

## 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

**Tuesday, November 24**  
 4:30 pm Pastoral Care Team  
 7:30 pm Outreach Committee  
 7:30 pm Worship Committee

**Wednesday, November 25**  
 12:00 pm Unit 19  
 1:00 pm Letters for Prisoners  
 7:30 pm Book Study-Experiencing an Ecological Christianity

**Thursday, November 26**  
 5:30 pm Peace with Justice

**Friday, November 27**  
 7:00 pm Final Friday Night Film

**Saturday, November 28**  
 9:30 am Sing-Along Messiah - Open Rehearsal (ticket holders)

**Sunday,  
 Nov. 29, 2009**

10:30 am Advent I  
 Service of Lessons  
 and Carols with Communion,  
 Meditation: Deborah Hart

**LOOKING  
 AHEAD**

**Tuesday, December 1**  
 7:00 pm Governing Council

**Wednesday, December 2**  
 8:30 am New Perspectives  
 10:15 am Pastoral Care Team  
 7:00 pm Christmas Flower Arranging Workshop 1  
 7:30 pm Joint Search Committee  
 7:30 pm Book Study-Experiencing an Ecological Christianity

**Thursday, December 3**  
 7:30 pm Ministry & Personnel

**Friday, December 4**  
 6:30 pm Youth Night

**Saturday, December 5**  
 9:30 am Sing-Along Messiah - Open Rehearsal (ticket holders)  
 9:30 am Christmas Flower Arranging Workshop 2

Therapeutic Touch & Reiki by appointment.  
 Contact Ann Schmid at 416-499-0599



Reminder: Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Revenue Unit on Nov. 29

*God is the beginning and the end of  
 all that we have, are, and do.*



**OUR REGULAR HOURS:**  
 Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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# EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

## *Announcements* November 22, 2009

Please join us to celebrate ESG's 11th Anniversary with lunch after the service hosted by the Pastoral Care & New Member Committees in the gym.

## *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 3 - Giving Thanks

**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*

### Stewardship Message

Christian stewardship is a way of living where we recognize that everything belongs to God. It's about sharing in God's generosity to each one of us. One gift that we share together is the spiritual home of Eglinton St. George's. This is the house that God has built and what a house it is! We have become a strong, vital, creative and progressive church. As you reflect on what Eglinton St. George's means to you and your family please consider making an additional donation this year of whatever amount is possible for you. Without the elimination of our deficit, the 2010 budget will require significant adjustments. How much should I give to the operation of our church?

- \* Our individual share of our annual budget is \$160 per month. If you are below this level, could you bring your givings up to this average?
- \* Daily operation of the church is \$3,000

per day. Consider owning a day for \$250 a month.

- \* Sunday Worship costs are \$2,900 per week. Consider owning a service for \$240 a month.
- \* Church School costs are \$454 per week or approximately \$64 a month per child. Consider owning a series of Sundays.
- \* Or, add another \$400, comparable to what we need to eliminate our deficit this year, to your annual givings for next year, \$33 a month.
- \* Please give at least the equivalent of a cup of coffee per day. At \$1.00 per day that's \$365 per year.

Participating in the Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) option allows us to plan responsibly and ensures your givings support the church, even when you are away. Please return your pledge card as soon as possible.

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### The Final Friday Film Nov. 27 at 7 pm.

The Soloist, Director Joe Wright, starring Jamie Foxx and Robert Downey Jr. Based on a true story of a disenfranchised journalist, Steve Lopez, who while walking through Skid Row comes upon a homeless street musician, Nathaniel Ayers, playing a violin with obvious talent and passion. Lopez learns that Ayers was once a dynamic prodigy heading for fame and he embarks on a mission to get Ayers off the streets and back to the music world.



### Plan Ahead for Christmas! Wed., Dec. 2, 7:30 pm or Sat., Dec. 5, 9:30 am.

Decorate your Christmas table with an arrangement you've made at one of the Flower Committee workshops. Materials will be provided for a small fee. Registration required. Sign up at Welcome Desk. Contact: Gail Brown 416-488-0831.



### Not Just Couples Club Christmas Party

Mark your calendars for **Sat. Dec. 5 at 7:30 pm!** Join hosts Catherine and Bruce Peer, Ed and Marilyn Piotrowski and Gail Horrick for our annual festive gathering for good conversation, seasonal treats and traditional carol singing at the Peer residence, 60 Hillholm Rd. Cost: \$20 pp. All are welcome! RSVP to Gail at [gail.horrick@sympatico.ca](mailto:gail.horrick@sympatico.ca) or call 416-483-8376.



### Daily Apple Green Café Holiday Festive Meal Sun., Dec. 6

Enjoy a 3-course Holiday Festive meal using fresh ingredients. Sign up at the Welcome Desk by Wed. Dec. 2. Cost \$15/pp. For info. or sign up via email contact: Penny Wilkins 416-482-9389 or [penny.wilkins@rogers.com](mailto:penny.wilkins@rogers.com)



### A Sing-Along MESSIAH Conducted by Peter Merrick Sun., Dec. 13, 3:00 pm

Add your voice to the splendour of Handel's masterpiece in an intimate church setting. Non-singers are welcome. Please bring a score if you have one. Always wanted to sing solos in Messiah? Singers who wish to will be invited to join our fabulous soloists for parts of the arias. **Join our Open Rehearsals starting next week!** Saturdays Nov. 28 and Dec. 5 at 9:30 am., Dec. 12 at 1:00 pm. Tickets on sale today. **Adults: \$20, Students: \$15.**

**Eva's Phoenix**—Knitters needed to help make 150 scarves for our Christmas Dinner. Contact Gloria van Geilswyk at 416-494-5224.

## Community Events

**Today:** Glebe Road United Church, just steps East off Yonge Street between Eglinton and Davisville, hosts their *Green Celebrations Eco-fair* noon - 4 pm.

### Music at Glenview - Sun., Dec. 6

Music at Glenview Presbyterian Church presents a *Christmas Carol Sing* at 7:30 - 8:30 pm, 1 Glenview Ave., 3 blocks south of Lawrence Subway. Special guests the Chappell Sisters (Celtic Harp, voice) and Vince Peets (Guitar) will create an oasis of calm during a busy season. Glenview Choir, directed by Michael Capon, will lead. A voluntary offering will be collected afterward, and a reception follows. This is the third of six events in the Sunday Eve. Series. Call the office at 416-488-1156 or visit [www.glenviewchurch.ca](http://www.glenviewchurch.ca). Join us for Sunday evening musical refreshment!

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### GREEN TIPS

Decorate with LED Lighting that uses 90 per cent less energy than conventional holiday lights, and save your family up to \$50 on your energy bills during the holiday season. LED lights are available at all major retailers. Bring Toronto Hydro two strings of energy-guzzling incandescents per person, and they will give you a string of FREE LEDs! Have a look at the schedule below to find out where the exchange is happening through December 6th! <http://www.torontohydro.com/sites/electricsystem/electricityconservation/residentialconservation/Pages/2009FestiveLightExchangeSchedule.aspx>



### 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.



### Taizé Event Re-scheduled to 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 of us 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.

### FOOD, FABRIC and FUN

Sun., Dec. 6 is Advent Gift Sunday. We can make a difference for others.

Unwrapped gifts are needed such as:

- \* warm SOCKS, mitts, hats and scarves
- \* games and crafts for boys and girls
- \* fleecy baby wear, diapers, wash cloths
- \* toiletries of all kinds
- \* nonperishable foods like soup, stews, pasta, canned tuna and sardines
- \* And/or cheques made out to "ESG" with memo "For Advent Gift."



More details to come next Sunday about the organizations you will be supporting with your generous gift.

### 2010 Calendars

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

### LAY MINISTRY ESG Gala

#### Thank you

to everyone who volunteered their time to make the ESG Gala such a success.

A number of groups and individuals came together to design logos, sell tickets, decorate, serve food and drinks, organize auction items, run equipment and sing their hearts out!

**A big thanks to everyone involved.**

### OUTREACH CORNER