
SEPTEMBER 2011 ISLINGTON UNITED CHURCH

A Directory of MINISTRIES, PROGRAMS AND GROUPS

A PLACE FOR YOU



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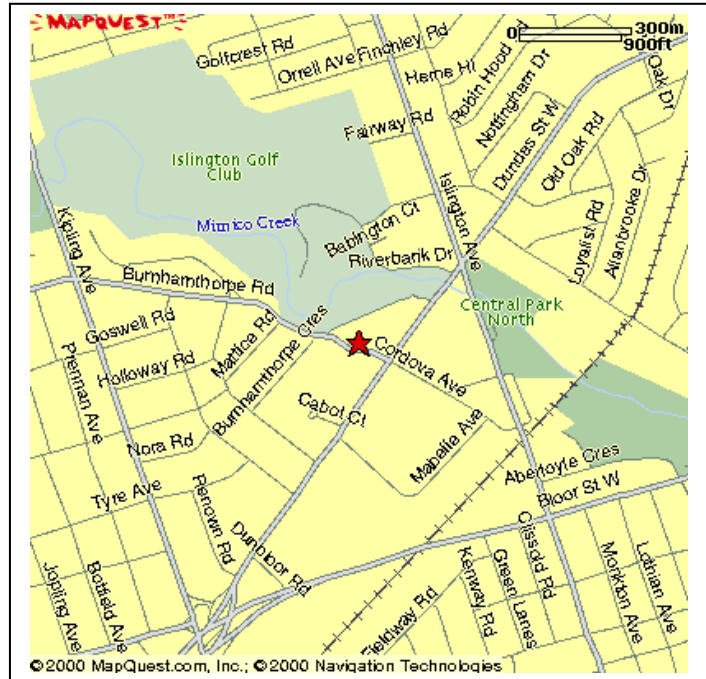
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A Directory of Ministries, Programs and Groups

About Islington United Church

At Islington United Church, we have come to believe that through participation in groups, we can discover our gifts, support our brothers and sisters, serve others, have fun and, best of all, grow closer to God. We strongly encourage you to get involved in the group of your choice. There is lots of room to develop new groups and ministries – what are your dreams?

Many blessings,
The Leadership Team

“That’s a dream I have for my Church – that it would increasingly become a community of communities, a place full of little ‘villages of Christ’ where people really connect, really care, really make their faith visible through love. A place where we help people believe and become by helping them belong.”

“Neo” in *A New Kind of Christian*
by Brian McLaren

Islington United Church is an open, caring, and thriving faith community that invites all people to discover, explore and develop their spirituality, discipleship and stewardship in Christ’s name.



For more information and to offer your ideas and suggestions please contact:
Stewardship & Church Administrator
416.239.1131 ext. 30
office@islingtonunited.org

While every effort has been made to provide accurate information, we apologize for any errors or omissions.



HOW THIS DIRECTORY WORKS

The ministries, programs and groups are listed here alphabetically. Check the index on pages 14 and 15 for names of ministries and groups listed by age (e.g., children, senior, youth, etc.) or interest (e.g., community outreach, evangelism, faith exploration, fellowship, etc.). The full Sunday school schedule can be found on pages 7 and 8.



ABOVE AND BEYOND

Semi-annual

This ministry for widows in our community provides programs, support, prayer and fellowship.

Nov 26, 2011 Afternoon Tea
April 14, 2012 Victorian Luncheon

Contact: Eileen Christie
416.233.7897

ARCHIVES

Help with the collection, preservation, storage and display of our Church's history.

Contact: Carole Bennett
416.239.1131 ext. 33
carole@islingtonunited.org

ARTS & ENVIRONMENT (A&E) COMMITTEE

Bring your creative talents to this group as it plans and organizes the decoration of the Sanctuary and other areas of the church for the special seasons of the church year.

Contact: Jackie Blackwell
905.856.7669
jackieblackwell@rogers.com



BAPTISM SEMINAR

First Thursdays 7:30 pm

Preparation for infant, child and adult baptism, the sacrament of initiation into the Christian church.

Contact: Grace Jinkinson
416.239.1131 ext. 22
grace@islingtonunited.org

BELL CHOIRS

Jubilate (adult) Tuesdays 8:15 pm
Junior Thursdays 7:00 pm
Youth Tuesdays 7:00 pm

Hear that beautiful ringing? It's the sound of hand bells ringing out in worship.

Contact: John Derksen
416.239.1131 ext. 26
john@islingtonunited.org

BIBLE STUDY

Winter 2012 weekly

Deepen your understanding and practice of your faith by exploring the Bible with staff, lay leaders and other interested learners.

Contact: Ministry Team
416.239.1131
office@islingtonunited.org

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As called

Elected trustees hold and administer all property owned by the congregation for the benefit of the congregation as a part of The United Church of Canada under provisions of the Trusts of Model Deed.

Contact: Mark Aitchison
416.239.1131 ext. 23
mark@islingtonunited.org

BRIDGE GROUP

Tuesdays weekly 1:00 pm

Enjoy the fun of a friendly game of cards.

Contact: Claire Tettmar
416.233.2230
Summer: Eileen Christie
416.233.7897



CARING FRIENDS

On request

If you are able to make a meal for a family in need or offer a drive to a senior then you too could be one of Islington's Caring Friends. Help from a Caring Friend is available with just a phone call.

Contact: Rosemary Drinnan
905.602.8614

CHIME MINISTRY

Between Sunday services

We play the organ chimes as a benediction to those leaving worship, as a welcome to those arriving, and to the community.

Contact: Joan Hunter
416.239.1676
hunters01@rogers.com

CHOIRS

See JUNIOR CHOIR
SENIOR CHOIR
YOUTH CHOIR

CHRISTMAS MINISTRY - WHITE BAG SUNDAY

December 2011

This ministry gathers gifts for families and individuals in our community. With the collection and distribution primarily at Christmas, this group works year-round providing assistance to those with limited resources.

Contact: Ron MacNeill
416.621.6607
rmacneill6607@rogers.com

CHURCH 101

Third Tuesdays 7:30 pm

Want to learn more about being a Christian and what it means to be "church?" Come to this monthly informal learning experience. Join at any time in the cycle and complete the nine sessions at your own pace.

Contact: Church Office
416.239.1131 ext. 21
office@islingtonunited.org



CHURCH COUNCIL

2nd Mondays bi-monthly 7:30 pm

The Church Council is elected by the congregation to oversee the spiritual and temporal life and work of Islington United Church.

Contact: David Allen
416.622.7785
daallen@rogers.com

COFFEE HOUR

After each worship service

Come enjoy fellowship and refreshments with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Consider joining the team to host this important hospitality ministry.

Contact: Lynda Sharpe
416.620.9509

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

This committee helps to promote the vision, mission and values within the Church and to our mission field. It also provides communications support for all Church groups.

Contact: David Lang
416.236.8711
dlang@langresearch.ca

COMMUNION MINISTRY

One Sunday monthly

This group prepares and brings the elements of bread and cup, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, to the people of God.

Contact: Roy Crew
905.507.0999
tonge000@sympatico.ca
or Jill Stewart
416.532.4205
jstewart@sympatico.ca

CONFIRMATION

See YOUTH CONFIRMATION

CONNECTING THE DOTS

Fall 2011

People who attended the workshop, "Sneak Peek", are invited to attend "Connecting the Dots." At "Sneak Peek" participants identified their gifts using a Spirit-given questionnaire. In this follow-up workshop we will provide the tools you need to uncover God's plan for your life and your special place at Islington. God wants our hearts to sing as we serve. This workshop will open the door.

Contact: Lynn Morrison
905.990.0240
lynn.morrison@rogers.com

CURLING

Fall/Winter Saturdays 10:00 am

Folks of all ages enjoy the competition and fellowship of curling at High Park Curling Club with our friends from St. James's United. We curl on 10 Saturday mornings from October to March.

Contact: Don Cook
416.233.7516
pac@interlog.com



DAY CLUB

Thursdays 11:00 am

The Islington Day Club is an exercise, support and recreational program for stroke survivors in Etobicoke. Charge is \$2 per meeting. Bring a bag lunch; refreshments are served.

Contact: Jane Howell
416.231.4732
or Joan Cascadden
416.231.0426

DISCOVERY QUEST (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

Sundays during worship

Classes and workshops for children and youth to explore and develop their faith. See details of the program on pages 7 and 8.

Contact: Lauren Hodgson
416.239.1131 ext. 25
lauren@islingtonunited.org

DISCOVERY QUEST LEADERS

Sundays during worship

Program leaders are needed to lead children and youth for three to four week periods as they explore and develop their faith. Training, support and resources are all provided.

Contact: Michael Shewburg
416.239.1131 ext. 31
michael@islingtonunited.org



ELDERS

Tuesdays quarterly 7:30 pm

Join the leaders of our congregation and help us maintain connections. Extend the reach of our faith family to members and newcomers through our Visiting and Welcoming Teams.

Contact: Jack Grady
416.620.1411
jgrady@sympatico.ca

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

2nd Mondays bi-monthly 7:30 pm

This elected Council supports Church Council by overseeing the day-to-day operations and emergency or confidential matters of the Church.

Contact: David Allen
416.622.7785
daallen@rogers.com



FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Thursdays monthly 7:30 pm

This committee oversees the planning, maintenance and repair of our Church home to ensure a welcoming, comfortable and safe environment for Islington's ministries and programs.

Contact: Bob Shirer
416.231.6404
rjshirer@rogers.com



FAITH FAMILY GATHERING

Fourth Fridays 6:00 pm

Young families gather for a casual supper and an evening of family fun and friendship.

- Sept 30, 2011 Movie Night
- October 28 Halloween Party
- November 27 Light Up the Night
- Jan 20, 2012 Singalong Coffee House
- February 24 Valentine's Dance
- March 30 Sports Night
- April 30 Games Night

Other events to watch for :

- October 30 Fall Turkey Supper
- November 20 White Bag Intro
- December 4 White Bag Sunday
- December 18 Christmas Party
- February 22 Pancake Supper & Service of Ashes
- June 1-3 Faith Family Retreat

Contact: Michael Shewburg
416.239.1131 ext. 31
michael@islingtonunited.org
or Linda Wheler
416.239.1131 ext. 24
linda@islingtonunited.org

FAITH FORMATION TEAM

Mondays bi-monthly 7:00 pm

This group plans and oversees a broad range of programs for people of all ages to explore and develop their faith.

Contact: Michelle Allen
416.622.1715
michellelouiseallen1@gmail.com

FIRST PLACE

Mondays 10:00 am

A women's prayer and Bible study group.

Contact: Margot Jewell
416.233.0279

FOOD PANTRY

Thursdays

Our emergency food pantry operates 12 months of the year and is available to anyone needing help. This ministry replenishes supplies and monitors the pantry's use on a monthly basis.

Contact: Ron MacNeill
416.621.6607
rmacneill6607@rogers.com

FRIENDS OF JAZZ

2 to 3 times a year

Join other music lovers to hear Dixieland and other types of jazz at clubs around the city throughout the year.

Contact: Bill and Rosemary Drinnan
905.602.8614

FUNERALS & MEMORIALS

By appointment

When planning your service or a ceremony to honour a loved one and celebrate a life, you or your funeral director may contact any member of the ministry team. (See also *Legacy of Faith* workshop.)

Contact: Ministry Team
416.239.1131
office@islingtonunited.org



GO PROJECT

July 1-12, 2012

July 22-August 2, 2012

A unique mission project for youth from across Canada, grade 9 to age 19, to explore faith and mission by serving in outreach ministries during one of the 12-day sessions in Toronto, Halifax, St. John's, and Vancouver!

Contact: Michael Shewburg
416.239.1131 ext. 31
michael@islingtonunited.org

GOD & GUINNESS

Fourth Mondays 8:00 pm

A young adult gathering (ages 18 to 30) for fellowship, study and conversation. Meet in the Youth Room followed by food and fellowship at The Shamrock & Thistle.

Contact: Michael Shewburg
416.239.1131 ext. 31
michael@islingtonunited.org

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, October 1

Join other golfers – expert and novice, young and not, men and women – for a round of golf followed by dinner and prizes.

Contact: David Townsend
416.231.9388
pettitt.townsend@sympatico.ca

GOOD COMPANY

Saturdays monthly

Join singles and couples for fun events:

- Sept 10, 2011 Climax Jazz Band
- October 1 Dinner & Concert
- November 5 Hills of the Headlands & Dinner
- December 17 Christmas Party
- Jan 14, 2012 Hart House Cabaret
- February 4 Pot Luck & Court Whist
- March 3 Dinner Theatre
- April 14 A Trip to the Races
- May 5 Toronto Walks
- June 9 Barbecue

Contact: Bill and Rosemary Drinnan
905.602.8614

GREEN TEAM

As called

The Green Team is a group of fun-loving people who are supporting IUC's efforts to "live with respect in Creation." Recent projects include installation of solar panels on the church roof to generate renewable energy, plus an energy audit of the premises seeking opportunities for energy conservation. These will be translated into future projects. The team also is part of a wider network focused on greening sacred spaces. New enthusiastic members are always welcome!

Contact: Steve Tower
416.237.0065
stower@rogers.com



GREETER TEAMS

Every sixth Sunday morning

Offer a warm welcome and handshake, and perhaps a little assistance to those arriving for worship. You can choose to welcome worshippers at either the first or second service.

Contact: Murray Wood
416.239.9545
pmwood@ican.net



HEALING MINISTRY

Fourth Mondays 3:00 pm

This committee coordinates all the activities for the Healing Ministry. A healing workshop is also offered from time to time.

Contact: Ed Sparks
416.236.9839
shadow5352@hotmail.com

HEALING PRAYER

Second & fourth Sundays after worship

Prayer with a focus on God's healing presence in our lives and to foster an atmosphere of healing within our community.

Contact: Ed Sparks
416.236.9839
shadow5352@hotmail.com

HELPING HANDS

Outreach work takes many forms at Islington to address the year-round needs in our community:

Christmas Ministry
Food Pantry
Mabelle Food Program
Mission and Service (M&S) Fund
Social Justice Team

Check these entries in this directory for the one(s) that interest you.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Frequently

Food, drink, and fun are on offer through the ministry of Christian hospitality: from Sunday morning Coffee Hour to full lunches and dinners. Planners, buyers, cooks and servers are always needed and welcome.

Contact: Isla Grady
416.620.1411
isla.grady@sympatico.ca
or
Lynda Sharpe
416.620.9509



ISLINGTON DAY CLUB

See **DAY CLUB**



JAZZ GROUP

See **FRIENDS OF JAZZ**

JUNIOR CHOIR

Thursdays 6:00 pm

Fun and music for children ages 6 to 12 with opportunities to sing in worship.

Contact: Christy Cummings
416.231.4442
christy.cummings@bell.net



LECTIONARY REFLECTION

Mondays 12:00 pm

Start your week by meeting friends for a cup of coffee and informal reflection on the Bible readings prescribed for the following Sunday's worship service. These gatherings will provide an opportunity to think about the texts and to share your impressions, ideas, and insights.

Contact: John Derksen
416.239.1131 ext. 26
john@islingtonunited.org

LEGACY OF FAITH

Winter 2012

What will be your legacy of faith? Use the gift of time in this seminar to consider the legacy you wish to leave for future generations: for your loved ones, your church, your charities.

Contact: Carole Bennett
416.239.1131 ext. 33
carole@islingtonunited.org

LENTEN STUDY

Wednesday evenings in Lent

Join other seekers to find new meaning in Lent, the season of contemplation and preparation.

Contact: Ministry Team
416.239.1131
office@islingtonunited.org

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Fourth Mondays 10:00 am

Join this committee to help acquire, review and catalogue items for Islington's expanding Resource Centre ministry.

Contact: Lynn Morrison
905.990.0240
lynn.morrison@rogers.com

ISLINGTON UNITED CHURCH 2011|2012 DISCOVERY QUEST PROGRAM AND FAITH FAMILY EVENTS

SUNDAY SERVICES	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
FIRST & SECOND SERVICES				
Infants & Toddlers (ages 3 and under)	Nursery & toddler care is available each Sunday beginning 15 min before services start.	Nursery & toddler care is available each Sunday beginning 15 min before services start.	Nursery & toddler care is available each Sunday beginning 15 min before services start.	Nursery & toddler care is available each Sunday beginning 15 min before services start.
Junior Kindergarten – Grade 6	September 11 Kick-off Sunday Registration September 18 & 25 <i>Living Thankfully</i>	October 2 <i>Living Thankfully</i> continued October 9 Thanksgiving Sunday <i>Intergenerational Service</i> Children's presentation in worship October 16, 23 & 30 <i>Living Peacefully</i>	November 6 Communion & Peace Sunday <i>Intergenerational Service</i> Children's presentation in worship November 13 & 20 <i>Living Creatively</i> November 27 First Sunday of Advent <i>Intergenerational Communion Service</i> Children's presentation in worship	December 4 Second Sunday of Advent <i>White Bag Sunday</i> December 11 Third Sunday of Advent December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>Birthday Party for Jesus!</i> December 25 Christmas Children welcome in worship
SECOND SERVICE ONLY				
Grades 7 & up	<i>Living with Christ</i>	<i>Living with Christ</i>	<i>Living with Christ</i>	<i>Living with Christ</i>
FAITH FAMILY				
	September 30 <i>Faith Family Gathering – Movie Night</i>	October 28 <i>Faith Family Gathering – Halloween Party</i> October 30 <i>Fall Turkey Supper</i>	November 20 <i>Intro to White Bag Sunday</i> November 27 <i>Light Up the Night</i>	December 4 <i>White Bag Sunday</i> December 18 <i>Children's Christmas Party (during Discovery Quest)</i>

DISCOVERY QUEST & FAITH FAMILY REMINDERS

SUNDAY SERVICES	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH/APRIL	MAY/JUNE
FIRST & SECOND SERVICES				
Infants & Toddlers (ages 3 and under)	Nursery & toddler care is available each Sunday beginning 15 min before services start.	Nursery & toddler care is available each Sunday beginning 15 min before services start.	Nursery & toddler care is available each Sunday beginning 15 min before services start.	Nursery & toddler care is available each Sunday beginning 15 min before services start.
Junior Kindergarten – Grade 6	January 1 Children welcome in worship January 8, 15 & 22 <i>Theme: to be announced</i> January 29 <i>Intergenerational Communion Service</i> Children's presentation in worship	February 5, 12 & 19 <i>Theme: Living as Good Stewards</i> February 26 First Sunday in Lent <i>Intergenerational Communion Service</i> Children's presentation in worship	March 4, 11, 18, & 25 <i>Entering into the Easter Story</i> April 1 Palm/Passion Sunday <i>Walk through Holy Week</i> April 8 Easter Sunday <i>Intergenerational Communion Service</i> Children's presentation in worship April 15, 22 & 29 <i>Theme: to be announced</i>	May 6 <i>Intergenerational Communion Service</i> Children's presentation in worship May 13, 20 & 27 <i>Theme: to be announced</i> June 3, 10, 17 & 24 One Room Discovery Quest
SECOND SERVICE ONLY				
Grades 7 & up	<i>Living with Christ</i>	<i>Living with Christ</i>	<i>Living with Christ</i>	<i>Living with Christ</i>
FAITH FAMILY				
	January 20 <i>Faith Family Gathering – Sing-a-long Coffee House</i>	February 22 <i>Pancake Supper & Service of Ashes</i> February 24 <i>Faith Family Gathering – Valentine's Dance</i>	March 30 <i>Faith Family Gathering – Sports Night</i> April 30 <i>Faith Family Gathering – Family Games Night</i>	May 27 <i>Grade 3 Bible Presentation & Leader Appreciation</i> June 1-3 <i>Faith Family Retreat at Five Oaks Retreat Centre</i>





LINK NEWSLETTER

Two to four times a year

Islington's newsletter, *LINK*, provides thought provoking articles by our staff and members about the many activities within and outside our Church, reflecting the deep spiritual life of this faith community.

Contact: Beth Pollock
416.234.1393
beth.pollock@rogers.com

LIVING WITH CHRIST

Sundays 11:15 am

High school-aged youth gather in the Youth Room to explore faith and culture.

Contact: Jack Grady
416.620.1411
jgrady@sympatico.ca

LOAVES & FISHES COMMITTEE

Third Wednesdays 4:00 pm

This committee explores and develops the themes of stewardship and Christian giving of time, talent and treasure; it guides the planning, budgeting and financial reporting for Islington United Church.

Contact: Val Greenfield
416.621.3656
val.greenfield@rogers.com

LUNCH & LEARN

Mondays 12:00–2:00 pm

Join members and friends for a soup and sandwich lunch followed by an entertaining guest speaker, all for \$10 per person.

September 12, 2011
November 21

Contact: Ted Wilson
416.231.7726
ewwilson@rogers.com



MABELLE FOOD PROGRAM

Two Wednesdays each month

Located at 49 Mabelle Avenue and funded in part by the Daily Bread Food Bank, this program welcomes volunteers of all ages. Donations of food are welcome and can be left in the food bank box on the upper level outside the Church office, in the Narthex, or in the family centre in the Sanctuary.

Contact: Ron MacNeill
416.621.6607
macneill6607@rogers.com

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

January 28 & February 4, 2012

A program of two sessions for brides and grooms and newly-married couples to prepare for their new life together.

Contact: Grace Jinkinson
416.239.1131 ext. 22
grace@islingtonunited.org

**MINISTRY & PERSONNEL
(M&P) COMMITTEE**

Monthly 7:00 pm

This is the human resources "department" of the Church – providing support for all Church staff and overseeing the relationship between staff and the congregation.

Contact: Debbie Stephens
905.828.1855
debbie.stephens@hp.com

**MISSION AND SERVICE
(M&S) FUND**

Thanksgiving 2011

The M&S Fund supports all the work of The United Church of Canada – locally, nationally and around the world – our faith in action.

Contact: Carole Bennett
416.239.1131 ext. 33
carole@islingtonunited.org

MUSIC AT ISLINGTON

This group organizes a concert series which highlights the talents of Islington and Toronto musicians. Tickets are available as a subscription series or individually.

Oct 1, 2011 All-Star Big Band
November 12 Etobicoke Youth Band
Jan 28, 2012 Robbie Burns Night
March 31 Earth Hour Concert
May 13 Mother's Day Cabaret

Contact: Val Greenfield
416.621.3656
val.greenfield@rogers.com

MUSIC COMMITTEE

To promote and support the musical expression of worship, education and outreach for the congregation.

Contact: Ron Jewell
416.233.0279
ronjewell@sympatico.ca



NURSERY & TODDLER CARE

Sundays during worship

Excellent caregivers provide care to little ones during every worship service. We are equipped with a paging system so caregivers can reach parents during the service, if necessary.

Contact: Lauren Hodgson
416.239.1131 ext. 25
lauren@islingtonunited.org



OFFICE VOLUNTEER TEAM

Weekly

Use your people skills and other talents as you contribute to the smooth operation of the Church office – greeting members and visitors, helping with routine administrative tasks and inquiries, offering the first care to callers in need.

Contact: Carole Bennett
416.239.1131 ext. 33
carole@islingtonunited.org



100 WAYS TO PRAY

Holy Week 2012

Join our faith community in prayer during Holy Week: learning and sharing in different ways to pray – an event for the whole church organized by young people.

Contact: Michael Shewburg
416.239.1131 ext. 31
michael@islingtonunited.org

OUT OF THE COLD

Twice each winter

Join our team to cook and/or serve a hot supper for the homeless in our community hosted by our friends at All Saints' Anglican: two Fridays between November and April.

Contact: Bill Drinnan
905.602.8614



PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE

Second Wednesdays 9:30 am

This committee provides oversight and support to Islington's pastoral care ministries.

Contact: Sally Hubbs
416.231.3237
zoe-8@sympatico.ca

PLANNED GIVING

By appointment

Your joyful gift can continue or create rich ministries and programs of faith at Islington for generations to come. For a confidential discussion –

Contact: Carole Bennett
416.239.1131 ext. 33
carole@islingtonunited.org

PRAYER AND MEDITATION

2nd and 4th Thursdays 1:30 pm

A small group ministry that provides participants with an opportunity to explore their faith through prayer, scripture and guided meditation.

Contact: Maureen Wilson
416.231.7726
ewilson@rogers.com

PRAYER LINK

On request

A network of people who will pray in confidence for anyone in need because of life events – failing health, unemployment, broken relationships, loneliness – whatever stresses life may bring.

Contact: Sally Hubbs
416.231.3237
zoe-8@sympatico.ca
or Betty Tansley
416.239.0758
elizabethtansley@rogers.com

PRESBYTERY

See **SOUTH WEST PRESBYTERY**

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

See **FACILITIES COMMITTEE**



READERS' GUILD

Sunday worship services

Reading God's Word to the people of God, making the biblical words come alive in the minds and hearts of worshippers. Each person reads three times a year on a rotation basis.

Contact: Clarice Giffen
416.255.7235
claricegiffen@rogers.com

REFUGEE SUPPORT MINISTRY

Wednesdays monthly 7:15 pm

From planning and fundraising to advocacy and hands-on support, this group co-ordinates the annual sponsorship of a family emigrating to Canada.

Contact: Diane Anger
416.233.0350
dianeanger1@gmail.com

RISE - JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

1st and 3rd Sundays 12:30 pm

A junior youth group of fun, faith and friendship for kids in grades 4 to 6 each month from September to May.

Contact: Michael Shewburg
416.239.1131 ext. 31
michael@islingtonunited.org



SCOUTING - BEAVERS

Tuesdays 7:00 pm

Emphasizes having fun while encouraging children to feel good about themselves, their friends and family, God, and nature. Beavers helps children learn basic social skills and gain self-confidence. Boys and girls, ages 5 to 7.

Contact: Mike Baxter
416.231.4007
mike@digitalbaxter.com

SCOUTING - CUBS

Tuesdays 7:00 pm

Cubbing is built around a lively variety of games, crafts, music, storytelling, play acting, spiritual fellowship, and the outdoors. The Cub program focuses on six activity areas: the natural world, outdoors, creative expression, healthy living, home and community, and Canada and the world. Individual interests and skills are recognized through simple awards. Boys and girls, ages 8 to 10.

Contact: Grant Wigle
416.626.1776
grant.wigle@cadbury.com



SCOUTING – SCOUTS

Wednesdays 7:00 pm

Designed around a variety of activities based on personal and group interests, Scouts emphasizes outdoor and environmental activities, citizenship and community service, leadership, and personal development.

Individual interest and skills are recognized through an awards system.

Coed, ages 10 to 14.

Contact: Bryan Hocking
416.626.6567
bdhocking@sympatico.ca

SCOUTING – VENTURERS

Tuesdays 7:00 pm

Emphasizes outdoor and environmental activities, citizenship and community service, leadership and personal development, and career exploration. Individual interests and skills are recognized through an awards system. Coed, ages 14 to 17.

Contact: Grant Wigle
416.626.1776
grant.wigle@cadbury.com

**SCOUTING –
GROUP COMMITTEE**

First Mondays 7:30 pm

Group Committee volunteers help with the administration of the Scouting group, including registration, fundraising, and providing service and support to section leaders.

Contact: Cindy Paget
416.233.2937
cpaget@rogers.com

SEEKERS YOUTH GROUP

See **YOUTH GROUP – SEEKERS**

SENIOR CHOIR

Thursdays 7:30 pm

Sundays 11:00 am

Leading the people of God in music for worship each week – to the glory of God.

Contact: John Derksen
416.239.1131 ext. 26
john@islingtonunited.org

SENIORS' CELEBRATION

October 25, 2011

April 18, 2012

Held twice each year, seniors come together for Communion, fellowship, lunch and entertainment.

Contact: Jodi Smith
416.231.3499

SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM

Second Tuesdays bi-monthly

9:30 am

The Social Justice Team derives its mandate from *A New Creed* "to seek justice and resist evil." This task is carried out through education on social issues and initiating and supporting social actions. New members wanted and welcome!

Contact: Virginia Beane
416.231.8279
vbeane@rogers.com

**SONGS ARE SEEDS –
SONGWRITERS' CIRCLE**

Wednesdays 8:00 pm

September 14–November 16, 2011

The light and healing of spiritual song writing. Songs are seeds that grow, that nourish: ourselves, our communities, our Earth. Join fellow songwriters of all levels as we create and share from our spirit – unleash the Holy Spirit within you!

Contact: Carlo DiZio
647.455.5395
carlomusicartist@gmail.com

SOULSTICE

September 25, 2011

December 18, 2011

March 18, 2012

June 17, 2012

Rooted in the changing of the seasons, youth and young adults lead inspired and energizing worship, born from the Spirit of creativity. Join us for coffee and dessert in an atmosphere for song, dance, laughter, tears – free your soul!

Contact: Michael Shewburg
416.239.1131 ext. 31
michael@islingtonunited.org

SOUND CREW

All worship services

Help with microphones, mixing and taping to support our worship services.

Contact: Peter Dunlop
416.239.6283
pbdunlop@rogers.com

SOUTH WEST PRESBYTERY

Third Tuesdays

Islington is one of many congregations overseen by South West Presbytery, a United Church court made up of clergy and lay people. Our assessment fees assist three community ministries as well as other ministries and programs within the presbytery and Toronto Conference.

Contact: Virginia Beane
416.231.8279
vbeane@rogers.com
or Mike Wood Daly
416.533.9252
groundlevel@rogers.com

SPIRITUAL GIFTS MINISTRY

See **CONNECTING THE DOTS**



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Second & fourth Tuesdays 7:00 pm

A Christ-centred, one-to-one, free and confidential caring ministry for members of our church and our community.

Contact: Linda Wheler
416.239.1131 ext. 24
linda@islingtonunited.org

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING

November 2011–May 2012

This 50-hour training program equips competent, caring Christians to offer supervised care to those in crisis. The 20 modules cover topics such as confidentiality, listening, assertiveness, and the challenges of loss.

Contact: Dale Kucharczyk
416.233.9313
dkucharczyk@rogers.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL

See **DISCOVERY QUEST** and **Pages 7-8**



TAIZE WORSHIP

**First Wednesdays 7:30 pm
(October–June)**

A beautiful candlelit worship experience, filled with meditative music and prayer. Suitable for ESL.

Contact: John Derksen
416.239.1131 ext. 26
john@islingtonunited.org

TAPE MINISTRY

Sunday worship services

Recordings of Sunday worship services are reproduced and distributed to those who order a copy from the Church office: \$4 per copy. Homebound people can stay connected to worship at Islington by borrowing Home Tapes at no cost.

Worship Peter Dunlop
Tapes: 416.239.6283
pbdunlop@rogers.com
Home Alan Garth
Tapes: 416.621.2746
alan.garth@3web.com

TODDLER CARE & NURSERY

Sundays during worship

Excellent caregivers provide care to little ones during every worship service. We are equipped with a paging system so caregivers can reach parents during the service, if necessary.

Contact: Lauren Hodgson
416.239.1131 ext. 25
lauren@islingtonunited.org

TRUSTEES

See **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Leadership as called

Outreach–
Jubilee Unit 3rd Mon. 7:30 pm
Priscilla Unit 3rd Wed. 1:15 pm
Village Unit 3rd Mon. 12:30 pm

Fellowship and exploration of faith for all women of the congregation.

Leadership Ann Howard
Contact: 416.233.9527
maggieorann@rogers.com

Outreach Lynda Sharpe
Jubilee: 416.620.9509

Priscilla Claire Tettmar
Contact: 416.233.2230

Village Audrey MacLeod
Contact: 416.622.3718

USHERING TEAMS

Every sixth Sunday morning

Six teams of men, women and youth share the ministry of welcoming worshippers on a rotation basis on Sunday mornings.

Contact: John Page
416.233.9873
itsjohnpage@gmail.com



VACATION BIBLE CAMP

August 2012

Children, ages 5 to 13, and their youth and adult leaders gather for fun, crafts, music and Christian growth for five summer mornings.

Contact: Michael Shewburg
416.239.1131 ext. 31
michael@islingtonunited.org

VISITATION MINISTRY

Caring visitors reach out to our elderly homebound friends. Visits and calls are made to their homes, seniors' residences and hospitals. This is an opportunity to share our Christian love.

Contact: Bev Walton
416.622.8515
bwelderfield@sympatico.ca



WEBSITE WORKING GROUP

Tuesdays quarterly 7:30 pm

Writers, researchers and designers are welcome to help shape and maintain www.islingtonunited.org.

Contact: Robert Picard
905.569.6872
rpic@sympatico.ca



WEDDINGS

By appointment

Plan your wedding at Islington United Church, the perfect place to begin a committed life together in marriage.

Contact: Grace Jinkinson
416.239.1131 ext.22
grace@islingtonunited.org

WELCOMING TEAM

As called

Help plan the activities that continue to make Islington United a welcoming place for all.

Contact: Steve Tower
416.237.0065
stower@rogers.com

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER

April 22-28, 2012

"A retreat in the city" – an opportunity to undertake an intentional program of daily prayer with a trained faith companion.

Contact: Dale Kucharczyk
416.233.9313
dkucharczyk@rogers.com

WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT

October 27, 2012

Every two years the women of Islington and their friends and family are invited to take some time away from the rush of life and to grow in spirit in the company and fellowship of other women. The location of this event will be announced.

Contact: Lynn Morrison
905.990.2626
lynn.morrison@rogers.com

WORSHIP

Sundays 9:30 & 11:15 am
Summer Sundays
June 17-September 2, 2012
10:00 am

The great assembly of the congregation to celebrate God's presence and to respond to God's call to service in our world.
Contact: Mark Aitchison
416.239.1131 ext. 23
mark@islingtonunited.org

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Quarterly

The committee discovers and develops meaningful forms of worship with the ministerial team.
Contact: Elsa van Vliet
416.234.1948
evliet@interlog.com



YOU GROUPS

- YOU 1 Wed. evenings monthly**
- YOU 2 Third Mondays 1:15 pm**
- YOU 3 Tues. evenings monthly**

Peer-led women's groups for growth and spiritual development.

YOU 1 Lorie Burek
Contact: 416.233.7603
lburek@mdsintl.com

YOU 2 Dale Kucharczyk
Contact: 416.233.9313
dkucharczyk@rogers.com

YOU 3 Pattie Aitchison
Contact: 416.620.3887
paitchison@sympatico.ca

YOUTH CHOIR

Thursdays 6:00 pm
Sundays 9:00 am

Teens leading God's people in song every week!

Contact: Brenna Conrad
416.895.2339
bconrad_000@msn.com
or John Derksen
416.239.1131 ext. 26
john@islingtonunited.org

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Youth interested in exploring their faith are invited to this in-depth, year-long program, leading to full church membership.

Contact: Michael Shewburg
416.239.1131 ext. 31
michael@islingtonunited.org

YOUTH - GO PROJECT

See GO PROJECT

YOUTH GROUP - SEEKERS

Sundays 12:30 pm

Learning, sharing and fun programs for youth in grades 7 to 12. Check the youth bulletin board for coming events.

Contact: Michael Shewburg
416.239.1131 ext. 31
michael@islingtonunited.org

YOUTH RETREAT

October 28-30, 2011

An incredibly great weekend of faith and fun at Cedar Glen for all youth in grades 7 to 12 at Islington. A great way to kick off the church year and meet other IUC youth.

Contact: Michael Shewburg
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michael@islingtonunited.org





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Office Volunteer Team
Sound Crew

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