

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

- Monday**
 12:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous
 1:30 pm Yoga (cancelled Feb. 22)
 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 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
 1:30 am Unit 12
 5:15 pm Youth Confirmation

Friday, February 19

- 7:00 pm Youth Night

Sunday,
February 21, 2010

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- 10:30 am Don Parsons
preaching,
Lent I with Jazz

Wednesday, February 24

- 10:15 am Pastoral Care Team
 10:30 am Lectionary Bible Study
 12:00 pm Unit 19
 6:30 pm Audit Committee

Thursday, February 25

- 5:15 pm Youth Confirmation
 5:30 pm Peace with Justice
 7:30 pm Canadian Taizé Brother
Emile Visits ESG

Friday, February 26

- 7:00 pm Final Friday Film

UCC Haiti Relief - Good News Update!

The UCC Emergency Response Fund has grown to over \$777,000! 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 Sunday Women's Group on Feb. 21.

Our generosity can transform us into people who reflect the glory of God.

EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH



Announcements

February 14, 2010

Please join us for coffee after the service hosted by Wellness Committee in the South Studio. After the service today we will be moving the chairs into the round. Your help appreciated!

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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Pancake Supper– Tues., Feb. 16 at 6 pm
 Crafts, songs and storytelling round out this intergenerational Family Friendly Program. \$5 per person or \$15 for families. Tickets available after service. **Donations of baking will be greatly appreciated.** Call Brian or Marnie Malcolm to confirm at 416-406-0214.



Sunday Feb. 21 - ESG Jazz

service for Lent I. Don't miss this spectacular quartet Alex Dean on sax, David Restivo on piano, Scott Alexander plays bass and Brian Barlow on drums.



Thurs., Feb. 25 - 7:30 - 9 pm

Come and enjoy an evening with **Brother Emile of Taizé**. Sign up at the Welcome Desk. Take this opportunity to ask questions and prime yourself for our *Sunday Taizé Worship* on Feb. 28, described on the inside page. > >

Are You an ESG Champion?

ESG committees and staff have been hard at work preparing their budgets for the year. The great news is that, despite the difficult economic climate, a **balanced budget is within our sights** for the first time in many years. It will only take about \$16,000 in additional revenue next year to balance the 2010 budget—an amount typically raised at our **Fall Fundraiser**. We have had to eliminate this Fundraiser from the budget because a “champion” has not yet stepped forward to chair the event, although several people are willing to play a significant role. **Would you be willing to be our “champion?”** A number of good ideas have been discussed, but we are open to new ones—perhaps you have heard of something that worked well in another organization. Would you like to make a difference at ESG? If so, please call Barbara at 416 481-1141 ext. 260 or Connie at ext. 310.

You would be a “champion” in more ways than one!



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

Closed for Family Day
Monday, February 15

ESG News & Events

Exercise Today in the Sanctuary!

All are welcome. Right after the service today we will be moving the chairs. Actually we will be pushing, not lifting, about 4 at a time to get them into 'the round.' Come help out and get a little exercise at the same time. We meet at the chancel steps right after the Postlude. It takes ~ 3/4 hour. Stay for as long as you can. Many thanks.



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 at connie@esgunitied.org.



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. Bring \$5 to help cover costs. Friends are welcome! Any questions? Speak with Sheilagh after church or email her at smmcglynn@hotmail.com.

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.

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

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas



Set in 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 fence has startling and unexpected consequences.

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 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.

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GREEN TIPS FACTS

Go green rather than red this **Valentines Day** – purchase fair trade flowers or chocolate; better still, buy a perennial potted plant rather than cut flowers. Consider giving an experience rather than a consumable – try an outdoor green experience – take your Valentine outside for a playful walk, hike, ski or snowshoe.



Lenten Study Group

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

Join Connie, Deborah and Don for a 4-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 today, Feb. 21 and 28. Cost \$12.00. Sign up at the Welcome Desk.



Sat. March 6, 7:00 pm Not Just Couples Club's 24th Curling Bonspiel



Desire to have fun is essential! Includes curling (lesson at 7:15 pm; Curling draw at 7:45 pm), light food (no dinner this year) and prizes; cash bar available. Tickets \$25 pp. Wear comfortable sports clothes (no jeans). Shoes to be worn on the ice should be carried in. Previous curling experience is not necessary! Hosted by Doug Dicks, Carol Laschinger, Louis Forbes, Greg and Jennifer Thompson at the Bayview Golf & Country Club, 25 Fairway Heights Drive. **RSVP by Monday, March 1.** For reservations, please forward your cheque to: Doug Dicks, 201 St. Leonards Ave Toronto, ON M4N 1K8 (416) 482-2370 or Doug.Dicks@gmail.com

Ewart Angus

Homes – Last fall, Ewart Angus Homes (EAH) celebrated the 10th anniversary of our first home on Merton Avenue for those living with Alzheimer disease, and the 4th anniversary of our second home - Cedarhurst. Last summer, after 10 years as an all-volunteer board, we hired an Executive Director who now oversees the day-to-day operation of the two facilities. This has enabled us to be more responsive to the needs of our current and future residents and their families, and as a result, we are now completely full in both locations. All this would have been impossible without the support of ESG. It was members of our founding congregations that formed Ewart Angus Homes in 1995; it was the financial generosity of ESG (over \$175,000) that made Cedarhurst possible; it is the ongoing dedication of members of ESG who sit on the board, volunteer, or assume other key positions that has made these facilities such a success.

Congratulations.

If you would like more information about EAH and Cedarhurst in particular, please visit the web site at www.cedarhursthome.ca, or ask one of our ministers or board members. ESG outreach makes a difference. Please be part of it.

OUTREACH CORNER

LAY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES GREETERS

Just a reminder to add your name to the greeter's list in the narthex after church today for worship services in the next few weeks. Contact Barbara Buchanan, Coordinator of Lay Ministry, 416-481-1141 ext 260, barbara@esgunitied.org.

