

# the Messenger

PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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Many thanks to our two contributors to this mini-edition of the Messenger. Due to unfortunate computer glitches, we are unable to include all the September news. Next month will be a September-October Messenger.

Looking ahead to that edition, please send your contributions! Your news and musings and other offerings are always welcome. Please consider yourself one of our roving reporters and/or photographers. Maybe you have thoughts you would like to share or are enjoying conversations with others during these strange and challenging times.

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

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## FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG FAMILIES...

Sunday school will continue online every Sunday during the Month of September (Exception Sept. 12 when we have our outdoor Rally Sunday. In case of inclement weather, Sunday School will be online as usual that day).



Introducing our theme for September:

*Season Of Creation:  
A Home for All- Renewing the OIKOS of  
God.*

We will be *celebrating God's Creation* by focusing on Bible stories that celebrate water, plants, food, and animals. We hope also to draw the children's attention to climate change issues and help them find ways to care for God's good creation and be good stewards of it. We will have opportunities to focus on hearing and reflecting on the story with open-ended questions, creating meaningful art, sharing in an interactive activity based on the story, and providing an opportunity to share God's love.

Sunday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, Sunday school is about the  
**“SEASON OF CREATION”**



God created everything out of nothing. We will explore the difference between creating and making. There will be breakout rooms for older Kids (Grade 3+) and for younger kids (preschoolers - Grade 2), with special programs catered to their age level. Online games, crafts, and hands on activities are

part of our time together every week. All children ages (3-12) are invited to join. The link is sent in the weekly email. Please check the weekly Children's worship bulletin where you can find more material and activities about today's lectionary reading.

Junior Youth group online- Every other Wednesday- next meeting Spet.22 @ 7:30 PM.



Senior Youth group online- Every other Sunday. Next meeting is Sept. 19 @ 7:30 PM.

IGNITE group every other Thursday – Next meeting is Sept. 23.



Forest Church (Weather Permitting) Saturday Sept. 18 @ 3:00 pm for youth, young adults and young families. We will gather at Hog's back park for a time of outdoor worship. Please bring your own lawn chairs. Physical distancing and masking will be observed. Please register by Sept. 13.

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Parkdale Christian Yoga will resume EVERY OTHER Tuesday. Next gathering is Sept. 7 at 7:00-7:30 PM.



Christian Yoga is an online program for all ages. It is a time for you to connect with your body, mind, and spirit, with yourself and with God through yoga movements and meditation on scripture passages. The movements and stretches can be modified to accommodate your body and there will be time for meditation. Dress code is whatever feels

comfortable for you. A yoga mat or blanket to place on the floor would be helpful. The link to join is emailed to the congregation on Tuesday mornings. For more information, please speak with Huda or Roxanne.

Somerset West Community Health Centre has plenty of Fall Resources for young families, Children and Youth. Please check the weekly email sent from Parkdale to the young families.

## Youth Leadership Forum on Reconciliation

Experiences Canada is reopening applications for their virtual Youth Leadership Forum on Reconciliation, bringing together Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth from across the country to develop reconciliation projects that they can lead in their own communities.

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE  
FUNDING TO LEAD A RECONCILIATION  
PROJECT IN THEIR COMMUNITY

Applications are now open to youth aged 14 - 25!

Deadline for registration is Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

For more information, please contact

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For registration please visit:

<https://forums.experiencescanada.ca/register/>



## PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP UPDATE

Your Property Development Working Group (PDWG) continued to meet over the summer and held two congregational meetings, the first on June 19 and the second on August 10. The format for both meetings was the same and consisted of opening remarks, a short devotional and prayer, a small group breakout session facilitated by Kathleen Stephenson and a Power Point presentation of options led by Barry Hobin, after which there was a time for questions.

The June 19 session was attended by about 60 people, who engaged in wide-ranging discussion of the questions that were suggested by Kathleen:

- What is it that the church is doing currently that seems really important?
- What are we doing that meets real needs and that we could build on?
- What could we be doing that we're not doing?

Some of the key points that were raised included a reminder that Parkdale is first and foremost a church, and we should not lose sight of this fact during our 'imagining'. Recurring themes of



Parkdale as a community hub, an important physical presence in Hintonburg, almost approaching a 'brand', were heartening. We were reminded of the need to determine what church will look like after the pandemic, including the needs of youth and children, wherein the future lies. Our aging volunteer base requires expansion, ideally by recruiting some younger members. There was an interesting discussion about the importance of sacred space, which some members believe necessitates the retention of the sanctuary and the chapel. That said, we were also reminded that the church is about the people, not the building. The challenge of financing any of the options was also a concern for several.

The August 20 session was attended by about 22 people. The same questions were suggested for consideration during small group dis-





discussion, and this group seemed to focus more on the possibility of housing than did the June 19 group, with many suggestions in small groups about the kind of housing that appealed to participants, e.g. focus on single women, desire for 'affordable' rental units in a desirable area, etc. Other key points related to the need to do something about the 'crumbling' building, and not just with band-aid solutions; the need for accessibility and security; and the need for more parking.

Thinking about the future of the church after pandemic, we wondered how big a sanctuary we might need. Expanding our volunteer base also came up in this session recognizing the opportunities for more volunteers including young people. This session, too, talked about financing and the need for fundraising. The value of green space in an urban environment was important to this group.

A request for more information on the Abbeyfield model was answered capably by Camilla Amundsen, an Abbeyfield resident. There was also an interesting discussion about places that inspire a sense of awe, and the importance of light and volume in creating this kind of space.

There remains a lot of work to be done before a decision is made, including a fine-tuning of missional objectives, narrowing down of the options, identification of potential partners, exploration of financing options, development of a consultation plan with neighbours, the City, indigenous organizations, and others. Your PDWG will continue to meet on a regular basis to address these issues.

**On Wednesday September 22, from 7-9pm, there will be a congregational meeting with Cahdco during which more information on financing challenges and opportunities will be shared. Please watch for more information on how to join this meeting.**

In the meantime, please continue to support us in prayer. Thank you and God bless.

Helen Hayes

Birthdays in September  
Warmest greetings to...



- 3rd: Camrynn Haynes  
5th: Liam Praamsma  
5th: Tianna Beaufort-Bradley  
8th: Liz Harrison  
9th: Maxim Beaufort-Bradley  
9th: Dineo Molepo-Stearns  
10th: Marion Baird  
11th: Kevin Bosch  
16th: Mirriam Lanyom  
16th: Freda Sutton  
20th: Ubong (Mike) Akpan  
21st: Samantha Larabie  
22nd: Elsie Harman  
22nd: Riley Strangemore  
28th: John King

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

**LECTIONARY**

**15th Sunday after  
Pentecost, Septem-  
ber 5, 2021**



Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; Isaiah 35: 4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark:24-37

**Creation Time 1, September 12,  
2021**

Proverbs 1:20-22; Psalm 19; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8: 27-38.

**Creation Time 2, September 19,  
2021**

Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; Solomon 1:16-2:12-22; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:31 7-8a; Mark 9: 30-37.

**Creation Time 3, September 26,  
2021**

Esther 7:1-6,9-10,9:20-22; Pslm 124; Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5: 13-20; Mark 9: 38-50.

**Creation Time 4  
World Communion Sunday  
October 3, 2021**

Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Genesis 2: 18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1-1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10: 2-16