



Eglinton St. George's United Church

Extending love · Serving others · Growing in faith

News and Announcements January 14, 2018

Growing in Spirituality

Goodbye and Hello

In a couple of weeks ESG will say “Hello” to new minister Paul Hutchison whose first Sunday is February 4. Before that, ESG will say “Goodbye” to renewal minister Abigail Johnson on Sunday, January 28. Goodbyes have feelings attached. Sometimes goodbyes resonate with areas of grief in our lives. We can feel sad or angry or relieved. Acknowledging those feelings is important in the process of saying, “Hello” to someone new. And keep in mind that while ESG says, “Goodbye” to one minister, Paul is saying “Goodbye” to a whole congregation. Grief is a common ground.

Hellos also have feelings attached such as excitement, tentativeness, optimism or pessimism, or more likely, a little of each. Acknowledging a variety of feelings is a good starting point in forming a new relationship.

So today, let's reflect on goodbyes and hellos as we prepare to bless and send off one minister and welcome another.

Blessings, Abigail

Growing in Community

Compassionate Justice TODAY

David Crombie,

Former Mayor of Toronto, Provincial and Federal politician, and teacher, has taught politics and served at three levels of government in both political and advisory capacities. He looks forward to engaging a panel of representatives from our political parties along with audience members in a hearty debate over the most urgent issues of social justice in Canada today. Light lunch at 11:45 am, presentation to follow.



Living with Hope

January 24 & 31 from 7-9 pm

In a time when the world is sending us messages of fear, how do you live a life grounded in hope? Join us for two evenings where we will explore hope's place in your emotional makeup and daily practices that lift your resonance. Learn about the three kinds of stories that you create and how you can learn to write your own story of hope. Leaders Patti Thompson, Abigail Johnson, and Deb McKenzie will share personal and biblical stories of faith and hope to challenge and inspire you.

Growing in Community

ESG Reads Monthly Book Club

On the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 pm, book lovers gather for lively discussion and fellowship. Can't attend every month? No problem, come when you are able. On **January 17**, we will discuss ***Lab Girl*** by Hope Jahren. Contact: Penny Wilkins, penny.wilkins@rogers.com



Abigail Johnson Celebration

Sunday, January 28 will be Abigail's last Sunday at ESG. Let's show our deep gratitude for her creative leadership and sound wisdom over the past year and a half. It's a party! With thank yous, lunch and cake after the service.



Flower Memorials

At this time there are no flower memorials scheduled for January 21. If you would like to place flowers in the church in memory of a loved one, please speak to Diane Cochrane or email her at dcochrane@sympatico.ca

Parenting Drop-In group

Parenting Tweens/Teens? Join us every second Monday evening from 7- 8:30 pm, for a discussion of the issues of 'Parenting Tweens/Teens in the 21st Century'. **Next date January 15 in the North Studio**

Giving Generously

As part of the 2018 Stewardship appeal, we asked members of the congregation to tell us about their connection to ESG's programs. Your words reflect the impact of our community on so many lives ...



Pastoral Care

Over the past ten years, I have had a number of surgeries, the last one being the most serious, and I have discovered for myself what an amazing, caring community we have at ESG. I have had frequent and faithful visits from practitioners at the Wellness Centre, from the pastoral care team, and messages from ESG Cares. As I have no family living in Toronto, this support has been beyond price for me; I have been accompanied to doctors' appointments and brought home from hospital by ESG friends/members. I cannot express in words how grateful I am. Thank you so much, my friends!

-Nora

Reaching out & Serving Others

Outreach Position Opportunity!

We are looking for a staff person to support Outreach at ESG. The person in this position will work with the Outreach Committee and members of the congregation to support interest and involvement in community outreach, and will work with the Outreach Committee Chair and the Minister(s) to encourage an inclusive approach to Outreach. Hours per week: up to 10 hours including Thursdays from 12 pm to 5 pm. If you or someone you know would be interested in this position, please contact Maggie Wilkinson at wilkinsonm18@gmail.com/416 574 4599 for a detailed job description. Resumes expressing interest in this position should be forwarded to Maggie by January 22.

Oussama Rajab employed by Ellis Don

Oussama starts work on January 15th at Ellis Don as a Field Engineer working with their concrete team. Oussama has more than 20 years of construction experience, including experience as a foreman. Since arriving in Canada he intensively studied English and qualified for a 4 month Construction Trade Program for Syrian newcomers. This terrific news is thanks to the efforts of many, members of our congregation who generously gave funds and their time to support Oussama and his family settle well in Canada. A very special thanks to Kristen Ede, Co-Chair of ESG's Syrian Refugee Steering Committee, who leveraged her personal and company network to advocate for Oussama to get him this job. Well done Oussama and ESG!

Out of the Cold

A big thank you to all who supported the December **Out of the Cold Turkey Dinner!** A crew of many volunteer servers, shoppers, bakers, potato peelers, roast slicers, stuffing makers, etc... served a delicious turkey dinner to 150 appreciative guests on December 23rd. A special thanks to Mike Tufts who supplied the turkey roasts at cost with this message:



"Tufts' Valu-Mart is proud to serve the Leaside- Davisville Community. We are a family-run, full service grocer offering the full line President's Choice and value-conscious "no name" products our customers have come to love over the years... as well as stocking all other national brands you know and trust. We routinely partner with community and religious groups to give back to those in need. We are pleased to help with your dinner for the less fortunate member in our city. We also applaud your efforts to take care of your neighbours."

If you are interested in volunteering or baking cookies / squares for an upcoming Out of the Cold Dinner, please sign up on the forms posted in the lobby. There are 3 more dinners: January 27, Feb. 24 and

ESG Calendar

Monday January 15

9:15 am: **Fit Friends**
3:30 pm: **Yoga & Meditation**
5:00 pm: **NT Karate**
6:45 pm: **Yoga & Meditation**
7:00 pm: **Parenting Support Group**

Tuesday January 16

9:15 am: **Fit Friends**
9:15 am: **Quilters**
4:30 pm: **Ministry & Personnel**
8:00 pm: **Alcoholics Anon.**

Wednesday January 17

9:15 am: **Fit Friends**
5:00 pm: **North Toronto Karate**
7:00 pm: **ESG Reads Book Discussion Group**

Thursday January 18

9:15 am: **Fit Friends**
1:00 pm: **Unit 12**
5:00 pm: **NT Karate**
6:00 pm: **VOX Choir**
7:15 pm: **ESG Choir**

Friday, January 19

9:15 am: **Fit Friends**
8:00 pm: **Alcoholics Anon.**

Sunday, January 21

10:30 am: **Sunday Worship**
Church School & Youth Group
12:00 pm: **Worship Committee**

New here?

Welcome to our friendly and supportive caring community. Join us any Sunday morning at 10:30 am for a worship service where we can ask questions and explore our spirituality in a safe place. Can't come every Sunday? You're welcome anytime. Nursery care is available for babies and toddlers. Children and youth start in worship at 10:30, then head off to programs led by our caring and creative staff. After the service, many people stay for conversation and coffee. If you're new or just visiting, grab a red mug for your coffee after service so we can be sure to say hello!

