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PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

Fellow Parkdalers,

I have been thinking a lot about our congregation and why we matter. I think about the many ways I witness God's Spirit moving in the midst of us. I think about the stories I hear from so many of you about the kindnesses, and caring, and thoughtfulness that are readily on offer in this congregation. I hear from some of our new members how important it has been for their life and their spiritual well-being to have found and now belong to the community of Parkdale United.

Recently I stopped in at Fils Diner on Wellington at 8:00 am for breakfast. The server took time to speak with me wanting to know what good things Parkdale United was up to these days. The breakfast cook came out to sit



in my booth and chat, eager to share some news about the new repairs he was making on his truck. Three patrons overheard my conversation with the server about Parkdale's Global 6K run (June 1) and started talking with me about clean water and poverty and what we need to do with our privilege and abundance here in Canada. They said in different ways, "You church sure is trying to change the neighbourhood and world for the better." This all fills me with thanksgiving to God and admi-

ration for who, in the power of God, we are and who we are trying to be as a congregation.

Fellow saints; who we are being formed to be, what we are discerning we are meant to be doing, and how we are proclaiming and living the gospel, all matters to God. Dare I say; it also matters to this neighbourhood and community.

This month I am reprising the Messenger article I wrote in 2012, because it rather interestingly offers some perspective on our ongoing discernment of how we can most faithfully steward and deploy our faithfulness, our mission, our property, and the passion we have to serve the vulnerable in our city.

Anthony

### **Tragedy Yielding Blessings**

Potentially tragic “near misses” can often be occasions to more intentionally ponder life, priorities and that which we take for granted. I think that the fire here at Parkdale United on May 1 was such an occasion for me, and I wonder if it might not be considered as such for others as well.

While attending the National Prayer Breakfast that morning, I was notified of the fire via a tweet from Rev. Nick Philips in Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia – a minister who was a sponsored candidate from this congregation. As I excused myself and rushed over to the Church, all I could think was: “I hope no one was injured. What about the pre-school staff who come in before the children arrive? How bad is it?”

I was relieved to discover that no one was injured and that it was not as bad as it could have been. Very soon I was informed by the Fire

Chief that we were fortunate that two gentlemen acted quickly to help suppress the fire until his firefighters arrived, thereby limiting the damage. I came to understand that in fact three men had jumped into action once discovering the flames leaping from the southwest main door: they were Jeff Lieper, Steve Brombach and Ryan Pearson. I have spoken to Jeff and Steve, (have not been able to contact Ryan) and have thanked them on behalf of the congregation.

In one of the many media interviews I gave regarding the fire and the congregation, among the things I said was that we were grateful to God that the building was still here as it could have been completely destroyed, perhaps if the fire had started in the middle of the night. I went on to say however, that even if the church building was destroyed the congregation would still be intact, for the people of the congregation are in fact the church.

Two days after the fire, I took some time to sit and pray in the sanctuary. Amidst the whirring sounds of the air purifiers that were placed there to mitigate the smell of smoke, there I sat giving thanks to God and recalling memories of my tenure here at Parkdale. I thought of the worship services (morning and evening), the music, the weddings, the baptisms, the funerals, the reception of new members, the Christmas pageants, the special guest musicians and choirs and drama performers... It was overwhelming to host that deluge of memories with all the joy and the sadness. I thought to myself: this space has gathered people together to glorify and praise God, to pray and to minister in the name of Christ to people in their joyous celebrations and in their deep and painful experiences. It dawned on me so poignantly that what we do here in God's name really matters in the lives of people, in the neighbourhood we serve and in the world to which we are sent.

This community of faith that we call Parkdale United nurtures, forms, inspires, blesses, creatively provokes, nudges, heals, challenges and supports all kinds of people in their experience of God through Christ, as well as sends them out to live their faith and bless the world. This is awesome when one stops and ponders it. I wonder how many of us take for granted all that happens to, through and because of the people of this congregation.

In the aftermath of the fire, I was so moved by the overwhelming support both the congregation and I received from the wider Ottawa community (as well as from other parts of Canada) in the form of phone calls, emails and conversations on the streets in the neighbourhood. I was particularly struck however, by people, community organizations and businesses in the neighbourhood who expressed regret at the fire as well as gratitude that it was not worse. I did not expect

the generous and passionate testimonies regarding what Parkdale United Church means to them and the neighbourhood. It was not only that it was a historic fixture of the neighbourhood, but that it had a long history of commitment and service to the community. I was told that particularly in the last ten years, the congregation of Parkdale has helped to transform and support the well-being of the local community and was a model of constructive leadership.

After speaking with one representative of the community, I was asked if there was any tangible way the community could assist the congregation. I mentioned that thankfully we were covered by fire insurance but would have to raise \$5,000 to pay the deductible. Immediately, this person asked if he could use his community networks to help in this regard. His appeal has yielded a number of monetary donations. God be praised.

May I invite Parkdalers into a reflective exercise?

Please take some time and prayerfully reflect on your favourite memories here at Parkdale. In what ways have you been blessed and supported.

- ◇ Whom have you helped?
- ◇ Who has been important to your spiritual journey?
- ◇ What friendships continue to be life-giving for you?
- ◇ If you are new, has this been a place of welcome and inclusion?

Take time in prayer to offer gratitude to God; then may I invite you to tell someone here in the congregation, how much they mean to you. Let us bless one another and resist taking God, the ministry of this congregation and one another for granted.

*“therefore let us love one another, for love comes from God...”*

*1 John 4:7*



Peace and love  
Anthony



## LECTIONARY FOR JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

Seventh Sunday of Easter - June 2, 2019

- Acts 16:16-34
- Psalm 97
- Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
- John 17:20-26

Day of Pentecost - June 9, 2019

- Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9
- Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21
- John 14:8-17, (25-27)

Trinity Sunday - June 16, 2019

- Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 and Psalm 8
- Romans 5:1-5
- John 16:12-15

Proper 7 (12) - June 23, 2019

- 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a and Psalm 42 and 43
- Isaiah 65:1-9 and Psalm 22:19-28
- Galatians 3:23-29
- Luke 8:26-39


Proper 8 (13) - June 30, 2019

- 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 and Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
- 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 and Psalm 16
- Galatians 5:1, 13-25
- Luke 9:51-62

Proper 9 (14) - July 7, 2019

- 2 Kings 5:1-14 and Psalm 30
- Isaiah 66:10-14 and Psalm 66:1-9
- Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16
- Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Proper 10 (15) - July 14, 2019

- Amos 7:7-17 and Psalm 82
  - Deuteronomy 30:9-14 and Psalm 25:1-10
  - Colossians 1:1-14
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## LECTIONARY FOR JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

Proper 11 (16) - July 21, 2019

- Amos 8:1-12 and Psalm 52
- Genesis 18:1-10a and Psalm 15
- Colossians 1:15-28
- Luke 10:38-42

Proper 12 (17) - July 28, 2019

- Hosea 1:2-10 and Psalm 85
- Genesis 18:20-32 and Psalm 138
- Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)
- Luke 11:1-13

Proper 13 (18) - August 4, 2019

- Hosea 11:1-11 and Psalm 107:1-9, 43
- Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 and Psalm 49:1-12
- Colossians 3:1-11
- Luke 12:13-21

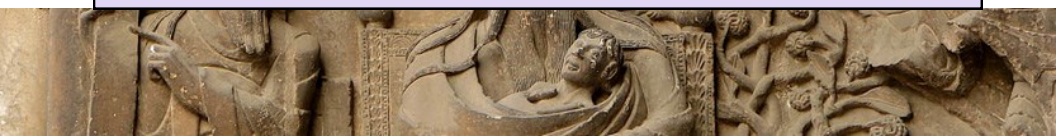
Proper 14 (19) - August 11, 2019

- Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 and Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
- Genesis 15:1-6 and Psalm 33:12-22
- Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
- Luke 12:32-40

Proper 15 (20) - August 18, 2019

- Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
- Jeremiah 23:23-29 and Psalm 82
- Hebrews 11:29-12:2
- Luke 12:49-56

Proper 16 (21) - August 25, 2019

- Jeremiah 1:4-10 and Psalm 71:1-6
  - Isaiah 58:9b-14 and Psalm 103:1-8
  - Hebrews 12:18-29
  - Luke 13:10-17
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## Birthdays in June

### Our warmest greetings to:

1st Brenda Mercier  
1st Maggie Trant  
2nd Frederick Andrews  
2nd Fin Wicke  
2nd Deborah Bellware  
5th Maurice Mercier  
5th Renee Hoyte  
8th Jim Thain  
8th Bruce Okumu  
8th Emily-Rose Clark  
8th Corinne Yantzi  
10th Wade Thornton  
11th Keith Brown  
11th Dina Epale  
12th Michael Bailey  
12th Samara Wright  
15th Samuel Clark  
15th Helen Creasey  
16th Julee Pauling  
16th Conor Truax  
18th Ted Radstake  
19th Michelle Bailey

20th Ini Akpan  
22nd Ryan Angus  
22nd Paul Crabtree  
22nd Sheridan Nelson  
23rd Mary Dawson  
23rd Danielle Gougeon  
24th Kevin Crocker  
27th Jonah Lusby  
28th Elijah Deschamps  
29th Christine King



*If you would like your birthday to be a secret and your name taken off the list, or if your name was not included and you would like it to be added, please let the office know.*

**Congratulations** to **Diana** and **David Mason** on the birth of their new granddaughter. **Erin Paige Thompson**, born on April 9th, is the daughter of Lorina (Mason) and her husband, Matthew Thompson. Best wishes to all from your Parkdale family.



Congratulations to **Lynne** and **Don Angus** on the recent marriage of their daughter **Kristin**, to **Riley Bond**. The couple live in Barrhaven. Kristin's great grandmother, Mrs Hazel Stewart, was a long time Parkdale member.

## REMEMBERING

Please remember the following families, who have recently lost loved ones, in your prayers:

Mary and Michael Sproule on the death of their son, **Richard (Rick)**

Don and Sandra Mockett on the death of Sandra's mother, **Rita McGuire**

Ruth Kennedy on the death of her mother, **Evelyn Olga Kennedy**

Long time Parkdale member, **Don Duncan** died; deepest condolences to his family





**Celebrating the 88th  
Anniversary of  
Parkdale United Church**



Ali Matthews Musician and World Vision





Above: Paul Goyette, oldest member present, Hepsy Griffith, and Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey.

Below: Ottawa Mosque guests with Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey





Alexandra Stockwell Solo and Choir, Parkdale United Church, May 12, 2019.  
Anthem: Laudate Dominum (Vesperae solenne de confessore, KV 399, Mozart)



Mother and Daughter, Susan and Lindsay Carlton, Postlude,  
Beatles Medley, Parkdale United Church, Mother's day,  
May 12, 2019





Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey from Parkdale United Church, was also in the news on CTV Television with others, supporting the Good Samaritan Interfaith Food Drive.



Senior and Junior Choirs, Parkdale United Church, Anthem: Cantad Hosanna (Sing Hosanna), by Joel Raney, May 5, 2019

**Nori Anderson, World Vision Representative,  
celebrating 88th Anniversary of Parkdale  
United Church, May 5, 2019**

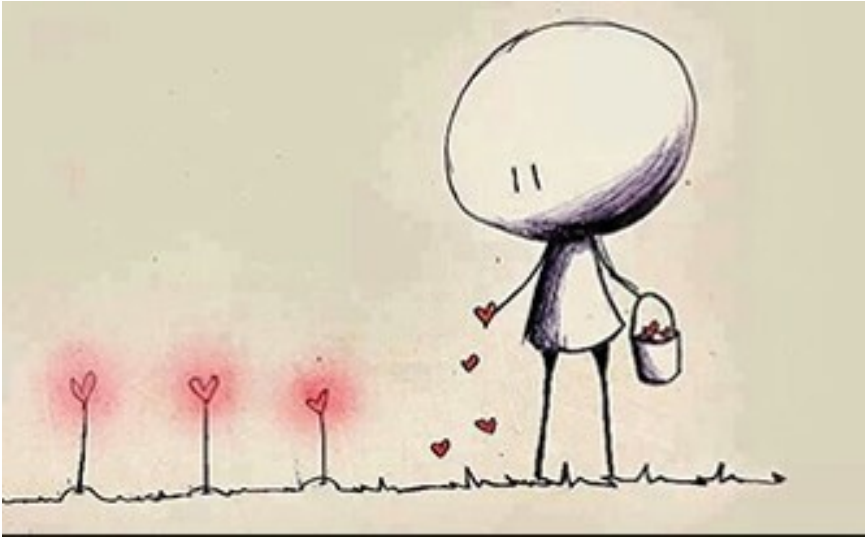
Nori grew up in Japan as a child of Presbyterian missionaries where she became fluent in Japanese at a young age. She returned to Canada to attend the University of Toronto, studying Japanese and International Relations. She worked for 10 years as a Japanese interpreter and has extensive experience in fundraising and volunteer management.

At her home church, Kingsway Lambton United Church, she has taken

on many roles. She began working at World Vision 5 years ago and loves serving the local church. She has 3 teenage boys who are the loves of her life.







## Why be a Volunteer?

It's not for money, it's not for fame.  
It's not for any personal gain.  
It's just for love of fellowman.  
It's just to send a helping hand.  
It's just to give a tithe of self/  
That's something you can't buy with wealth.  
It's not medals won with pride.  
It's for that feeling deep inside.  
It's that reward down in your heart.  
It's that feeling that you've been a part.  
Of helping others far and near, that makes you be a Vol-  
unteer!

Author Unknown

Submitted by Susan Mailer



*From the Prayer Shawl Ministry*





**Volunteers  
Thank you and  
congratulations!**



Even with the threat of rain, a long lineup of folks braved the near winter temperatures and filed into the Memorial Hallway for our spring rummage sale. Despite a slightly smaller crowd from last April, our **net proceeds still came to \$5406**, making this Parkdale's second best revenue producing rummage sale! We had a huge amount of donations, so

much so that we were unable to completely price everything by Friday afternoon. Despite this challenge we still found enough space on the tables and floors to display everything.

Thanks to the clean up crew we were done by 1:30 pm. Once again two strong hardworking men from the Salvation Army Transition House on Gladstone were hired to help with set up and take down. For many of us aging members of the congregation this is money WELL spent. If anyone ever needs good reliable labour help please consider contacting them. They are only 3 houses east of the church on Gladstone.

Our rummage sales reach out to the surrounding working class community providing clothing, shoes and household items to many in need. Everything unsold was recycled:

- Parkdale's Queensway Preschool got first choice of the toys and

supplies for their class-room while Don and Alcris rummaged through the donations for office supplies

- Bill drove a load of men's clothing to the Union Mission
- Derek and Helen took toiletries to a woman's shelter at Cornerstone
- Camille took children's clothes to Maison de la Famille de Quyon in Pontiac
- Charity Bartlett from the Carlington Community Association collected T-shirts to supply her participants a chance to upcycle them at their spring community event each May
- Cathy took shoes to Dymon Storage which distributes locally and world wide donated shoes through Soles4souls. Shoes are distributed to the Mission, to a school in Nunavut and to Dressed for Success.
- Betty took some much needed school supplies to a school for children with autism, Edelweiss

Private Academy.

- Anne took paperbacks to the Ottawa Detention Centre's library and collected a supply for IFTC.
- Roxanne took clothing and toys to the moms and tots at the Youville Centre and clothing to Minwaashin Lodge
- Louise and Grant took several boxes of unsold flower vases to Blumenstudio on Parkdale Ave.
- And our biggest thanks to Wally Prater who picked up the free moving van from realtor Paul Rushforth in Kanata. A large cube van was two thirds filled and taken to Value Village. This moving van offer is available free of charge to any charitable groups or clients of Paul. A big hug to Peter Meerberg for riding in the van to help Wally to unload.

In conclusion here is a 'feel good' story I would like to share with everyone. One of our volunteers, Joan Wilson, is a friend from my Tuesday bridge group who

often helps me at two fund-raising events, i.e. Parkdale's rummage/bazaar sales and Ecoequitable's fabric sale. Last year at Eco's June fabric sale she befriended a customer, Ameraa Al Kahuge, one of our government sponsored Syrian refugee families who arrived in Ottawa in January 2017. Joan took this family under her wing to both enjoy their company over coffee and to offer them citizenship 'classes' on Sundays. She then invited the whole family to experience a church rummage sale. The whole family of three young children, Mom and Dad found a number of goodies at great prices. Then in a surprising gesture of generosity Ameraa's husband, Sondos Al Horani returned to the church at noon bearing three boxes of pizzas which he presented to Joan and all the other Parkdale Church workers as a thank you. Both Ameraa and Sondos volunteer as a way of giving back, she at Manordale Public school helping Arabic children and

Sondos as a regular blood donor. He is employed assembling and installing furniture for a business in Carp and drives for Uber Eats on weekends. I think Canada and particularly Ottawa just won the lottery after accepting this kind and appreciative refugee family into our midst.

Parkdale's next rummage sale event is our fall rummage sale on September 28th.

It is always a pleasure working with such wonderful, giving and kind volunteers who donate your most precious commodity - your time.

Helen and Valerie



## Council Meeting - May 7th, 2019

*Summary submitted by Elise Mennie, Interim Secretary*

Garth McLeod opened the meeting at 7:05 with a time of devotion, reading from Luke 14: 15-24, the parable of the great feast. Then he reflected on Jean Vanier who had died that same day, one of the spiritual giants of our time. Garth read from an interview where Jean Vanier said that our task as followers of Jesus is to give good news to the poor. Jean Vanier's life is an inspiration to us as we reflect on possibilities of redevelopment for our church building.

The minutes of the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved. There was some clarification about the addendum that had been added to the minutes concerning the recognition of Robert and Hillary Merritt as Voluntary Associate Ministers, which had been approved via email. As retired ministers, they need to be affiliated to a congregation in order to continue to be able to do marriages, funerals, etc in connection with the U.C.C. They can be asked to replace our ministers if needed but are under no obligation to do so.

**Kathleen Stephenson reported for the Finance Committee** that the Committee had not yet met this month so had no report yet. She reminded Council of the policy on reimbursements of expenses, which asks invoices to be provided within 60 days of the purchase of the item or service. She asked that people please respect the 60 days to help with keeping track of cash flow.

**Search Committee Update:** Barbara Faught reported that the Search Committee has met and Paul Crabtree is the chair. The two youth representatives on the committee, chosen by the youth, are Tavian Hamer-Wilson and Destin Amisi. The Youth and Families Minister job notice was sent to the General Office of the UCC, as the online "Hub" is not yet up and running. The process is going forward through the United Church, but there was concern expressed by Council about the slow establishment of new governance systems and approvals required at regional and national levels. Council also discussed ways to publicise the job notice, including a suggestion to approach Emmanuel U. C. to ask them to distribute it to the candidates who recently applied for their youth minister position. The

Committee requested a budget for expenses of up to \$5,000 for travel of candidates, if needed, which was approved by Council.

**Rotation of devotions at Council meetings:** There was a discussion about having a different member presenting the devotion at the beginning of each meeting. It was agreed to set up a roster of volunteers who would each choose their own theme for the devotion. For the next 4 meetings, the roster for devotions is: June – Kathleen Stephenson; September – Beth Gutsell; October – David Odumodu; November – Peter Meerburg.

## **Committee and Staff Reports**

**Mission, Outreach and Justice Committee:** Faye Beaufort reported that the Committee had revisited their budget allocations to local missions due to changes to the UCC's Mission and Service Fund. The Committee increased the 2019 donations to three local organisations, which was approved by Council:

- The Odawa Native Friendship Centre – **by \$3000** (making it a total of \$5000 for 2019);
- Multifaith Housing Initiative - **by \$2000** (making it a total of \$2500 for 2019)
- Operation Come Home - **by \$1000** (making it a total of \$1250 for 2019)

Faye also reported on the Ethiopian family – Elsa had a fall on the ice and was referred to the Pinecrest Health Centre for physiotherapy for her back. They are looking for a dentist for the family. Concerning the Syrian family, the committee decided to end the monthly payments for food support as of December 1st, 2019, and the family has been informed. Faye also reminded us to save the dates for the following events: Images & Stories – September 27, October 25, November 29, 2019; Celebrating our Cultures – October 19, 2019; and Write for Rights (Amnesty International) - December 9, 2019.

**Worship Committee:** Barbara Faught brought up the concern that clapping during the service may be getting out of hand. She said some people feel it disrupted the meditative mood after certain pieces of music or dance and that clapping after a sermon is not appropriate. In the discussion that followed, Council members leaned towards the need to educate congregants that worship arts during service are NOT performances but ways to enhance our connection to God. It was recognised, however, that this is a delicate issue, because people should not be made to feel shamed or silenced in their expressions of appreciation. A suggestion was made to include more silence throughout the service, to get our-

selves more comfortable with inner appreciation. It was also recognized that there are many cultural differences in style of worship services as pertains to their levels of sounds or silence.

**Pastoral Care:** Mary McLeod reported that the Special Communion was held on April 28, conducted by Rev. Alcris and Dr. Bailey with special Easter music by John Harewood. Visiting continues and cards are sent regularly as required.

**Anthony's report:** Rev. Anthony Bailey highlighted the meaningful services on Maundy Thursday, Ecumenical Good Friday and Easter service; the 88<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service and Saturday Celebration and Community Clean-up; the Matthew 25 challenge and sponsoring of all the children brought to the service by World Vision. Bible study of the apostles concluded on April 16. The Property Development Group met with local churches on April 23 and an insert was included in the April 28 Sunday Bulletin outlining progress to date. Anthony travelled to the Democratic Republic of Congo from

March 30 to April 6 with 7 other pastors and World Vision staff to visit community development projects. World Vision continues to strengthen and improve their collaborative partnerships with local churches and communities to provide access to clean water, sustainable agricultural initiatives, education, health and nutrition. On March 27, Anthony was part of an interfaith group who spoke to grade 10 and 11s at Lisgar Collegiate Institute about our respective faith traditions' perspectives on responding to violence, hatred, and racism with love, justice and 'allyship'. He will be attending the Festival of Homiletics May 13-17, and will be on vacation from June 10-24. Alcris was absent from the meeting on sick leave.

The Anglican Diocese will be holding an affordable Housing workshop on May 11, that Anthony and Helen will be attending.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm and Garth closed in prayer.

**Next Meeting:**  
**June 4, 2019 at 7 pm.**





## GRACEFIELD CAMPING WEEKEND

**JUNE 21-23**

**Registration Deadline:**  
**Sunday, June 1**



Everyone is invited! Children, adults, families and friends...

The Gracefield Planning Committee looks forward to sharing a weekend filled with fun, fellowship, worship, crafts, water fun and, of course, marshmallows.

We at Parkdale have a **No Barriers Policy**. If the cost of registration is a barrier to you or your family, simply contact Camille Beaufort through the church office (613-728-8656) in order to arrange registration.

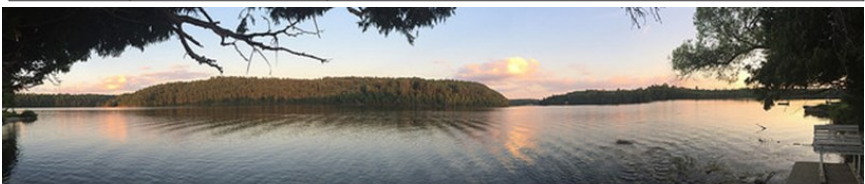
Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Blessings,  
The Gracefield Planning Committee

### GRACEFIELD CAMPING WEEKEND JUNE 21-23, 2019

#### Weekend Schedule

Friday, June 21	5:00-9:30pm	Arrival and Check-in ****(Please note that supper is <u>NOT</u> included on Friday evening)
	7:30pm	Snacks provided. Campfire at the Fire Pit
Saturday, June 22	8:00-9:00am	Breakfast in Main Hall
	9:00-6:00pm	Guided activities and free time. Rest and relaxation. Lunch at noon. All activities are optional.
	6:00-7:00pm	Supper in Main Hall
	7:30pm	Marshmallow roasting and sharing music together
Sunday, June 23	8:00-9:00am	Breakfast in Main Hall
	9:30am	Worship Service
	10:30-1:30pm	Free Time, Site Clean-up, Lunch
	1:00pm	Check out and Travel home



## The Wig-side of Chemo

In the fall of 2003, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. My surgery was in December and chemo started the following February. I was told by doctors that the chemo would cause my hair to fall out which, at the time, sounded traumatic. I couldn't imagine myself without hair and what would happen if it never grew in again? I actually heard of some women who decided against chemo because they didn't want to lose their hair. But what I thought was going to be so terrible turned out to give me a lot of fun and total freedom. While everything else from that time: the surgery, the chemo and the radiation, seem to be a blur, the highlight for me, and the thing I will remember most, is the fun I had with my hair!

During the months before chemo, I talked to various friends, and friends of friends, who had had chemo treatments and were able to continue working, at least part time, through most of it. I decided that I would like to try and keep my life as normal as possible and that I would work for as long as I could. While I know that, now-a-days, many people choose not to wear wigs, I felt that I would be

more comfortable going to work, meetings, etc. if I wore a wig. However, I also felt that I could not handle total hair loss and wearing a wig for the first time at the same time. So I decided that I would buy my wig early and get used to wearing it before I had to deal with losing my hair.

My chemo was scheduled to start on Friday, February 27. My birthday was Monday, February 23 and my family had a birthday party for me on Saturday, February 21. However, it turned out not to be a typical birthday party!



During the afternoon, my sister and I went wig shopping. We went to a store that specialized in helping cancer patients - it had a wonderful selection

of wigs that all looked so real. At the time, my own hair was a medium-length brunette colour and we found a wig that was identical - no one would ever know. However, there was also a shorter, blonde-streaked wig that was totally awesome. I kept going back and forth between the two when finally the store manager pointed out that every time I put on the blonde wig, I smiled. I decided why not! I had always wondered whether or not I

would like to be a blonde, so here was my chance.

I wore the wig that night to my birthday party – my daughter-in-law didn't even recognize me! I also took 2-3 old wigs that I had found tucked away in the basement that, during the years, my children (two sons) had used for dress up. Everyone had great fun trying them on and we have pictures of my bearded 30 year old son in long blonde curls and my brother-in-law looking like John Lennon in a dark wig. We had a lot of laughs! I now think of this evening as my Wig Party and it was a perfect kick off to the journey ahead!

Monday was my birthday and I went to work wearing my new wig. Everyone thought I had had my hair streaked on the weekend and that it looked great. The few people I told that it was really a wig, were amazed. From then on I wore my wig everyday. When I went for my first chemo treatment that Friday, the nurse informed me that I would need to buy a wig because my hair would fall out. When I pointed out that I was already wearing one, she didn't believe it!

About a month later, my hair did start to fall out; however, by then I felt totally at home in my wig. Actually, it was great! I just got up every morning and put on this instant hair-do. What freedom - never having to fuss with your hair! And it always looked perfect even on the rotten days. With everything else going on at the time, it helped to know you looked OK. Eventually my hair was all gone but in only a few weeks, it

started coming in again. I kept wearing the wig well into the summer but one day in August, it was just too hot and I took it off and have never put it on again. I don't think I ever want to put it on again.

But by then, I had my "chemo" hair. It was very short, very curly and very soft. People wanted to touch it because it looked so soft. Slowly, as the months passed, the curls kept getting longer and longer. I let it do its own thing, watching as it evolved. It was truly wash and wear hair. Again what freedom!!

The curls were great but the hair colour was very much grey and white, something that was hard to get used to. By the following February, I finally realized that I was not ready to have white hair for the rest of my life so I decided to get it coloured. Again I had the decision, should I go back to my previous brunette colour or should I stay blonde? I decided I had had so much fun with my blonde wig that I went with blonde. It is several months later and I still haven't had my hair cut. I now have this lovely, long, blonde curly hair. All of this has been a lot of fun and it certainly helped to take my mind off of the treatments. It really was the upside of chemo!!

Carolynn Halkett  
July, 2005

**Update** The curls eventually grew out as everyone told me they would but they were fun while they lasted!

## UPDATE FROM YOUR PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

Over the past 18 months, your Property Development Working Group has been prayerfully and intentionally consulting. We continue to be open to discerning what God may have in store for us here at Parkdale United Church as we go forward. It has been an exciting time and we've had many stimulating discussions, and we wanted to provide an overview of what we've heard from you, the congregation, and from various neighbours, including area churches.

Our discussion started at the AGM 2018, where three questions were posed. What one thing about Parkdale would you change? What one thing would you keep the same and what are you praying for? Accessibility was on the minds of many, as was attachment to the sanctuary, the chapel and the gym. Prayers were for a non-divisive, peaceful process.

The first formal consultation was held on May 5, 2018, with about 60 congregation members in attendance. This was the debut of Barry Hobin's informative and

creative Power Point presentation and imaginations were stimulated! The interactive exercise that followed resulted in many thought-provoking comments. The next stop for our 'road show' was the Gracefield Camp in late June. Here, the children designed new doors for the church; glass was a popular material, possibly indicating a desire for a brighter, more transparent meeting space.

We also heard recommendations that a re-designed church property should include a candy shop, a media room, and a gym, in addition to glass doors!

In August, the Working Group toured Bethany Hope Centre, the transformed Salvation Army Temple on Woodroffe, and a recently completed Multifaith Housing Initiative - The Haven - in Barrhaven. These places are bustling, bright, clean examples of faith-inspired happy, healthy and safe places.

We were at the Welcome Back Rally in early September, where we provided information and answered questions. Visitors to our table were intrigued by the pro-



fessional architectural drawings of our property provided by Hobin Architects and were surprised to learn that our building occupies 41,000 square feet of space, of which we use about 20,000 square feet!

On October 29, we hosted a 'Block Party', with people from homes, businesses and institutions on the block bounded by Parkdale, Gladstone, Rosemount and Wellington. Although issues such as traffic and parking were identified, the conversation was for the most part creative and exciting! A potential partnership with Abbeyfield House was first identified at this meeting and the idea has received enthusiastic feedback in the months since. Sharing backyards, gardens and kitchens, becoming better neighbours, bridging the gap between seniors and children, addressing the need for more affordable housing were all identified as exciting possibilities. We also had many participants, many who had never been in the building, asking 'where is the front door?'

On November 26, we hosted a second meeting, this time with political representatives and

neighbouring social service agencies. Jeff Leiper, City Counsellor, expressed his complete support for any redevelopment we might decide to undertake, as did Joel Harden, MPP for Ottawa Centre. There was another wide-ranging conversation from enthusiastic potential partners. It was heart-warming to hear people who are not Parkdale members or maybe even church-goers, talk about Parkdale and its role in the community; Parkdale is a community fixture that no one wants

to lose. We learned that many of our social service neighbours share our challenges: traffic, parking, insufficient or inappropriate space. Housing was also an important topic of discussion, and Abbeyfield's President talked about the possibility

about trading land for a floor or two in a new building. Canada Post appeared to be open to discussing how traffic flow could be improved. Participants were enthusiastic in their description of Hintonburg as a 'complete and diverse community', where partnership opportunities abound. On January 12, we met with representatives of three important Parkdale Committees: Finance, Property Trustees and Ministry and Personnel. There was a wide



-ranging discussion, much of it focused on process and the need to gather facts and figures to support an eventual recommendation with respect to the property. We were encouraged to move quickly, while articulating all options, including ‘do nothing’, considering the pros and cons with each, as well the cost. We were asked to consider what missional objectives we wanted to take on that could not be accomplished in our current building.

This meeting was followed by a second congregational meeting on January 26, with discussion focused on Parkdale’s mission. Although some thought that our current mission

statement is reflective of our current ministries, others thought that expansion might be in order, to include a focus on stewardship of creation; and furthering outreach to people in need, especially our Indigenous neighbours and those in the Hintonburg community, with a view to addressing priorities of affordable housing and mental health, and placing an overarching emphasis on youth. The conversation continued at the AGM in February 2019, where participants again engaged in wide-ranging discussion.

On April 23, we met with several neighbourhood churches: St. Stephen’s, Holy Rosary, First United, and Cornerstone, with Josh Moskau representing Abbeyfield, St. George’s and St. Albertus. We discovered many areas of shared concern, notably parking and accessibility, as well as shared values in terms of missional objectives, with social justice and housing needs receiving specific mention. There was considerable

support for exploring partnership opportunities and we quickly came to the conclusion that there will be a need for ecumenical partnership if we believe that faith is important in a community.



One of the things to remember as we continue down this road is that we are not making redevelopment recommendations out of desperation. Parkdale is a thriving congregation with a vibrant ministry. Hintonburg is rapidly changing; it is an increasingly desirable area with a changing demographic. Our assets are considerable and there is potential for an exciting, hopeful, innovative future. That said, there are undeniable issues with our facility: accessibility, security, parking and concerns related to the build-

ing itself that constrain our ability to achieve our mission/vision. We know that we can't be all things to all people, so we have to focus on who we want to serve, and how.

Responding to change will necessarily continue, with or without redevelopment, but we need to take a close look at our building and determine whether it is flexible enough to accommodate changing programs and priorities. We need to think long-term, when we who are part of this exercise today are no longer here. What will the neighbourhood be like? We should explore the possibility of innovative partnerships with others that could support us in becoming and remaining a bastion of opportunity in the neighbourhood and the city. What is our missional push as we continue to think about redevelopment? Where to from here? Your Working Group is committed to further consultations – within and outside the congregation. We are in the process of deciding on a firm to conduct a building condition assessment. You will be kept apprised of progress on these and all activities as we continue to explore and define the options and move towards formulating a recommendation for presentation to Council and the congregation. In the meantime, the takeaway message is this: no decisions have yet been made.

We also continue to pray for discernment and for guidance, and we ask that you support us in prayer as we make our way along this unknown path.

**Addendum:** In the weeks since the above article was included as an insert in the April 28 bulletin, representatives of your Working Group attended a Diocesan Forum on Affordable Housing hosted by the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa on May 11. We were greatly encouraged by the work that is going on in our city to respond faithfully to an identified need, that of affordable housing. The session was very informative and provided valuable insight into funding possibilities and advice on process. Our next steps include a meeting on June 3 with representatives of Multifaith Housing, Cornerstone, Christian Horizons and Graeme Hussey of CAHDCO. In addition, we have signed a contract with IRC Building Sciences Group to conduct a building condition assessment of our facility; work should start on this shortly after Victoria Day. Once again, it is important to remember that no decision have been made. Even more importantly, please continue to support us prayerfully as we make our way along this journey.



## Christmas Bazaar Planning and Help Required

Greetings from the planning committee for this year's Christmas Bazaar! Although the Bazaar is not until November 2, 2019, we are looking ahead and are hoping you can help out in a few specific areas. The Christmas Bazaar is one of our major events for fundraising and for getting people together and working toward this wonderful day. Our receipts last year totaled over \$16K, which is an amazing accomplishment. We had over 150 volunteers over the 2 days of set-up and the day of the Bazaar. Working side-by-side with so many Parkdaler's make it a rewarding experience.

Here are some specific areas that we need help with, in addition to existing volunteers. If you have never experienced helping with the Bazaar, please consider helping in one of these ways:

**Baking Set-up:** We need 1 or 2 more people to help price and organize baking as it comes in on Friday November

1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a team of 3 or 4 of you working on this. So you will not be doing it alone. Please consider if you can help in this area!

**Jewellery Room:** We need 5 more volunteers in the Jewellery Room, specifically when the doors open and for the first couple of hours of the Bazaar, as there is a steady stream of shoppers looking for their special gem of an item. Can you spare a couple of hours on Saturday morning of the Bazaar?

**Attic Treasures Helpers:** We need more helpers to sort and set-up the donations for the Attic Treasures that are displayed in the Tape Hall and to help sell on the Bazaar day. This is an interesting area to work in as there is such a wide range of items, from housewares to outdoor tools to pictures to CDs/DVDs and Christmas items and toys. Please consider helping on a set-up day or just the Bazaar day or all three days!

**Knitting:** We know there are knitters and crocheters in the





congregation. If you can find time to **knit or crochet just one or two items** this

will help keep the knitting table going. We are looking for baby items (cardigans and sweaters from 6 months to 3 years in white, lemon, multi-coloured, taupe or grey), hats, cowls and infinity scarves for women, and mitts and hats for men. Contact Pamela, our Knitting Convenor, at [wild.stuffies@gmail.com](mailto:wild.stuffies@gmail.com), for pattern ideas. Hope you can help!

Putting up Bazaar Posters in local businesses: **We are looking for 2-3 people** to help put posters up in local businesses. We already have a list of businesses that support us in allowing posters. Early October is the best time to get these posters up.

Donations: 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 jewellery, antiques or older items of interest, china, collectibles, knitting, attic treasures, books, plants, linens, ladies' fine fashions & accessories, Christmas items and children's toys. We also look for special items for the Silent Auction Table, such as unique items and vouchers for experiences and/or services.

We also look for new ideas for the Bazaar. Your thoughts and creative ideas are encouraged and welcomed!

Please remember we do not take clothing at the Bazaar, except for fine ladies fashions & accessories. You can donate all clothing to the fall Rummage Sale, which is held before the Bazaar on the last Saturday in September, and items of ladies' fine fashions & accessories will be kept for the Bazaar.

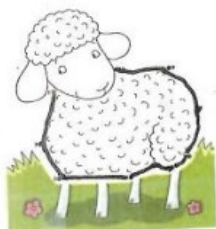
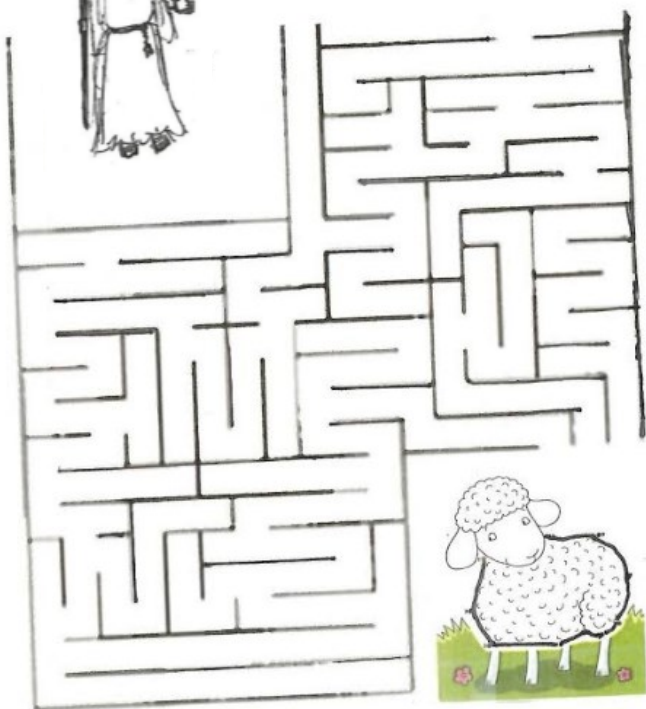
**Please contact me if you can help in the specific areas** we've identified here or if you'd like to volunteer in other areas. Thank you so much,

Judy Hamley, Convenor,  
[judy.hamley@gmail.com](mailto:judy.hamley@gmail.com)

# Children's Corner



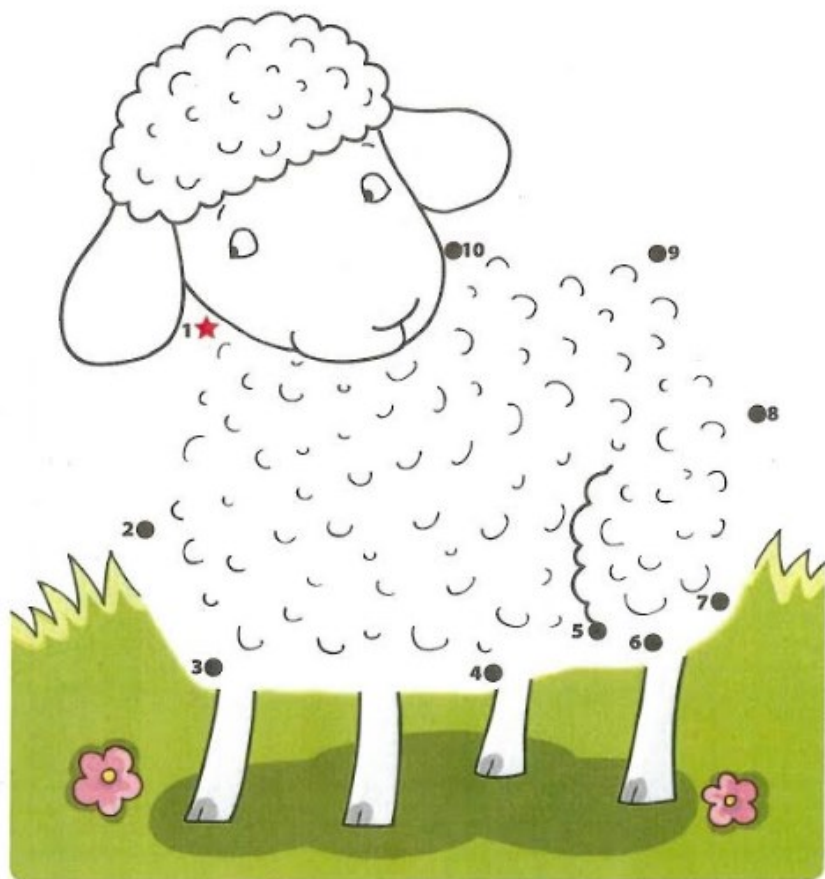
Can you help Jessica to find Sadie?



## Jesus Knows You

What does Jesus say we are to him in John 10:14?

Connect the dots • 1-10. Color  the picture.



Jesus watches over you!

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## Sadie the Lost Sheep



Sadie lived with her mom Marina, who was celebrated for her fine wool, her dad Rambo, who was the biggest ram in the herd, and her many brothers and sisters. Most of the time Sadie enjoyed being part of her community. The sheep were friendly; there was plenty to eat and drink; at the end of the field, there was shelter from rain and snow; and their shepherdess Jessica, was kind and caring. Nevertheless, some of the time Sadie was bored. She thought to herself, "There must be something more exciting outside of our field, over the hills and beyond the valley." From time to time, she would encourage her sisters,

brothers and other friends to go with her on an adventure to find out what was outside of their field, over the hills and beyond the valley.

However, they would always caution, "Sadie you know that we are not allowed to go outside of our field, over the hills and beyond the valley, it is against the rules!"

Sadie would bleat in frustration.

One day when the shepherdess was at the other end of the field tending some sheep, Sadie decided to strike out on her own, to have an adventure and see what was outside of their field,

over the hills and beyond the valley!

It was so exciting at first to run and play outside of their field. She skipped and jumped, stopped to nibble a few dandelions and even raced a bunny to its burrow but was disappointed, as she could not follow it down the rabbit hole. What was the bunny's home like? She wondered.

After a while, it started to rain. Big pellets of freezing rain came down from the sky and hit Sadie on her nose and in her eyes. She wished she had somewhere to shelter. She decided to run to the top of the hill and look around to see if there was somewhere to shelter. As she ran through the bushes to get to the top of the hill, she got burrs all over her wool, prickles scratched her face and legs and she slipped on the icy stones and hurt herself. After slipping and sliding for a while, she realized that she was lost. Being out of the field was not as much fun as she had expected.

She did the only thing that she could think of doing (too bad sheep don't have cell phones to

call home!). She sat where she was and cried a little, then bleated as hard as she could for help!!!

She was bleating so hard that she did not hear when Jessica came around the hill looking for her. She was sooo happy to see her kind, caring shepherdess! She wiggled her bum and jumped for joy right into Jessica's arms.

Jessica took Sadie in her arms and soothed and comforted her as she walked her back to the flock.

Sadie felt very happy that she had a loving shepherdess who would keep her safe and search for and find her when she got lost.

Jesus is like the shepherdess in our story and when we make a mistake that takes us off of the Christian path from time to time, if we ask, he will help us to find our way back to the Path.

*Submitted by Jennifer Payne*



## **Parkdale's Cleaning the Capital, Cleaning Our Neighbourhood Event**





On Saturday, May 4th, a rousing group of Parkdale volunteers attacked the neighbouring streets around Parkdale and did a clean-up. In less than 3 hours, a lot was accomplished as the two photos at the end show what a few people can accomplish when they work together. There were nineteen of us, young and not-so-young (a few people are missing in the photo of the start). It was a bright, sunny, cheery morning and as we worked our way along Gladstone, Rosemount, Armstrong, and Parkdale streets, and around the Connaught School, the library, McCormick and Parkdale Parks, and the Parkdale Market, we were all in fine spirits and met equally good-natured folks along the way who wondered which group was doing such good deeds. The mention of Parkdale United Church was met with thankfulness and encouragement. And Anthony later mentioned that a few came to the church the next day!

If you were not able to come out this time, we hope to make it an annual event – perhaps take on a bigger area. Perhaps we can combine it with a BBQ after? Or something celebratory?

Submitted by Susan Mailer & David Odumodu

We enjoy meeting you and being together in ministry. Parkdale's congregation responds to God's call and Jesus' teachings by:



*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**



Supporting each other through pastoral care and concern

***Reaching out to people in need***

## **PROMOTING JUSTICE**

Praying for guidance, wisdom, and support.

