

# Met news

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## WELCOME BACK

How quickly a lovely summer flies away. Days that have so recently dawned long, warm and bright now begin to pack up their delights and head for southern climes. The seasons change and our life rhythms change with them.

Jerry Herman wrote:

*The best of times is now. What's left of summer but a faded rose? The best of times is now.*

*As for tomorrow, well, who knows? Who knows? Who knows? So hold this moment fast, and live and love as hard as you know how. And make this moment last, because the best of times is now, is now, is now.*

*Now, not some forgotten yesterday. Now, tomorrow is too far away. So hold this moment fast.*

So hold the moment fast as we pick up the memories of vacation and other summer scenes that will keep our winters warm.

The Metropolitan congregation has remained awake and active all summer long. Worship and community services honoured God and helped local people in need. The church staff members have taken time off to retool and refresh and are now back in harness. So we begin the one hundred and ninety-fourth year of our life.

Poets have written:

*"Sundays observe." Think when the bells do chime 'tis angels' music."*

*"Bibles laid open, millions of surprises." "Religion stands on tiptoe in our land."*

We are ready to observe Sundays with you once more. There is deep purpose in what we do. Even as seasons change a central core, vibrant, warm and bright, remains.

Albert Camus tells the truth:

*"In the midst of winter, I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer."*

Welcome!

*Dr. Malcolm Sinclair, Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea, Dr. Patricia Wright*

## WORSHIP

### Gathering Sunday - September 11

*"Ten years since the twin towers"*

9:30am - Communion in the Founders Chapel

*Wade in the Water*

-The Rev. Walter Ridley

11:00am - Morning Worship

*Portrait of the Artist as a Young God*

-The Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair

Dr. Patricia Wright, Minister of Music

The Metropolitan Choir

The Metropolitan Silver Band

## SAVE THE DATE - SEPT STUDY GROUP

Following Dr. Mastandrea's Pilgrimage to Israel in September 4 to 10, we will explore Karen Armstrong's *The Battle for God: A History of Fundamentalism in the three faiths*. Come out to the Narthex at 10 am to noon on Wednesday, Sept 14, 21, 28, and Oct. 5.

## SOMETHING NEW FROM THE CHURCH SCHOOL

We will be using the new Lectionary Based Curriculum resource *FEASTING ON THE WORD*. This year in the ChurchSchool.

<http://www.feastingontheword.net/Pages/Item/1444/Curriculum.aspx>

## NURSERY AT THE MET

We have a nursery for parents with young children staffed by our volunteers. The Nursery is equipped with an audio system that will facilitate, listening to the 11:00 am Worship Service. Beginning Sunday September 11, 11:00 am to 12:15 pm. Come stay with your infant in the comfort of the Met Nursery. Please speak to John Joseph for more information.

## LOCAL SUSTAINABLE FOOD AND YOU

Join us for a lively discussion and activity about making an impact on the future of Canadian agriculture and what we can do to make a difference. We'll be joined by former Markham City Counselor Erin Shapiro who will talk about the potential for large-scale institutional procurement of local sustainable food, and her role with Canadian charity Local Food Plus.

We'll also be doing a taste test between tomatoes grown on our own church grounds, versus imported mystery tomatoes. Think you can taste the difference?

Join us Sunday, Sept. 18, 12:30pm in the Met Centre.

## MUSIC PROGRAMS

**Metropolitan Handbells** will meet on Thursday, September 8 at 6:30 pm in the Nursery. Anyone interested in joining should contact Patricia Wright at 416-363-0331 ext. 26 or [patriciaw@metunited.org](mailto:patriciaw@metunited.org).

**Metropolitan Choir** begins rehearsing on Thursday, September 8 at 7:30 pm in the Chancel Room.

**Music For Children And Youth At Metropolitan:** The Sparklers (ages 4-6) and Choristers (ages 7-12) resume on Sunday, September 11 at 10 am. Our Great Heart ensemble (ages 13 up) also is seeking new members. We always welcome new children and youth – please speak with Patricia Wright.

**Noon At Met** concerts will resume on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 12:15 pm with organist Simon Walker.

**Music At Metropolitan** 2011-2012 brochures are available in the Narthex – our exciting concert year includes a four-concert 'BachFest' featuring Bach's Christmas Oratorio (Nov. 25), a 'Jam Session with Bach' featuring Ben Stein and others on February 4, an organ recital by Patricia Wright on March 16, and the Mass in B minor on Good Friday, April 6.

## AIDS' WALK

Save the date for the AIDS' walk on Sunday, September 25. If you are interested in walking with the team or giving pledges for the walk, please contact Jim Nixon or Jeff Laitar at (416) 260-5101 or [jnixon4411@hotmail.com](mailto:jnixon4411@hotmail.com). We will be in church on Sept. 11, 18 and 25 to collect pledges from you in the Narthex. Come join us for a great walk on an enjoyable day!

## OUTREACH

Outreach programs continue. If you're thinking of volunteering during the week, you are welcome to join the Narthex Greeters or explore opportunities with Community Services or Out of the Cold. Peace and Social Justice meets once a month on a Sunday. Leave your name and contact information at the church office, and Rachel will direct it to your area of interest.

## SUNDAYS STARTING SEPT 11<sup>th</sup>

- 9:30 am: Chapel Communion
- 10:00 am: Metropolitan Sparklers (ages 4-6)  
Metropolitan Choristers (ages 7-11)
- 10:00 am: "One Question" Bible Study
- 10:30 am: Carillon Prelude  
Library Opens
- 10:45 am: Organ Prelude
- 11:00 am: Worship Service  
Church School  
Nursery
- 12:15 pm: Coffee Time  
Great Heart ensemble (ages 12 & up)

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