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FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

## 'Vacate'

*"Be still and know that I am  
God." Psalm 46:10*

(Pastor's note: This is a reprise of a slightly modified summer article from a number of years back)

Summertime will be quickly upon us. Father's day, graduations, strawberries galore, successive music festivals will all signal a certain annual transition: summer holidays. Many will be looking forward to a vacation or 'stay-cation'; just some sort of welcomed break from the regular routine.

Our English word 'vacation' is derived from a Latin word. 'Vacate' is the Latin imperative that translates the first two words of that well known verse from Psalm 46; *"Be still and know that I am God."* This Latin word 'vacate' has the cadence of the biblical understanding of Sabbath. In other words, there is a spiritual pedigree associated with the notion of vacation. Vacation is intended to alter the pace of our living and striving; it is a seductive invitation to connect with our deepest yearnings: peace, calm, clarity, love, truth. It is a call to "be still", to exchange our crazy-busy activity for the rhythms of tranquility, the sounds of silence and the beckoning of our Creator.



As Simon Tugwell writes, *"God invites us to take a holiday [vacation], to stop being God for a while, and let him be God."*

This is not primarily about doing nothing. When vacation is about just doing nothing or doing something different, without this element of holy reflection, then when the vacation is over, we just tend to go back to the "same-old, same-old". What this 'sabbath' understanding of 'vacate' is about is being still long enough to allow ourselves to be overtaken by Beauty and its source, the Beautiful God, to whom we belong.

Jesus says: *"Come unto me all you who are weary and I will give you rest."* It is the same kind of rest with which 'vacate' is concerned. An opportunity to "Behold" and to "consider" what is truly true, and what truly matters ultimately.

I have written elsewhere of Patricia Adams Farmer's definition of Beauty

as “*that which glistens on the edges of our yearnings and lures us into the depth of things. Its mystery lures us to deep communion with all creation. Its sensuality calls us to incarnate God on our walks on a sandy beach.*”



It is when we truly ‘vacate’ that we can give into these deep God-induced yearnings and luring which renders us more vulnerable and ripe for Beauty’s overtaking. Living in the mode of the psalmist’s declaration: “Be still [‘vacate’], and know that I am God”, positions us to be overtaken by Beauty.

This God-given joy, creativity, inclination to mercy, compassion and faith, which all live with Beauty, start to pervade our daily living, thinking, acting, emoting, and hoping: when you do the dishes, shop for groceries, help your neighbour at the cottage, diaper a baby, take your teeth out at night, forgive a painful wounding, forebear a toxic work colleague, advocate for justice for indigenous peoples, walk in the woods, risk your first awkward kiss, run/walk for charity, bury your loved one, laugh your guts out at a good joke, worship and pray, make the game-winning play, realize you are eternally loved, add a new bug to your bug collection, complete a 50k bike ride, dig into the pie your neighbour brought you out of the blue, write your first letter for amnesty, get your G2 licence, graduate after semesters of hard work, heal

and grow after your divorce...

When we emerge from this kind of ‘vacate’ (vacation), by God’s grace we are less likely to be the same when we return to our regular routines. Going forward, we are more likely to want to build in more ‘mini’ opportunities to “Be still” if we welcome the presence of our Creator and the spirit of Christ into our ‘vacate’.

It’s fun to share these deep learnings and insights with our brothers and sisters in the Parkdale faith community. So may I invite us all to remember that our life and worship continue throughout the summer though at a slower pace. If you are in town, do bless the community with your presence at worship, and please continue to make arrangements for your financial offerings to be present even when you are away.

If you are up to it, when we come back together as a full community in the fall, let us bring with us a story to share; a story of a particular experience of being ‘overtaken’ by our Beautiful God during our time of ‘vacate’.

Please let us continue to hold one another in prayer over the summer. Also remember to continue to keep Melodee Lovering in prayer as she partners with God for restoration and inspiration in her time of sabbatical.

Grace and Peace and Love to you all  
Anthony

## Employment Opportunity

Our Property Custodian, Khan Chao, will be retiring later this year after 35 years of dedicated and faithful service.

We are now seeking an individual to fill this position, commencing in September. This is a full-time position, with standard United Church of Canada employee benefits. The salary will be commensurate with relevant qualifications and experience.

Anyone who is interested/qualified should send a resume and any related background information to [recruitment@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:recruitment@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca). A copy of the detailed job description is on our church website at [www.parkdaleunitedchurch.ca](http://www.parkdaleunitedchurch.ca) (listed under **Opportunities**.)

Applications will be accepted until **June 30, 2016**.

The first Sunday of each month is Food Centre Sunday.



Donations can be dropped

off anytime through the week in the shopping cart in the Gladstone Hallway. Financial donations may be made through the offering. Mark your donation "Parkdale Food Centre".

In the summer when so many are away at cottages and on holidays, we will try something different. This summer I'm asking you to **wait until September to bring in milk bags and egg cartons**, we have enough to do us the summer. The cart will be checked periodically during the summer by someone from the Food Centre. Please continue to donate pasta, sauce, toothbrushes, cereal, rice, canned beans, jam and peanut butter. We are also looking for some new slow cookers, to support the PFC's nutritious food initiative.

Thanks and have a great summer.

Dian



## Presbytery Meeting

Parkdale hosted the May meeting of the United Church's Ottawa Presbytery, which regroups local pastoral charges or congregations. Approximately 100 ordained and lay representatives from 51 churches in the Ottawa Presbytery participated in the meeting, which included a buffet dinner in Tape Hall. The main meeting was held in the sanctuary, starting with a welcoming address by Parkdale Council's President, Scott Andrews, and separate groups met in different locations throughout the building.





## Our Five Cornerstones

Many public buildings have a ceremonial cornerstone, or foundation stone, which is usually the initial stone that is set in the construction of a masonry foundation. All the other stones are then set in reference to this stone, thereby determining the exact position of the entire structure.

Cornerstones usually have an inscription that indicates the date of the building's construction, and other significant details.

During this 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of Parkdale United Church, it is worth noting that our building also has an inscribed cornerstone. Not only that, we actually have five of them!

At the corner of Parkdale and Gladstone Avenues is a stone enscribed "Parkdale United Church, 1931." This marks the formal founding of our church through the merging of Bethany and Rosemount

United Church congregations.

Then, embedded in the exterior north wall of the sanctuary are three more cornerstones which form an earlier part of our foundational history: Hintonburg Methodist 1903, Bethany Presbyterian 1911, and Rosemount Methodist 1916.

The fifth cornerstone is located on the left side of the main exterior entrance to Memorial Hall, which was dedicated in 1951 by Dr. Norman Coll, Parkdale's first minister, who served for 30 years.

The historic origins of the practice of laying cornerstones is vague, but there are at least six references to the concept of cornerstones in each of the Old and New Testaments. The Apostle Paul referred to Jesus as the cornerstone of the church, and in the Book of Ephesians (2:20) Jesus is described as the cornerstone of a faith, rather than a building.

By Peter Meerburg



Rev. Nick Phillips was guest speaker at the May 1st Sunday worship service celebrating Parkdale's 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He also attended the bazaar the day before (shown opposite), and helped some shoppers with carrying out their purchases.

A liturgical dance entitled "We are One", was offered at the 85th Anniversary service.

From left to right: Gloria Goodine, David Odumodu, Jennifer Payne and Camille Beaufort.





## News from the Pews

### 103 Birthday Wishes!

Clare Campbell, the oldest member of our congregation, celebrated his 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday on May 24.

Asked how it felt to reach such a significant age, Clare said “I don’t need any recognition. It’s just good to get up every morning.” He goes for a walk or does some fitness activity in his building’s exercise room every day. One of his favourite pastimes is watching baseball games on television.



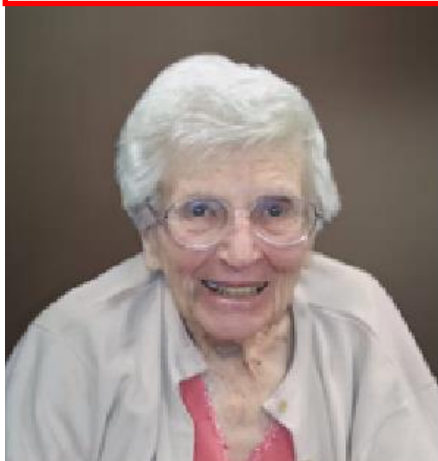
He is very appreciative of the ongoing support and friendship he continues to receive from members of the Parkdale family.

Happy Birthday Clare, and congratulations!



## **Corinne Forward Redlich**

May 15, 1919 – Dec 28, 2015



Corinne Redlich passed away peacefully at the Westmount Long Term Care Centre in Kitchener, Ontario. She had moved there in October 2014 after a fall at her home in Richmond Lodge, Richmond, Ontario and a stay at the Queensway-Carleton Hospital.

Corinne was a lifelong member of Parkdale United Church. She grew up and lived for many years with her mother and her aunts right next door in Forward House (now Abbeyfield House), which was a major hub of activity for family and friends for many years. Corinne was many things to many people: an active member of Parkdale's UCW Unit 14, a dedicated CGIT (Canadian Girls in Training) leader for at least 25 years, and a longtime

Camp Kalalla counsellor.

However, her Parkdale legacy may be most lasting through her work with Project 4000, an initiative initially intended to sponsor 4,000 Vietnamese refugees in Ottawa, but soon spreading awareness of the humanitarian crisis not only in Vietnam but also in Cambodia and Laos.

It was this refugee program that resulted in our beloved Khan Chao and his family arriving in Ottawa from Cambodia. It was not long before Khan started working at Parkdale, where he has been a mainstay for over 35 years. Parkdale ultimately sponsored four families from Cambodia, all of them related to Khan. Khan's nephew, Khair, and his family arrived in 1986-87, and Khair has fond and lasting memories of those early days with Corinne. She will always be remembered by the Chao families, for her generosity and kindness. There are many happy memories of wonderful summer days at Corinne's cottage on Grand Lake, where swimming three times a day was mandatory!

Corinne is also mourned by many cousins, including Sue Ann, Kelly and Christopher McGeagle and Jayne and Bill Forward, and our prayers are with the family.

Corinne was a wonderful Christian woman, devoted to serving others and providing leadership. The purpose of CGIT, an organization to which Corinne devoted much of her time and considerable talent, perhaps best illustrates Corinne's life: "As a Canadian Girl in Training, it is my purpose to cherish health, seek truth,

know God and serve others and thus, with His help, become the girl that God would have me be."

Rest peacefully, Corinne; God is surely well pleased with the girl that you became.

Submitted by Helen Hayes

## **PEARCE, Lorraine (Winnifred) nee Smith**

August 5, 1916 - May 8, 2016



Peacefully at Maycourt Hospice in her 100th year. Predeceased by her husband Ross Pearce, her brothers Arnold, Joseph, Claire, Donald, Raymond Smith and sister Helen Moodie. Loving Aunt of Alan (Lillian) Smith, Roger Smith, Faye (Bill deceased) Newcombe, Sheila Hewitt, Beverly (Wain) Dunn,

Edward (Deborah) Smith, Keith (Marilyn) Davidson, Shirley Davidson (deceased), Don (Leona) Smith, Gary and Rosmary Moodie (deceased), Wayne (deceased) Elizabeth Moodie, Barrie (Valerie) Moodie.

A precious aunt to her many great-nieces and nephews, Lorraine was a longtime resident of the Denbury Condominium, a member of Parkdale United Church and a 39-year employee of Imperial Oil. The family wishes to extend their thanks to Dr. Ruth Ellen and Dr. Andrew Mai and the caring staff at the Maycourt Hospice.

## Annual Yuletide Bazaar

### Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 5, 2016

Greetings from the planning committee for this year's Yuletide Bazaar. It may seem early to be reminding the congregation of this event, but Parkdale continues to be a very active congregation and it is important to advance notice of this major fund-raising event. So please mark your calendars. This year's Bazaar will be held on Saturday November 5, 2016. Doors will open at 10:00 am.

Set-up for the Bazaar will happen on Thursday November 3 and Friday November 4. Your participation and support would be most appreciated. It is a great time of fellowship and fun and an opportunity to renew friendships and meet new members of the congregation.

Last year, the Bazaar was one of our most successful yet, with net sales totaling over \$14,100. The Bazaar continues to be a significant fundraiser for the church. It is successful because of the generosity of the congregation. Donations are the key to our past

and future success!

**Donations for the Bazaar can be made at any time.** So if you are thinking of cleaning out a closet or downsizing this summer, please consider Parkdale as you decide what to do with your special items. **We are looking for jewelry, antiques or older items of interest, china, collectibles, knitting, attic treasures, books, plants, linens, ladies' fine accessories, Christmas items and children's toys. We are also looking for donations of 250ml glass jars with lids for preserves.**



Please remember we do not take clothing at the Bazaar. All donations can be left at the church office during regular business hours or on Sunday before or after church.

If you have any questions or would like to join our great group of volunteers, please contact me at [judy.hamley@gmail.com](mailto:judy.hamley@gmail.com).

Thanks,  
Judy Hamley-Convenor  
Deb Paterson-Volunteer & Set-up Co-coordinator

## Welcome, New Members!

Five new members formally joined the congregation during the June 12 worship service. Prior to the service, they attended a buffet breakfast hosted by the Membership Development Committee.



From left to right, Kate Dunn, Mona Moorhouse, Judy McIntosh, Cynthia Adam. The fifth new member, Sarah Shepard, was unable to participate due to illness.

Kate joined through transferring her membership from St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Ottawa, while the others joined via re-affirmation of their Christian faith.





The Parkdale Senior Choir celebrated the end of a very busy and productive season with a small celebration at the home of Pamela and Jim Gemmell. After an incredible potluck feast, the choir did not miss the opportunity to keep their pipes tuned by working on some musical pieces for the remainder of June.



From left to right: Pamela Gemmell, Beth Gutsell, choir director Carol Diamond at the piano, Alexandra Stockwell, Tracey Kelley, Paul Crabtree, Gloria Goodine, Susan Mailer, KerryLynn Grozinger, and Rob Hilkes.  
Photos: Susan Mailer

## **Birthdays in July**

### **Our warmest greetings to**

5<sup>th</sup> Nathan Christopher

9<sup>th</sup> Mary Smellie

9<sup>th</sup> Malcolm Burnett

10<sup>th</sup> Sophie Lagrandeur-Dufresne

13<sup>th</sup> Vivica Mercy

15<sup>th</sup> David Baird

16<sup>th</sup> Kristin Bailey

16<sup>th</sup> Brianna Crocker

17<sup>th</sup>Carolynn Fought

19<sup>th</sup> Xavier Jeglic

19<sup>th</sup> Emily McLay Cronin

19<sup>th</sup> Gloria Sewell

20<sup>th</sup> Akua Mercy

22<sup>nd</sup> Kristin Angus

22<sup>nd</sup> Pearl Hanna

22<sup>nd</sup> Jacob Johnston

22<sup>nd</sup> Jessica Truax

26<sup>th</sup> Kay Cardillo

27<sup>th</sup> Alexander Trant

27<sup>th</sup> Matthew Trant

29<sup>th</sup> Holly Koenig

29<sup>th</sup> Meirin McGuinty



## **Birthdays in August**

3<sup>rd</sup> Jennifer Payne

6<sup>th</sup> Julia Bell

6<sup>th</sup> Bilal Huggins

7<sup>th</sup> Shayla McQuinn

8<sup>th</sup> Derek Grozinger

8<sup>th</sup> Barbara Hennessy

9<sup>th</sup> Robert Scott

10<sup>th</sup> Isaac Andrews

16<sup>th</sup> Callum Barden-Underhill

17<sup>th</sup> Janice Gray

17<sup>th</sup> Joyce Webster

17<sup>th</sup> Romana O'Brien

19<sup>th</sup> Dominique Ahmed-Robin

22<sup>nd</sup> Wally Prater

23<sup>rd</sup> Larry King

24<sup>th</sup> James Benjamin Harman

26<sup>th</sup> Gretchen Koch

27<sup>th</sup> Evelyn MacKlem

28<sup>th</sup> John Butcher

28<sup>th</sup> Emmett Deschamps

29<sup>th</sup> Mary Tsikouras

30<sup>th</sup> Olivia MacLachlan

31<sup>st</sup> Matthew Baker

*If you would like your birthday to be a secret and your name taken off the list, please let the office know.*



## COUNCIL REPORT

### COUNCIL MEETING of April 19, 2016

Scott Andrews, Chair, welcomed members to the meeting and passed the floor to Melodee Lovering.

Melodee led the opening devotion, following up on the decision at the March meeting that Council members needed to experience a variety of spiritual practices before embarking on the study of Ruth Haley Barton's book on discernment. She distributed a sheet with tips for reading the Bible for devotional purposes, and emphasized the importance of prayer at the beginning and the end of the session. After an opening prayer, we were invited to practice reading the bible for devotional purposes, using two versions of Matthew 6: 25-34, the New American Standard Bible (NASB) and the Contemporary English Version (CEV). We were encouraged to spend some time letting God enter our space before reading the passages (more than once); we were also encouraged to journal, underline, memorize, and ask questions. Melodee closed the exercise with prayer.

Moving to the Business Section of the meeting, Barbara Faught, Chair of Worship, provided an update on the current status of Parkdale's music ministry. Several discussions have been held with Carol Diamond and Jono Hamer-Wilson and very impressive resumes have been re-

ceived from both. Contracts have been offered for up to one year, from May 1, 2016, to April 30, 2017, and both Carol and Troy were authorized to give small stipends/gift certificates to guest musicians/soloists. In addition, Carol is going through the music files and Alexandra Stockwell is preparing an inventory/catalog of available music, with information on composer, type of music, when it was used, etc.

Alexandra Stockwell, on behalf of the Stewardship Committee, presented highlights of the draft Fundraising Policy. She provided background on the methodology and research that had been done by the task group, both on the web and with other Ottawa area churches. Fundraising must first be situated within the context of Christian stewardship, then financial stewardship, and finally fundraising itself; fundraising must never detract from financial stewardship. A form has been developed, which would be completed and submitted to the most appropriate committee for consideration as a first step in decision-making. If an appropriate committee is not apparent, Stewardship Committee is the default. Overarching criteria for all proposed fundraising projects include consistency with Parkdale's mission and mandate, and compliance with Parkdale's Church Use Policy. Alexandra and the task group were congratulated on their very thorough work in drafting

the policy, and the floor opened for questions and comments. There was a long discussion, with concerns relating mostly to Parkdale's relationship with commercial and corporate donors, recognition without endorsement, and donations of partial revenues/profit. There was considerable discussion around the question of what constitutes endorsement. It was ultimately agreed that there appeared to be a general level of comfort with the document, except for the concerns noted above. A revised document will be brought back to the next meeting for decision.

Camille Beaufort, Chair of Faith Formation and Christian Education, outlined some suggestions for increasing security for the Sunday School and will be undertaking discussions with Property Trustees to assess their feasibility.

Further to decisions taken by the 42<sup>nd</sup> General Council with respect to future governance of the United Church of Canada, there are three remits, on which a decision by the congregation is required by June 2017. Stay tuned for information on educational opportunities over the coming year. Kathleen Stephenson and Beth Gutsell offered to coordinate this effort.

Melodee Lovering reminded Council that her original sabbatical proposal had recommended that someone be hired part time to help look after administrative concerns that might otherwise fall through the cracks

during her absence. Council supported the proposal that Johanna Lace be hired to provide this support one-half day per week during May and June.

Anthony Bailey provided a brief update on the Halo Project, noting that this project seeks to establish an economic index for our congregation's engagement with the surrounding community, essentially asking "If Parkdale United Church ceased to exist, how much would it cost the City of Ottawa to replace the services and programs the Parkdale congregation provides?" The assessment is done using two templates: a congregational template, designed for input from clergy, administration and senior lay leaders, and a program template, to be completed for each program or service the church offers. After the completed templates are returned to Dr. Wood Daly and his associates, they will send us a report to share with the congregation that will offer a descriptive analysis of our economic engagement with the community, including a final 'halo index'. It is hoped that a final report will be available by September, 2016.

## COUNCIL MEETING of May 24, 2016

Scott Andrews, Chair, welcomed members and then Rev. Debbie Roi led the opening devotion. Following up on the previous decision that Council members needed to experience a variety of spiritual practices, Debbie led us in an opportunity to experience *Imaginatio Divina*. First, Debbie read the parable of the Blind Beggar Receiving His Sight. Then we were invited to choose a picture from a wide selection of pictures on four tables around the room, after which we entered into the 'four phases': Seeing/Observing (*Imaginatio*), during which we looked slowly at our chosen picture and sought Holy stillness; Meditation (*Meditatio*), during which we traced the lines of our picture with our eyes and let the image into our inner being; Prayer (*Oratio*), when we prayed about what we discovered in ourselves through this way of meditating; and Contemplation (*Contemplatio*), ending the time by consciously resting in God's presence. Debbie closed the exercise with prayer.

Moving to the business portion of the meeting, Scott informed Council members of the receipt of a letter advising of a \$2,000 donation to the Memorial Fund from the estate of Kay Badgley.

Council supported the creation of a small committee with representa-

tives from Property Trustees and Ministry and Personnel, to oversee the process of finding a custodian to replace Khan, who retires at the end of the year. The objective is to have someone in place by the end of September, to work with Khan until he leaves.

Council members welcomed the return of Alexandra Stockwell, and thanked her for her excellent work on the proposed fundraising policy. Using the various scenarios developed by Alexandra to assist our thinking, members engaged in a long and wide-ranging discussion of the implications of the provisions related to Parkdale's relationship with commercial and corporate donors, as well as specifics pertaining to transparency and communication. Alexandra generously offered to expand some sections of the document in order to bring greater clarity to the intent of these provisions. The revised document will be brought to Council for decision. Committee Chairs provide written reports to all Council meetings; highlights from these appear below: Kathleen Stephenson, **Treasurer**, distributed copies of the Finance Committee Report, using a new format which members generally found to provide a very useful and user-friendly overview of the financial situation. It will be used on a monthly basis to report to Council from now on. Kathleen noted that there is currently tremendous pressure on our cash situation because we have not covered the cost of some events

as budgeted, i.e. Women's Retreat and Anniversary dinner. As of April 30, 2016, there was an overall deficit of \$44,794.

Faye Beaufort, on behalf of **Mission, Outreach and Justice (MO&J)**, reported that this committee has two new members: Cathy Sandiford and Cynthia Adam. She also brought greetings from the Abu-Nassar family, with whom she had a wonderful visit on a recent trip to Hamilton. Work continues on the Living Into Right Relations front, with June 19 designated 'Aboriginal Sunday', with Elder Denise Ann Boissoneau joining us, and a 'Grandmothers' Walk' planned for June 17. More volunteers are needed to help serve breakfast and lunch and perform other duties at the Odawa Drop-In Centre at 510 Rideau Street. The annual Celebrating Our Cultures event will have a new twist this year, as we 'Celebrate Parkdale's Culture'. Be sure to mark October 15, 2016 on your calendar and participate in this MO&J 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project.

Judy Hamley, Chair of **Ministry and Personnel**, advised that staff reviews would be conducted during the month of June and advised of staff vacation schedules as follows: Anthony: June 27-29, July 18-August 8; Debbie: June 11-25, August 14-28; Melodee: August 1-14, October 4-14.

Carolynn Halkett, Chair of **Communications**, reported on the sale of

85<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative mugs, which will be sold in the fall at the Rally Sunday and at the Celebrating Parkdale's Culture dinner. An effort is underway to update Parkdale's Facebook page automatically when a tweet is posted on Twitter. In addition, an effort is underway to make the announcements section of the weekly bulletin more comprehensive.

Council was updated on the following **Property Trustees** projects: the two towers will be painted in June; the crash bar on the door at the top of the ramp has been replaced; and two non-programmable thermostats have been installed.

Marilyn Hahn, Chair of **Membership Development**, reported that another Name Tag blitz resulted in quite a few orders and that a pre-service breakfast will be held for new members on June 12, 2016.

Camille Beaufort, Chair of **Faith Formation and Continuing Education**, noted that she has been working with David Bair and Khan to discuss options for improving security in the Sunday School area.

In addition, written reports were provided by Debbie and Anthony; highlights follow:

**Debbie Roi** reported that worship services at The Ravines and Park Place will be suspended for July and August but will resume in September.



Debbie continues with the Spiritual Director's Course, which will come to an end in January 2017.

**Anthony Bailey** reported that Communion Chapel services at Westwood and Carlingview Manor will recess for the summer and resume in September. Program templates and the Congregational template for the Halo Project will be completed and sent to Dr. Mike Wood Day, who will analyse them and apply analytical values in order to generate a descriptive report regarding the economic impact that Parkdale has on this west Ottawa neighbourhood, including a final 'halo index'. A presentation to the congregation is contemplated in the fall. Anthony also reported on leading marriage education and membership preparation sessions, with weddings taking place in May, June, July and September. As noted above, new members were received on June 12, 2016. Anthony expressed his appreciation to the young adult group, who joined him and Dale Song to offer leadership on June 12, as well as organizing and providing the summer BBQ luncheon marking the end of the Sunday School/Youth Group program year. Anthony, as a member of the Mayor's Refugee Working Group, was pleased to inform us that the working group has been recognized with a Community Builder Award by United Way Ottawa.

2016, starting with a pot luck dinner.

The meeting closed with a meaningful prayer led by Anthony.

The last meeting of Council before summer was scheduled for June 21,

## A MOTHER'S DAY TESTIMONIAL

By Faye Beaufort  
Offered at the worship service  
of May 8, 2016.

Today being Mother's day, I am paying tribute, with much gratitude, to my Mother – Amy Titus – who brought me up in a Christian household. The strong belief in God that she instilled in me has brought me a peace of mind which is unbelievable. There really is not much that I worry about. Not quite like the birds of the air...but not far from it... because I do believe it's all in His hands.

I have tried to bring up my daughter, Camille, in a Christian way because of my deep belief in Christ, our Lord and Saviour. This deep belief in God was instilled in me as I grew up in our little village of Wakefield, Jamaica. As Peter Meerburg said last week.....it went without saying: everyone in our family went to church on Sunday. My father, mother, two brothers and two sisters went to church every Sunday. You had to be really sick not to go. The children walked to church on their own, arriving at church for Sunday school about

an hour before our parents. There was no loitering or misbehaving on the street because someone would reprimand us and then tell our parents. As we left home, we would each be given one penny to put in the collection plate and one candy. That was for us to keep until the minister was preaching: in Jamaica, you know, the sermons can last quite a while and, in my mind then, the candy kept us from sleeping.

However, as I grew, I began to understand God's goodness to us as a family and why my mother was always telling us that **God is good and His mercies endureth forever**. I can still hear her saying that; "**God is good and His mercies endureth forever**". I still cannot sing through "Great is Thy Faithfulness" without choking up. Her mother lived with us for a long time and actually died in her 90s in our house. She herself was a devout Christian who would always have her bible at hand and always ready to quote from it.

So really, I had **two generations of women** teaching us to love the Lord our God with all our hearts.

There was, and is, no wavering on my part. **I am the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation** of steadfast believers in Christ in my family...belief in God's love for us, God's goodness and His mercies towards us.

My mother would be so pleased, as I am, to see that my daughter Camille – **four generations later** – has followed through with her teachings to believe in God. Camille continues to learn; but she also knows, from her own experience, the goodness of God to her and her family as they try to live in the way the Lord would like them to.

I am so pleased to see so many little children in our Sunday school and that Camille is teaching Sunday school as she herself continues to learn with them the Christian way of life. Her children, Maxim and Tianna, are four and two.

I know the four-year-old, Maxim, is learning something in Sunday school. I was serving juice after church one Sunday and, to get him distracted from having too much juice, I sent him over to say good morning to Mary McLeod. I did not hear what he said to Mary; however, everyone standing around

laughed. He had said: "Good morning Mary, and where is Joseph?" No one pointed to her husband Garth. And only last week I gave him one of the Parkdale anniversary mugs. He turned it around and around and seeing the drawing of our church on the mug he said: "This is my church". So I see a tiny seed planted in our 4-year-old by his going to Parkdale's Sunday school and I hope and pray that he and his sister will be **the 5<sup>th</sup> generation** to follow the way of Christ.

It is my feeling that at Sunday school a seed is planted and, no matter what twists and turns we make in belief and disbelief in God as we grow,....**some time**.... that seed sprouts and grows when you least expect it. It is from here, that seed, that I draw my strength and will always remember my mother.

## RECIPE

### **Crackled Chocolate Cookies**

A gluten free dessert, submitted by Carol Ann Cameron

2oz extra dark chocolate, chopped

1/4 cup unsalted butter

1 cup granulated sugar

2 eggs

1 tsp vanilla

1 cup gluten free all-purpose flour

1 tsp baking powder

1/8 tsp salt

1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips

1/4 cup granulated sugar

Melt chocolate and butter and let cool

Whisk together 1cup sugar, egg and vanilla

Add cooled chocolate mixture and whisk till blended

In another bowl mix together flour, baking powder and salt

Stir dry ingredients into chocolate mixture

Stir in chocolate chips

Cover bowl with plastic wrap and put in fridge for 2 hours

Preheat oven to 350

Line cookie sheet with parchment paper

Scoop dough in tbsp amounts and coat with remaining sugar

Set 2 inches apart on cookie sheet

Bake for 12-14 min

Let cool

## Music, Romance and Family

**Editor's note:** The following article about Lorine Clement appeared in the Spring issue of "Between Us", a publication of the Perley and Rideau Veterans Health Centre in Ottawa. Lorine has been a long-time adherent of Parkdale and a faithful participant in Special Communion Services. She was also an ardent member of Parkdale's former bridge club. The article is reprinted with permission from the author.

**By Peter McKinnon**

In her 98th year, Perley resident Lorine Clement continues to indulge her life-long love of music and family. Although no longer able to sing and play piano as she did for most of her life, she continues to hold close to her heart her three children, seven grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

Born Lorine Elizabeth Daly in Oroville, Washington, she spent most of her childhood on this side of the Canadian border, first on a cattle ranch and then in Penticton, B.C. From an early age, she showed an exceptional talent for music. She played piano, sang in school choirs (usually as a contralto) and soon became an accompanist for her mother, a professional "tea" sing-



er— someone who performs light classics and arias in the homes of the wealthy.

"Music has been a constant companion for me—a wonderful part of my life," says Lorine Clement. The Second World War triggered great changes in Lorine's life, as it did for millions around the globe. At the start of the war, Lorine worked as a sewing instructor in a factory that made greatcoats for Canadian soldiers. She yearned to do more for the war effort, though, and decided to enlist. "No one else in my family had enlisted, so I thought I had

better do it,” recalls Lorine. “My brother and all three of my sisters had good reasons not to sign up, but I felt it was my duty, on behalf of my family and my country.”

After basic training at CFB Rockcliffe in Ottawa, Lorine was posted to CFB Trenton as a payroll accountant. The base was destined to play a significant role in the war under an agreement known as the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. Given its open spaces, burgeoning industrial capacity and isolation from combat, Canada was an ideal place to build airplanes, and to train pilots and aircrew. In all, more than 130,000 Allied pilots and aircrew from around the world trained in Canada; more than half were Canadians. And while training took place at more than 200 locations across the country, Trenton was the largest training centre in the Commonwealth.

The first hint of the romance that marked Lorine’s life came on a winter’s evening on the ice covered Bay of Quinte, adjacent to the base. “I was skating with a friend of mine when I heard another skater singing a popular song,” she says. “For some reason, I started singing a harmony

part along with him. We kind of smiled at each other, but didn’t introduce ourselves.” A few days later, Lorine was playing piano and singing in the mess hall—a common pastime for her—when the same man sat down beside her and began to play along. His name was Adrian Clement and they were soon head-over-heels in love.

Adrian— nicknamed “Rip” for the way he had played basketball in high school—asked Lorine to marry him before he went overseas. She said she’d rather wait until he got back. Stationed in England as an air-traffic controller throughout the war, Rip kept the relationship alive through letters. A faithful correspondent, he sometimes included songs he’d written. He even sent along a few of the acetates he recorded in England; sadly, none of them survived.

Upon his return to Canada in 1946, Rip and Lorine married and moved to Buckingham, Quebec, where Rip worked as a Bell lineman. The two performed regularly as a duet; along with tunes from the hit parade, their repertoire included *12th Street Rag*, *Blue Skies* and *Because*. Rip later took a job with the McLaren Power and Paper Company, and



they settled down in a new house in Thurso, Quebec to raise three children: Barby, Bill and Pete.

“Music was a constant in our household,” says Barby Clement. “For a time, my brother and I performed as an a capella quartet with mom and dad. Pete even joined in on one song. We were a happy, busy and loving family.” Ever the romantic, Rip took his wife back to Tadoussac, Québec, every year for their wedding anniversary.

The children grew and prospered. Bill enjoyed a long and successful NHL career, winning two Stanley Cups with the Philadelphia Flyers; he’s now a broadcaster and motivational speaker.

Born with only seven fingers due to a rare genetic condition, Barby became a talented pianist and performer, as well as a tireless advocate for persons with disabilities. She had a stellar career in the public service, laying much of the groundwork for today’s inclusive policies and laws that address discrimination against persons with disabilities. In her retirement, Barby volunteers part-time to educate OC Transpo (Ottawa’s public-transit service) staff about persons with disabilities.

Peter has devoted his career to helping people develop employment readiness skills. He is President and CEO of ERS Training and Development Corporation, a nongovernmental organization that he founded in Montreal in the 1980s.

Rip’s health began to deteriorate in the late 1980s. He was among the first residents of the newly built Perley Rideau Veterans’ Health Centre in 1996. In 2000, he passed away two days shy of his 80th birthday.

Lorine lived on her own for nearly two decades, before moving into the Perley in 2013. She enjoyed painting in the craft studio until the arthritis in her hands made it too painful. Lorine continues to play bridge every week, and attends the many concerts and other musical activities organized at the Perley. Her children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren visit often.

“Mom proves that if you can still laugh and love, you can still live,” says son Bill. “All of her life, she’s left every situation and person better than she found them.”

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*uniting in joyful worship as an act of praise and gratitude, for inspiration and guidance*

**Providing learning opportunities for the Christian way of life and to enhance Biblical literacy**



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