4021 for more info.



Community Announcements

Freewill Offering Concert TONIGHT at Glenview

Music at Glenview presents "Organ and Friends" featuring organist Michael Capon and special guests Kate Perry, Violin, Clare Scholtz, Oboe, and Giles Bryant, Narrator, on **Sun. Feb. 7th from 7:30pm to 8:30 pm** at Glenview Presbyterian Church, 1 Glenview Avenue, 3 blocks south of Lawrence Subway. This is the fourth of six events in the Sunday Evening Series. Admission is free, with a voluntary offering collected afterwards. A reception follows the hour-long performance. Join us this Sunday evening for musical refreshment!



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GREEN TIPS FACTS

Valentine's Day is just around the corner where we shower our loved ones with chocolates, flowers and cards. Perhaps you would like to make this day a little different and greener. Here is an idea: Send an e-card from Care 2 at <http://www.care2.com/ecards/>. For every free e-card that you send, Care 2 will donate to an environmental nonprofit to save a square foot of the Rainforest.



Youth Night - Friday Feb. 19

Anyone in grade 6 and up is welcome to join us for our monthly Youth Night. We will meet in the

Youth Room at 7 pm, enjoy popcorn, pizza, and watch a movie. Please bring \$5 to help cover costs. Friends are welcome! Any questions? Speak with Sheilagh after church or email her at smmcglynn@hotmail.com.



Sunday Feb. 21 will be an ESG Jazz service for Lent I. Mark your calendar; you won't want to miss it!

Final Friday Film - Feb. 26 at 7:00 pm

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

Set during World War II, a story seen through the innocent eyes of Bruno, the eight-year-old son of the commandant at a concentration camp, whose forbidden friendship with a Jewish boy on the other side of the camp fence has startling and unexpected consequences. Won British Independent Film Award for Best Actress for Vera Farmiga (who also starred opposite George Clooney in *Up in the Air*).



OUTREACH CORNER

Peace with Justice

Along with three other **Amnesty International** groups, AI in Thornbury, Ontario, "adopted" Huseyin Celil, a Canadian citizen, a year ago. They raised funds to support his wife and 4 children in Burlington and sent many letters, mostly to Prime Minister Harper. Huseyin Celil is a Canadian citizen, who was a refugee from north west China's Uighur minority. He had served a prison sentence in 1994 for protesting against the government for taking away religious freedom of his Muslim people. When visiting his wife's people in Uzbekistan in June 2006, he was detained and taken to prison in China where he has since been in solitary confinement. In December 2009, he was able to meet with six members of his family in a room (not behind glass) and many of his restrictions were lifted. Did the constant pressure on the Canadian Government and the prison authorities help? We all would like to think so!



LAY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FUNDRAISING

Do you have an interest in fundraising projects? We are looking for people to join our fundraising team to evaluate and streamline existing projects and plan exciting new ones that will attract a wider audience. Please contact Barbara Buchanan, Coordinator of Lay Ministry, 416-481-1141 ext 260, barbara@esgunitied.org.