The virtual Bazaar is ON. See inside for wonderful selections.

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Many thanks and keep your contributions coming!! We are always looking for new ideas, your submissions and Messenger volunteers…

We do reserve the right to edit, condense or reject submissions, but will try to find space for all.

**Next issue: December 2020**
Send submissions to: messenger@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca by November 20

**Cover Image**
The Parkdale virtual bazaar is on. Check out the great things that you can purchase on pages 34 to 48 (don’t miss the competition on page 36)
Congratulations to Anthony Bailey and Barry Hobin who have been awarded the

**Order of Ottawa**

an award presented each year to citizens of Ottawa who have made outstanding contributions to the community.

The announcement, on October 15, included the following nomination biography for Dr. Bailey:

“Reverend Dr. Anthony Bailey

Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey is the Coordinating Minister of Parkdale United Church in Ottawa’s central-west end, serving his congregation and the wider community in that capacity for the past 21 years. Rev. Dr. Bailey has academic degrees in social work, theology, philosophy of religion and ethics and culture, as well as experience studying and working in countries such as Barbados, the United States, Kenya and Jamaica. He has also taught at the university level.

Rev. Dr. Bailey is a person of deep faith. He is a gifted communicator and a dynamic advocate for social justice, racial, reconciliation, inter-faith collaboration, affordable housing, food security and the importance of a vibrant spiritual life. Eighteen years ago, Rev. Dr. Bailey spearheaded a new ministry initiative in his congregation called In from the Cold, where members of the wider community, experiencing poverty and other challenges, are welcomed in a safe, dignified environment that provides nutritional, spiritual and artistic sustenance. He has also provided leadership in his congregation’s ongoing work of sponsoring refugees.

As a diversity and racial justice trainer, Rev. Dr. Bailey is a sought-after voice who provides multicultural, diversity and anti-racism workshops and training for schools, community agencies, federal and municipal government departments, police departments, service clubs and religious communities. He is also frequently invited by the media to offer timely and meaningful commentary on
and contributions to significant social and religious issues.

As an active community supporter, Rev. Dr. Bailey serves the community as a current board member of the Ottawa Mission and Crime Prevention Ottawa. He is a former board member of the Parkdale Food Centre. He is a Leadership Circle member of the Ottawa Community Immigration Services Organization and a supporter of the anti-racism initiative, Justice for Abdirahman Coalition, speaking annually at the Coalition’s Standing Together event.”

Architect Barry Hobin of our congregation was also honoured with this award. His nomination biography reads:

Mr. Barry Hobin is the founding partner of Hobin Architecture, one of Ottawa’s leading architecture firms and well known for their many contributions to Ottawa’s architectural landscape over the past 40 years.

Mr. Hobin’s impactful and enduring influence on the quality of Ottawa’s buildings has resulted in a convergence of functionality and aesthetic appeal. His notable and award-winning projects include Westboro Station, The Ottawa Humane Society, The Rideau at Lansdowne, The Innovation Centre at Bayview Yards and the Lansdowne Park redevelopment. His generous attitude and strong sense of community support have resulted in many philanthropic endeavors, as manifested in a sampling of the Hobin Architecture client base, which includes The Ottawa Mission, The Salvation Army, The Boys and Girls Club and Multi-faith Housing.

A strong advocate for the architecture profession, his pursuit of perfection in the craft of form, space and material is applied to every project that the firm undertakes. Mr. Hobin developed the TV series Homes By Design to showcase residential projects in Canada and internationally. A strong mentor to both colleagues and architecture students, Mr. Hobin is also on the advisory committee to the Carleton University School of Architecture.

An outstanding community supporter, Mr. Hobin has served as the president of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, Chairman of the Committee of Adjustments for the City of Ottawa, Design Committee Chair for the City of Kanata Town Centre, Site selection director for Habitat for Humanity and building program chair for Carleton University’s board of governors.
About Prayer in These Times
…and all times

(This is a slightly edited post from a previous Messenger article)

Anthony

In this time of pandemic, lifestyle upset, and the necessary spotlight on the need to confront racism and discrimination, as followers of Jesus, prayer is an essential response. Not only prayer, but necessarily prayer. For me, prayer, discernment and even my imperfect obedience, are what animates and fuels my compassion for others as well as my struggle against injustice. The truth is, I am not always as faithful as I should be in my prayer life. Although not an excuse, I find myself in good company; namely, the disciples of Jesus. For all the bumbling that Jesus’ disciples did, and all the competition and hard-headedness that they displayed, they got some very important things right. One of them is the importance of prayer, even if they did not always practice this faithfully. (Luke 22: 39-46)

We notice that the disciples, as far as we know, never asked Jesus, “Lord teach us how to be busier. Lord, teach us how to multitask and manage our heavy agendas more effectively.” No, they did ask Jesus however, “Lord, teach us how to pray”. They witnessed the regularity with which Jesus prayed; they witnessed his enduring commitment to prayer and quickly understood something of its importance in Jesus’ life and ministry. The disciples longed for the intimacy they
witnessed Jesus having with God and wanted in on this grace. (Luke 11:1)

Prayer, as our own Barbara Faught once wrote quoting St. Clement of Alexandria, is “keeping company with God”. In speaking with and listening to and for God, we are responding to God’s invitation to a loving and faith-filled relationship. In addition to that invitation we are also questing after that same intimacy with God. Deep down we know we cannot keep up the way we are going. So busy, so frazzled, so insecure, so anxious, so wounded, so self-absorbed, so fearful, driven and out of breath… God longs for us to get the memo that we are not called to achieve our life but rather to receive it. I am still trying to learn this lesson. What I know is that when I am trying to achieve my life, a constant companion is disappointment; I can never achieve enough. Those times when I trust God enough to receive my life, then I find myself in the enduring company of gratitude for who God is and for what God is achieving in my life, in the lives of others, and in the world.

Prayer keeps us linked deeply with God and God’s purposes for us and for the world. Prayer helps us discern what we must pray for and how we might act to join God in answering that prayer. Prayer also reveals the hidden and sometimes “ugly” parts of ourselves; the parts we would rather not admit to. They are brought to the light of our consciousness and offered to God. The promise of God’s response of healing, forgiveness and transformation, is to be trusted.

We are best able to partner with God to work on these unseemly parts of ourselves if we are experiencing and trusting the love of God. We know deep down that we need to receive love in order to give it. Pastor and scholar Dr. Craig Barnes writes:

*Not only do we have to receive the love of God in order to give love to others, but we also have*
to receive it in order to work in freedom. As long as we are working without a conviction that we are already cherished, we will try to manipulate the workplace into our source of self-esteem...God loves us not as a necessity, but as a choice.”

Jesus modeled for us how to remain connected to God, corrected by God and directed by God. In our prayer life with God, we can “keep it real” as the teenagers used to say. Prayer for others, prayer for world being impacted by Covid-19, prayer for peace and justice, prayer for blessing and healing and salvation, prayers of thanksgiving and joy, prayers for crises in the world...there is so much for which to pray. The truth is that sometimes prayer is hard. Of course, it is often rewarding and grounding and all that; but truth be told, sometimes it can seem boring, tedious and not accomplishing much. It is a mark of God’s grace and our commitment to knowing and loving God, and to the biblical summons to pray, that we persist and surprisingly reap unexpected blessings of consolation, wonder, insight, discernment and healing. As well, we reap the joy of witnessing transformation and blessing in others for whom we and our congregation pray. God’s Spirit has promised to accompany us and help us in our praying and in our life...trust this promise and welcome this presence.

Philip Yancey, in his book called Prayer, sums up what Jesus teaches about prayer: “keep it honest, keep it simple, keep it up.”

May I invite you to engage with the following prayer exercise.

Your partner in prayer

Anthony
An invitation to a prayer exercise: Psalm 46:10

“Be still {or, stop striving} and know that I am God…”

Take a quiet moment and find a still place at home, or out of doors. Once settled, take a couple of minutes in silence and then sit comfortably and start to breathe deeply and slowly. Let go of distractions and try to be in the “now” moment. Trust the One who promises...“I will be with you always” and “I will never leave you or forsake you”... to indeed be with you now.

This may or may not be new for you. Just sit quietly and let God know you are ready to listen for God’s “voice”...ready to be open to God’s Spirit. Continue to breathe slowly...let the sheer silence envelop you....and listen. Keep breathing slowly....slowly

As thoughts come, just treat them as leaves floating on the river and let them float away. Just let your thoughts go and only focus on the longing you have to hear from God, to experience God.... at some point that longing may give way to the awareness of an actual experience of God’s presence.

You may ask: How will I know? You will know. It may not happen the first time or second time you do this...or it may. Try to set aside at least twenty minutes for this. There is no magic formula here, it is rather trusting God to draw near to us as God has promised to do. I invite you to do this regularly and intentionally for at least seven days. After each day take time to note (write, remember) the experience of taking the time to do this prayer.
On Thanksgiving Sunday Oct. 11, Sunday School children learned the story from Luke 17 about the Ten Lepers. Huda encouraged them to turn this year’s celebration into a Thanks-Living celebration every day of the year and how to intentionally “Give-Thanks” rather than celebrate “Thanks-giving” one day a year.

From Luke 17:15-16 NIV

15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. 16 He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him.
On Oct. 18, World Food Sunday, we learned about giving to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s. Huda taught the children a memory verse: “The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. (Psalm 24:1)

David talked to the children about money and what it means to give Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s. The children were challenged to find ways to give glory to God such as sharing with the poor, respecting all people, caring for the planet, and singing praises. They were also taught to sing the Doxology, *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*, with a clapping rhythm.
Liz not only spoke to the kids about real money in Jesus’ time, she also shared some chocolate money to illustrate her story!

A word cloud was created by the Junior Youth. While learning about “who am I?” as a follower of Christ, the Junior Youth searched through many verses in the Bible and put together their findings in a word cloud like this!
In 1996, I chose to research who the Parkdale World War I and II war dead were, more than just names on the two plaques in the sanctuary. For years I sat in the sanctuary during the remembrance service in November as the wreaths were placed at each plaque. These were members who gave their lives in service of the country and I felt that I needed to know more about them. What did they look like? What armed service branch did they enter? How old were they? How did they die? I am interested in military history and had previously done research at the Canadian War Museum and the National Archives. I went ahead and requested information about the Parkdale names to access their military service records from the Archives.

The Canadian Archives notified me that the records had been pulled and were available for viewing at the Tunney’s Pasture Archives storage facility. This facility was the WWI and older service records storage facility. The WWII records I requested were brought to this building and assembled. I spent two or three days in the viewing room going through all the service record folders. I was informed that the WWI service records were damaged by water, caused at some time by the sprinkler system be-
ing activated. The records were dry but the dental X-rays in all the records were damaged. (Although I could tell they all had lots of cavities filled.)

Another interesting memory of sitting in the room; they left a door open to the huge room of shelving with all the service record folders. Looking in, it was an impressive sight to see all the folders as far down the aisle as I could see. This facility closed a few years after I was there and you can no longer view the records on the same site as they are stored. I find this disappointing as actually seeing archival storage in person has a memorable impact.

My research was complete by November 1996 and the pamphlet was shared to members at the Remembrance service. I value the research and pamphlet one of my highest life accomplishments. I learned these soldiers died around my age at the time of my research, they lived in my neighborhood, some went to my High School, and some had the same hobbies as I did. The plaques now have more meaning and I am grateful to know who these Parkdale members and soldiers were.
Eric K. Elder is the son of Carol and Ken Elder and brother of Ingrid. The Elders have been a long-time Parkdale family. As you have read in the preceding pages, in 1996 Eric set about learning what he could about the lives of those who died during the two World Wars and are remembered in the plaques which hang in our Parkdale Sanctuary. He produced a booklet of remembrance with research about the people on the Parkdale plaques, *Parkdale Remembers*.

As Eric writes in his introduction to *Parkdale Remembers*: “This is by no means the end of research into these people; it is a preliminary re-

port”. He goes on to invite anyone who has comments, questions and/or additional information to contact him.

Here follow four of Eric’s tributes

The war dead plaque which hung in Bethany Presbyterian Church was unveiled by Governor General the Duke of Devonshire on March 31, 1918. Pte. John Blevins is the first soldier remembered.

John Blevins was born in Ireland on October 24, 1892. John was working as a labourer and living on Gilmour Street when he enlisted with the 13th Battalion. He embarked for overseas service on March 31, 1916. John was wounded by shrapnel in the face during the Battle of the Somme on September 3rd. The 13th Battalion was involved in the construction of a new front line when John Blevins was killed on the night of September 11, 1917.

The Rosemount Avenue Methodist Church war dead plaque was unveiled by Governor General Earl of Bessborough on June 10, 1934. Two brothers, Bombardier Fredrick Ronald Lee McAuley and Cpl. A. Sgt. Charles H. McAuley are remembered.

Charles McAuley was born on December 19, 1892. Charles’
younger brother was Fredrick McAuley. Charles worked at the Ottawa Dairy while living on Rosemount Avenue. He enlisted on December 30, 1914 with the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles. Charles was operated on for appendicitis but developed pleurisy (abscess in the pelvis) which resulted in his death on January 1, 1919. Charles was serving with the 8th Canadian Mounted Rifles at this time.

Frederick McAuley was born on May 16, 1895. Fredrick was a clerk who lived on Rosemount Avenue. Fredrick’s older brother was Charles McAuley. Before enlisting on September 21, 1914, with the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, he had already served two years with the 23rd Battery, Canadian Field Artillery. He was wounded on August 22, 1917. He was killed during a German artillery bombardment on October 10, 1918.

Duncan Campbell was born on August 26, 1899 in Vankleek Hill. He served in WW1 from September 1915 to December 1918. Duncan worked as a dairymen, civil servant and farmer at the Dominion Experimental Farm. Duncan and his wife lived on Edgar Street when he enlisted on July 2, 1940 with the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders. He embarked for Great Britain on July 22, 1941 and he reached France on October 2, 1944. Duncan was killed when the jeep he was driving ran over a mine at 2:00pm on February 24, 1945. He was also known in the Regiment as “Frosty”. The Regiment was engaged in Operation Blockbuster in the vicinity of the Reichwald and Cleve. Duncan is buried at the Nijmegen Canadian Military Cemetery.

Many, many thanks to Eric for his thoughtful and revealing tributes in Parkdale Remembers.

Kathleen Stephenson for The Messenger, November 2020

OUR MEMORIAL HALL
Parkdale has a third framed document hanging in our “Memorial” Hallway which was built to honour all those who served from 1939-1944 including those who did not come home. That explains why our gym is called the Memorial Hall.
My Sunday Morning Walk

Regardless of the weather, every Sunday morning I faithfully go for a walk, not to the park along the river which I normally do several afternoons a week, but through town to my local grocery store and back. It always amazes me how quiet and still everything is as I walk through the city that is still asleep — no people, no traffic, just alone with my thoughts. I take this precious time to chat with God, give thanks and to think about things/events that cross my mind. Not only does the walk add to my physical exercise but also slows down/calms my mind, and lifts my spirit. Occasionally I break out in song to express my gratefulness for being alive!

This morning I noticed the beautiful deep red creepers along the buildings I passed by and a definite nip in the air, reminding me that Winter is just around the corner. I also heard geese in the distance getting closer, and I lifted my head, turned, and suddenly they appeared between the buildings in their V formation — I never tire of seeing this natural phenomena, it truly is an exciting sight!! And then I think about human beings and why we cannot work together more often, like the geese. When the one in front gets tired, it falls back and another takes its place — something to ponder!

By the time I leave the store and start walking home, I sense the city slowly waking up and I see a few people walking their dogs, some joggers and a few walkers like myself. On the way home, I look down at the carpet of yellows, oranges and reds all around me and I pass by houses, some already decorated for Halloween and some with pumpkins on the doorstep. I have come to finally appreciate the four seasons in Canada. Where I originally grew up (in Hong Kong), there is either the wet or dry season, but now I embrace each season and how it teaches me about life transitions. And like the animals I will make my preparations for Winter and enjoy whatever is left of Fall.

Perhaps one Sunday morning when you are waking up, you will recall this article and think of Gloria on her Sunday Morning Walk, or perhaps you will go on a walk yourself, to talk with God and to say, "thank you."

Gloria Goodine
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Would you like to send Christmas greetings through the Messenger?

Please send any Christmas greetings to be published in the December issue of the Messenger to Messenger@ParkdaleUnitedChurch.ca

Examples:

The Jones family would like to send Christmas greetings to Parkdale friends.

Nancy Jones wishes everyone a happy, safe and blessed Christmas this year.

Thinking of Parkdale friends during Christmas 2020 and wishing everyone a blessed 2021. Nancy Jones and family.
What does “Jesus is the Light of the World” have to do with Halloween??

Halloween is not a Christian holiday, yet our children love to celebrate it because no one goes wrong when it’s all about candy and a dress up party! But what about the spooky part – all the costumes and skeletons that the children will see that day?

A few years ago, my family was invited over for dinner at my daughter’s best friend’s house. Their house was decorated for Halloween. My daughter was 6 years old at that time. My daughter was very excited to visit her friend and spend time playing together, but when we arrived at their parking lot, my daughter refused to get out of the car because of the skeletons that were hanging beside their front door. They had to open the garage door for her to enter. Children may react differently to the spooky part of Halloween. Some may find it scary, while others may find it fun.

Regardless of how your child may react to the spooky part of Halloween, how do we help our children enjoy Halloween without the spooky and scary side of it? And is it possible to find an opportunity to share the gospel with the children at Halloween? Here are few ideas:

To help young children feel safe at Halloween, show them pictures of things that may help them feel safe; such as a picture of someone wearing a helmet while riding a bike. Ask your child to identify the thing in the picture that would help them feel safe. Then ask your child to name things that help may help us feel safe when scared.

After that share with the chil-
Children that Jesus cares for us when we’re scared. To explain that, play this game with young children. You need a flashlight.

Let your child/children stand at one end of the room and you at the opposite end with a flashlight. Tell your children:

“when you see the light, walk toward it, when the light goes off-stop”.

When the children reach you, play again as many times as they like. Make sure to turn off some of the room lights to make things more fun.

Then teach them that dark places can be scary, but just like this flashlight helped us find our way, Jesus, who is the light of the world, helps us feel safe when we are scared or afraid. You can share this video from Mark 4:35-41 to teach them about Jesus’s miracle of calming the storm to assure them that Jesus is with us in difficult and scary times.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZTHwqi0Bkk

You can also teach them that Jesus is in control.

Colours and Giggles:

Colours and Giggles is open to all kids and youth. Submit your contributions to hu-da@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca

Rose aged 4

Helen aged 9
All Saints Day/Peace Sunday
November 1

Remembrance Sunday November 8
Joshua 24:1–3 a, 14–25, Psalm 78:1–7,
Wisdom of Solomon 6:12–16 or
Amos 5:18–24, Wisdom of Solomon
6:17–20 or Psalm 70, 1 Thessalonians
4:13–18 Matthew 25:1–13

Children’s Sunday November 15
Judges 4:1–7 Psalm 123 Zephaniah
1:7, 12–18 Psalm 90:1–8, (9–11), 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 Matthew
25:14–30

Reign of Christ November 22
Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24 Psalm 100,
Psalm 95:1–7a Ephesians 1:15–23,
Matthew 25:31–46

First Sunday of Advent
November 29
Isaiah 64:1–9, Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19
1 Corinthians 1:3–9, Mark 13:24–37

Parkdale United Church Council
At its meeting on October 20, Council received reports from committees and staff and also:

1. Approved the latest version of the church investment policy (email pdale@trytel.com if you would like to receive a copy)
2. Approved a motion “To work towards reopening for in person worship, starting on November 29th, public health guidelines permitting” . . It was determined that, as a first step, a survey should be done of the congregation to determine how many are interested in returning for in person worship
3. Approved a motion “That Parkdale United Church engage in discussion with the Hintonburg Community Association Arts Committee with respect to painting of the Bell box on our property”
4. Received an Update on Livestreaming. There are currently a number of discussions ongoing. We are working with various companies to get quotes on the cost of equipment so that we will be able to livestream worship on Sundays.
5. Received an update from the Ad Hoc Music Committee. The committee has completed their data gathering phase and are working to put together a report and recommendation for Council. Overall, there has been a great deal of positive feedback from the congregation regarding the current (pre-COVID) music program.

Highlights from committee and staff reports included:

**Property Trustees and Property Development Working Group**
A first meeting with Cahdco was held on October 8, 2020. Parkdale provided an overview of work done to date, and Cahdco provided a quick overview of the assistance that they will be able to provide in terms of partnership solidification, financing options, options feasibility.
Cahdco is Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corporation's development corporation, established in 1996 to provide development consulting to non-profit organizations.
The new sign is in place (see next page)

**Mission Outreach and Justice**
A small committee is continuing to explore options for In From The Cold. The plan is to organize hand-out meals instead of having a sit-down dinner, starting November 14th, if possible. Logistics and advertising will be a challenge as well as restrictions on the number of volunteers due to COVID

**Anthony Bailey**
**Alcris Limongi**
**Huda Kandalaft**
The Ministerial staff reported on their comprehensive activities in providing worship, counselling, pastoral care, benevolence, faith formation and Biblical reflection, maintaining connections, nurturing faith, caring and praying for one another, outreach and witness.

Judy Hamley, Chair of the Ministry and Personnel Committee, asked that we keep all of our staff in our prayers as they support the congregation during these difficult times, while also dealing with concerns and challenges in their own lives. Please uphold the Pastoral Staff, Don Mockett, Norman Reid, Carole Shaw, Sung Lim, Kathleen Stephenson and Richard Hamley.
Volunteer Opportunity

The Worship Committee is seeking new members! In normal times, our role is to see that greeters, ushers and technical support are in place to enable worship services to proceed as planned, to ensure that the sanctuary is appropriately decorated, and to facilitate the inclusion of Worship Arts in our weekly worship. Our work of enabling and facilitating worship continues with new dimensions in these times of pandemic. Please prayerfully consider if God might be calling on you to offer your time and talents to our committee. If so, or if you have any questions, please contact Alexandra Stockwell, chair of the Worship Committee, at Worship@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca
**Birthdays in November**

**Our warmest greetings to:**

1st: Jenna Lester  
3rd: Ekom Akpan  
3rd: Uyo-obong Akpan  
3rd: Rob Hilkes  
4th: Barbara Baird  
6th: Emily Menzies  
6th: Seth Hilkes  
7th: Joshua Okumu  
7th: Oliver Jeglic  
8th: Chris Halstead  
8th: Alexandra Stockwell  
11th: Barry Hobin  

15th: Matthew Goetz  
16th: Blaine Pauling  
17th: Estelle Allen  
20th Sarah Shepard  
21st: Lorena Mason  
24th: Wendy Bailey  
24th: Jenna Gibbs  
24th: Nora Robin  
24th: Irene Hilkes  
27th: Alec Anderson  
28th: Hepsy Griffith  
30th: Daria Fincham

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

**IMPORTANT:** When submitting photos to The Messenger, please ensure you have asked permission of the individuals if faces are clearly recognizable. They should know that an electronic PDF version of the Messenger is posted to the Parkdale website.
Cooking with the Youth - VIRTUAL STYLE
(Sunday, November 15 @ 4pm)

On Sunday November 15 at 4:00 the youth (about age 13 through high-school) are going to try virtually cooking together over Zoom! The plan is to take a little trip to Italy! We will meet at 4pm on Zoom and hopefully by 6:00 you’ve got a wonderful meal to serve your families at home. Make sure you negotiate with your families that the kitchen will be your exclusive domain for those two hours!

Please work with your mom or dad to make sure you have the following ingredients:

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Please contact Rob (r.hilkes@gmail.com) if you have any questions. We will include the link with the weekly email that goes out to families on either Friday or Saturday before the event.
Abbeyfield Beauty!

Camilla Amundsen has done a marvellous job gardening all season at Abbeyfield House. She is getting the geraniums ready to winter for replanting next spring. She's busy in her "office". That is the composting bin to her left.

The Parkdale Prayer Shawl Group has continued during the pandemic, albeit remotely. Every two weeks, the group meets via Zoom, where we combine our stitches with prayerful reflection and verbal companionship.

Just this week, we received a completed shawl that member Ruth Mooney lovingly created. (See attached).

If you have been doing the "Covid-clean" and discovered any yarn that you no longer plan to use, let us know, and we will arrange to take it off your hands and use it to make more shawls. Our usual supply from the two rummage sales and bazaar donations has left us short.

Susan Mailer
Love Does That

All daylong a little burro labors, sometimes with heavy loads on her back and sometimes just with worries about things that bother only burros.

And worries, as we know, can be more exhausting than physical labor.

Once in a while a kind monk comes to her stable and brings a pear, but more than that,

he looks into the burro’s eyes and touches her ears

and for a few seconds the burro is free and even seems to laugh, because love does that.

Love frees.

At this time of the year, we are usually enjoying the Parkdale Bazaar. One of the traditions of the Bazaar in the distant past was to serve soup and sandwiches. A large team of “Unit 4” of the United Church Women would gather to prepare the sandwiches and a large pot of soup, known as “Bazaar Soup”. It was delicious and warming on a cold fall day. And very easy to make, if you had a can opener…

**Bazaar Soup**
One quarter of a 28 oz can of stewed diced tomatoes
28 oz can Habitant yellow pea soup
28 oz can Habitant vegetable soup
Add any shape of cooked pasta.

*For soups a little more from scratch, the following appears in the Parkdale cookbook.*

**Creamy Carrot and Leek Soup**
(Noeline Whamond)

5 tbsp. butter
1 lb carrots, thinly sliced
6 medium sliced leeks ( white part only)
1 medium chopped onion

8 cups chicken broth
3 tbsp flour
1 1/2 cups milk or cream
Salt to taste
2 pinches nutmeg
Parsley

Melt butter. Add vegetables and cook for about 5 minutes. Add 2 cups of broth and bring to boil. Cover and simmer for about 6 minutes. Add one more cup of broth and purée. Melt remaining butter in a large pot and add flour and cook. Whisk in remaining broth and then boil until slightly thickened. Simmer for 2 mins. Add vegetables and cream/milk. Heat on low heat but do not boil. Add nutmeg and salt and garnish with parsley.

And, for one of the most delicious soups ever…

**Curried Lentil soup**
(From Fine Cooking Magazine, recommended by Paul Crabtree)

**Produce**
1 cup Brown lentils
1 Carrot, small
1/2 Fennel, small bulb
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**Method**

Pulse garlic and ginger in food processor until chopped. Add fennel, carrots, parsnip and shallot and pulse until coarsely chopped.

Melt 2 tablespoons butter. Add vegetables and cook until softened. (about 3 mins). Add curry powder, cook about 30 seconds. Add the lentils, broth, salt and pepper. Bring to boil and simmer until lentils are tender.

Purée 1 1/2 cups of soup with remaining butter and then mix together with remaining soup. Season and serve garnished with yogurt and cilantro.

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**HONEYTHON TIME AGAIN AT PARKDALE!**

Parkdale has long supported the annual Honeython for Camp Kalalla, which raises funds to help support this Christian girls CGIT Camp. This year, because of the pandemic things will be a little different, but we are still pleased that we can offer you the same great local honey products to order and we will provide contactless pickup in our church parking lot. These products make great Christmas gifts!

Send an email to me at honeython@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca for information and an order form. Due date for orders is October 31.

Thanks for your support!
Judy Hamley on behalf of Camp Kalalla.
THANK YOU FOR TAKING ME BACK TO CHURCH

When Alcris came to Parkdale United Church it was around the time that my husband Al died. She happened to hold bereavement sessions which Liz and I attended and which we both found helpful.

I started to find it harder and harder to get a caregiver to get me ready for church on time and I couldn’t manage myself. Ed Ellis, a friend from work days and Alcris urged me to become involved from home. I contributed to the Camino lent series for which I found myself delving into the bible, not done much since the days of teaching Sunday School.

Many Pastoral Care committee members made regular visits resulting in great discussions and many cookies. Sadly for our world, the COVID 19 pandemic took over.

One cold day last week two brave persons came to visit through my open deck door. (Alcris Limongi and then Norm Tape). All three of us had warm coats on. I am grateful for those
“summer” visits which are now “on hold”.

One good outcome of COVID was Anthony’s arrival in my home to preach God’s word, articulated with such clarity and meaning for all of us, every Sunday. When the communion services were included, I was able to participate with my own elements and was thrilled when the Children’s time, provided by my dear daughter LIZ, was added. I am so proud of her contribution to our young people.

I hope and pray that when the pandemic is over this outreach ministry will carry on for the large number of us who are confined to homes and nursing homes. I would be glad to redirect my yearly contribution to help with costs. Reading in the Messenger I realized how many dedicated people it takes to make these services possible.

I honestly feel as if I’m back to church. Thank you to all who continue to make this possible.

Katie Keys

This is a picture of the chapel at Saint-Vincent Hospital in Ottawa. We are now using this space to store hand sanitizer and masks. I love how the Cross is hanging over this. A true reminder of how God continues to bless us and protect us and gives us what we need right now to get through. A reminder of how we are at church out in the world.

Ellen Andrews
WHO IS YOUR NEIGHBOUR?
Pandemic or no Pandemic, Images and Stories is back with a bang. And in this period when we have been thinking, perhaps more than ever before in this city, about service to, and care for, others, it is timely that we should have the spotlight turned on one of Ottawa’s oldest and most enduring landmarks, The Ottawa Mission.

A few more than 30 Parkdalers took the opportunity to learn about the work of this revered Charity, described and celebrated by Peter Tilley, its Chief Executive Officer on the first Friday evening of this Fall series on September 27, 2020, by Zoom.

Using the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke’s Gospel as a background to emphasize “Neighbourliness”, and aided as well by pictorial snapshots, Peter traced the development of The Mission and its unique service of compassion from its origins through the two World Wars and the Depression right up to the Pandemic which we are now facing.

Here was a Charity, founded first as a Union Mission for Men on September 20, 1906, a mere 39 years after Confederation; the brainchild of a group of Ottawa Christian businessmen concerned about the plight of the homeless. By this past September, it had docked 1 million hours, served 18.3 million meals, including 520,000 last year, and has truly become “a neighbour to the lost, hurting and homeless”, a place of refuge where many spend their final years.

Peter was careful to point out a number of important factors in The Mission’s life.

First, change.
We got the impression that the administration was always looking ahead and adjusting to face new challenges. The Union Mission for Men became The Ottawa Mission. The site moved from 73-75 George Street to Daly and Waller in 1912 after the purchase of the old stone house on Waller. A wing was added to the building in 1922 and it enjoyed success in increasing the capacity for beds and in serving 73,000 to 425,000 meals per year in 1929, at the height of the Depression.

In the ensuing period, including the post-war years and up to the present,
there has been a significant expansion in services from food, shelter and clothes to primary health care, in-shelter, dental, mental health and hospice care, addiction and trauma treatment, educational support, job-training and housing.

Moreover, the change in the demographic makeup of the city means that refugees, First Nations, Métis, Inuit, a wide variety of ethnicities and individuals, regardless of religious persuasion, benefit from The Mission’s hospitality.

Also noteworthy is the shift from providing just shelter to providing services to younger individuals fighting drug addiction and motivated to improve their education; and understanding why some persons become homeless, how to deal with the problem and encouraging eventual independence.

Next, stability and consistency in leadership.
Best exemplified by the outstanding contributions of James Joad, the Mission’s first Superintendent who served for 28 years and demonstrated his life-long commitment to the last by requesting that his funeral be conducted, on site, in the chapel; as well, of Diane Morrison, the first female CEO who served for 20 years and spearheaded effective initiatives for more community support through donations.

According to Peter, The Mission staff was prepared for the Pandemic, although there were worries about fatigue, the challenge of the changing environment, diminished labour supply and the necessity to respect proper protocols; also, stress and fear resulting from the uncertainty of the future, including pay without top up.

Looking ahead, while he hoped for the implementation of the Strategic Plan, he thought that some components such as the Metric Evaluation of programs and Food Training might have to be put on hold, and that Housing Outreach and Staff Mental Health needed more attention at this time. He mentioned as well the Food Graduation program which would aim for 65 graduates per year.

Overall, the CEO expressed pride in The Mission’s History, the Addiction program now offered off-site, the Chaplaincy with its three services per week, the faith-driven Board of Directors and the cooperation of other Charities whose assistance has been indispensable. Above all, he believed that The Mission “has provided compassion, love and God’s grace to thousands within the Ottawa community” and that the staff and clients were truly blessed and protected during the Pandemic.

Anthony thanked Peter for staying the course and being innovative in a very challenging task.
IMAGES & STORIES
Presents A Roast
In Praise of Parkdale United Church’s
Two Recipients of the City’s “Order of Ottawa” Award
Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey & Architect Barry Hobin

Join us on Friday, November 27, 2020 from 7:00 to 8:30 for another Special Presentation of this Images & Stories’ season as we salute our Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey and Architect Barry Hobin – two stalwarts of Parkdale United Church and the City of Ottawa.

Because this will be a ZOOM presentation, please register your attendance by e-mailing pdale@trytel.com or phoning Don in the office at 613-728-8656. Don compiles a list and will send you the Zoom link closer to November 27th.

Hear ye! Hear ye!…Don’t miss your chance to ….well…to tease them…have fun at their expense…..perhaps you find someone’s sermon too long….don’t be shy…think of something.

We welcome the participation of those interested in roasting these two gentlemen to make it a fun evening. To register your interest, please E-mail Faye Beaufort @ fbeaufort@bell.net or call Don in the office @ 613-728-8656 and leave your name and phone number and we’ll get back to you.

I&S Committee
Parkdale’s Yuletide Bazaar Was Cancelled… BUT Now Is Busily and Beautifully Re-imagined!

Although our in-person Bazaar is cancelled this year, check out all the offerings from our Virtual Bazaar! Many Parkdalers have been busy and are ready to take your orders. There's a wide range of items from preserves, baking, knitting, photograph cards for any occasion, plants and more. Also check out the October Messenger, where a number of items were listed. And see this November edition for the new items that have been added.

Avoid the stores and do your Christmas shopping easily with ordering by email or phone and contactless pickup will be arranged. All proceeds go to support Parkdale. If you also want to make a donation to Parkdale in lieu of the Bazaar, that is very welcomed.

In the following pages are pictures and contact information for each item in green.

Thanks everyone for your support,
Judy Hamley
Virtual Bazaar Convenor

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Never too early to get stocked for Christmas baking. The green tomato mincemeat tastes like commercial mincemeat but vegan and made with green tomatoes, apples, raisins, sugar, vinegar and spices. Use for your mincemeat pies and tarts but also tasty served over ice cream. $10 for 500ml.

Don't miss picking up a few jars of green tomato chutney, $6 for 250ml. It goes well with cheese, charcuterie, tourtiere and various hot dishes. Contains green tomatoes, raisins, apples, onions (all local), sugar, cider vinegar and spices.

Contact Pamela at pamelagemmellbazaar@gmail.com to order and arrange for delivery or pickup.
Handpainted Christmas gift tags, 6 for $3
To order, contact Kathleen Stephenson at stephensonkathleen067@gmail.com

FREE GIFT
A set of these beautiful gift cards will be mailed FREE to five lucky readers who email messenger@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca with the subject heading
FREE GIFT
A draw will be held
Bazaar items from Valerie Hum

Since Parkdale church has cancelled its Yuletide bazaar I have a number of hand crafted items that are for sale from my house. Attached is a photo of these items with prices. Please email me for an appointment. I can safely sell these items from my garage. Email Valerie at valerie.hum@rogers.com for more details or call me at 613-728-8830.

All proceeds to go to the Bazaar.

Here is a detailed list of the items:
- Microwave cozies - $10 each or 3 for $25. Ideal for heating up hot cereal, soups, stews in the microwave and keeping your fingers safe. These make great hostess gifts or stocking stuffers. Completely reversible, made out of many fun 100% cottons.
- Hand knitted cowl scarves, $25, synthetic yarn. Beautiful to drape around a top or an overcoat in a very flattering curved design.
- Chef's apron set for 3/4 year olds, includes an apron, chef's hat and pair of mitts, $25. Some fabrics have matching adult aprons - $17. Made of 100% cottons from Ikea. Girl, boy or gender neutral fabric.
- Crocheted ladder yarn necklaces, $10 each. A multitude of colours to suit any colour palette, great to insert into an envelope as a birthday present, for Christmas or Mother's day.
- Tooth fairy pillows for your 5 or 6 year old losing their first set of teeth, $10 each: boy or girl pillows crafted out of felt.
- Teething bibs for drooling infants, $5 each or 3 for $12. Little girl, boy or gender neutral patterns in flannel, reversible.
- Canned spicy pickled beets, $5/pt.
- Fancy silk infinity scarves, $15, silk from China, Japan. Polyester infinity scarves $3-5.00
- A beautiful original Streve scarf: black suede on one side with leather and hand painted flowers and a dragonfly, and multicoloured silk on the other- 6 inches wide by 53 inches long, plus a six-inch suede fringe on each end. $75. Website lists scarves at $169 so this a bargain for that very special person whether it be yourself or a loved one. https://www.strevedesign.com/scarves/suede-Scarves/
Photograph Greeting Cards

These beautiful photograph greeting cards may be used for any occasion to send to someone special or to give away as a gift. Save yourself a trip to the store and stock up on these lovely cards. They come with envelopes and are ready for you to write your greeting inside whether it's for a birthday, a get well greeting, sympathy card, or just to cheer someone up and tell them you're thinking of them. You can order 1 for $3.00 or a pack of 4 assorted for $10.00.

Place your order by sending an email to parkdalecards@gmail.com. Include your name and phone number to arrange for contactless pickup.

Thanks for your support of the Virtual Parkdale Bazaar!
Baking

Parkdale Bazaar, Covid 2020 offerings from Val’s kitchen. All net proceeds to the bazaar.

Contact valerie.hum@rogers.com to place your order.

All pie crusts are made with lard/butter mixture, loaves are made with butter. Baking can be picked up from my garage shortly after I have baked them due to lack of storage space and can be easily frozen in your freezer.

*I reserve the right to limit my baking due to time restraints. If I am unable to fill your order please support your local small businesses in these times of financial crisis.*

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Don't miss picking up some knitted items for yourself or as early Xmas gifts. See below and check back to the October Messenger for others. Contact pamelagemmellbazaar@gmail.com for more information or to purchase.
Adult hats $8 each.

Kids hats $8
The Messenger

6mths $15

0-3mths $10

3-6mths $12
Lovely Plants for Virtual Bazaar

Pick up a lovely houseplant to brighten up your home! Assorted varieties available. Contact Hannie to order and Hannie can provide you with answers to your questions on plants, as she’s our Parkdale plant expert!

Contact Hannie at hannief@sympatico.ca
Contactless pickup will be arranged.

Two mini-streptocarpus plants $5.00 each. The flowering picture below shows how these will look when they flower (not for sale!)
Spider Plants (below)
They are a great houseplant and are easy care. There are assorted sizes, $5-$10 depending upon the size. Contact Bazaar@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca to order and to arrange contactless pickup.
Here are a few plants for sale from my garden. Will sell these from my garage. [valerie.hum@rogers.com](mailto:valerie.hum@rogers.com) 613-728-8830

Orange-blooming Christmas cactus with buds...$5.00

Flowering maple right, yellow flowers, indoor plant, the squirrels bite off the growing tip in May but it still flowers despite going dormant right now - $7

Gardenia - indoor plant - creamy white flowers, 5 ft high, 31" in diameter. $15

Dipladenia display, outdoor annual, white flowers, (left) pink flowers, above, $5 each
LUNCHTIME BIBLICAL/THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION ON THE PANDEMIC
(Tuesdays, 12 noon until 1pm)

It is not too late to join.

We will continue this time of reflection on how Biblical texts, wisdom, and faith can help us explore the Pandemic experience. Both in the Bible and throughout human history, times of devastating loss, widespread grief and disasters have challenged the human family to make sense of these events. This will be an opportunity to explore some biblical texts, historical events, our present Pandemic moment and how our understanding of God and the teachings of Jesus can be essential resources of blessing, comfort and engagement.

These sessions are held via Zoom. If you are interested, please register by sending an email to Don Mockett at pdale@trytel.com.

You will receive the Zoom link and passcode as well as the resource sheet.
IN AND OUT OF SEASON

Namby: Good morning, Pamby.
Pamby: Ok, good morning to you if you think that it’s good.
Namby: What kind of grumpy greeting is that?
Pamby: If being real and honest means being grumpy, that’s ok with me too.
Namby: You can be real and honest without dumping on me.
Pamby: So why do you think that it’s got anything to do with you?
Namby: I don’t think that I’m over-reacting if I expect you, my friend, to be courteous, as I have been to you.
Pamby: Ok, it’s not about you. I’m just annoyed and sad at the same time when I think about how cruel life can be.
Namby: So, it’s about the Pandemic again, eh? Well, we’d better face it; it’s been cruel to everybody.
Pamby: Surprise! Surprise! It’s not about the Pandemic; and by the way, I hope that you aren’t telling me to be cool because it’s affecting everybody. I know that misery likes company, but I’m not going to be a cheerleader. Pandemic or no Pandemic, life is cruel.
Namby: For crying out loud, Pamby! You seem to be on one of your negative rants. Yes, there’s a lot of suffering, fear and uncertainty right now, but perhaps that’s why we have Thanksgiving as well.
Pamby: Yea, right! I’m surprised that my thoughtful friend Namby is joining the crowd and trying to put a sugar-icing over a rotten cake.
Namby: Cut out the riddles and tell me what you mean.
Pamby: Well, go tell my aging friend who told me that she hasn’t received a phone call from any of her friends since her husband’s funeral more than a year ago. Go tell her about Thanksgiving!
Namby: Well, were the friends “her” friends or her husband’s friends? And does she have children?
Pamby: Ok, she does have children; they do call, but they live in another city miles away and can’t visit her during the pandemic. I don’t know whose friends the friends were, but that shouldn’t matter, should it?
Their house was full of people when he was alive. Now, she didn’t even say whether or not she received a call from the priest. And she gave a ton of money to the church!
Namby: Sometimes, people think that recently - bereaved people should be left to grieve in peace; sometimes they don’t know what to say to them, so they keep quiet and respect their privacy.
Pamby: That’s a lot of baloney! Sounds as if you have been reading Grief Therapists and that bunch.
Namby: Oh! So now you are an expert on baloney, eh?
Pamby: Not as expert as you are on Thanksgiving. Guess you’ll soon be quoting your favourite Bible Thumper, Paul.
Namby: Now, you are a mind-reader!
Pamby: I’m not claiming to be any-
thing. I’m just disappointed that you don’t seem to be able to understand that it hardly takes a second to pick up a phone and say “Hello, how are you doing?”

Namby: So what if the person doesn’t want to be disturbed?

Pamby: For crying out loud, Namby! They have a bunch of options. They may ignore the call or pick up the phone and say that they would rather not have a conversation at the time, or say “thank you for calling and how pleased they are to hear you.”

Namby: You are you saying that it makes a difference anyhow?

Pamby: You got that right.

Namby: Well, you may lambaste me again, but, yes, I am going to quote my friend Paul when he tells us to be “thankful in everything”. And I don’t think that it’s sugar-icing or a coverup.

Namby: So, what else could it be but a refusal to face reality?

Pamby: Suppose he is telling us that we shouldn’t allow ourselves to be so overwhelmed by anything, including tragedy or disappointment, that we forget that there is still something that we can be thankful for.

Pamby: Ok, I understand where you are coming from; I guess that most of us can always be thankful, at least for Life.

Namby: You said “Most of us”.

Pamby: Yes, I’m still a realist, so I make room for “the Grumps and Whiners”.

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The Last Roses of Summer. Photo by Elaine West
Parkdale United Church
We respond 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

PROMOTING JUSTICE

Reaching out to people in need