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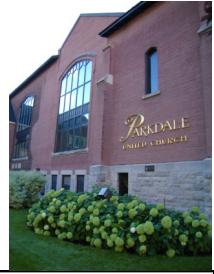


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LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER / NOVEMBER

Proper 21/World Communion Sunday/ Creation Time 4

October 1 *B2133*

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

Proper 22/Thanksgiving Sunday/ Creation Time 5

October 8 *B2134*

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19
Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

Proper 23/World Food Sunday

October 15 *B2135*

Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

Proper 24/Peace Sunday

October 22 *B2136*

Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

Proper 25/Reformation Sunday/ All Saints Sunday

October 29 *B2137*

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

All Saints Day

Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

Proper 26/Remembrance Sunday

November 5 *B2138*

Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
Micah 3:5-12
Psalm 43
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

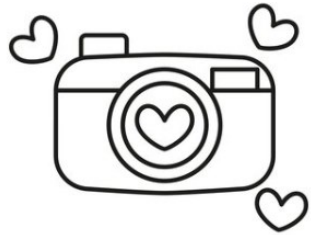
Proper 27/Twenty-Fourth after Pentecost

November 12 *B2127*

Joshua 24:1-3a, 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

PARKDALE'S 2024 CALENDAR PROJECT

This project is being done in support of Parkdale United Church's youth. No one will be surprised to know that Hepsy Jones-Griffith has amassed a plethora of photographs of events and people at Parkdale. She came up with the idea of doing a Parkdale Calendar for 2024. The



Mission, Outreach and Justice Committee is on board with Hepsy preparing the calendar showcasing Parkdale's many diverse, inclusive and enjoyable activities over time.

Our plan is to have samples made available for congregants to review and order copies in time for Christmas. The calendars will be available at a cost of \$10 each. Proceeds will be used to support our Parkdale United Church's youth. Let us learn more about each other, showcase our favourite activities and help fund our youth. (Contact: PUC office @ pdale@trytel.com)



REMEMBERING

Please keep in your prayers the families of the following persons.

- **Michel Dufresne** who was laid to rest on August 19, 2023.
- **Ulla Maynard** who was laid to rest on September 6, 2023
- Bob Harrison, daughters and family on the passing of his wife **Arlene Harrison** who was laid to rest on September 16, 2023.
- Claudette Knuckle-Dougan and the family of her brother-in-law **Kerwin Dougan** who was laid to rest on September 22, 2023.
- **Muriel Beckles** for whom a memorial service was held on September 23, 2023.





A CELEBRATION OF CULTURES Would you enjoy sharing your culture and honouring the cultures of other Parkdale families and friends? This previously annual event resumes in 2023 to the delight of everyone! The Missions, Outreach and Justice committee is inviting the congregation and friends to worship and enjoy a feast on Sunday, October 29th. The service begins at 10:30 AM immediately followed by a potluck lunch in Memorial Hall (the large gym). A freewill offering will be taken to support the Parkdale Youth Group.

Please bring your favourite cultural dish, ready to serve, to the kitchen in Memorial Hall, prior to the service. Please indicate if your casserole or pasta is gluten free. If cooking isn't your thing, buns and cookies are an option. We hope that you will join the Missions, Outreach and Justice committee and all those taking part in the service and programme to celebrate our cultures: Diverse Yet One in Christ.

Laila from Haiti Pastel composition
by Deborah A. Brown



CELEBRATING OUR CULTURES

October 29, 2023



Church Service Starting at 10:30am

Potluck International Luncheon
and Cultural Festivities
to Follow the Service

Bring your favourite International Dish

Christmas Bazaar-November 4th

Parkdale's in-person Christmas Bazaar is returning

again this year on Saturday, November 4th. We are excited and the planning and preparation is well underway.

Now we need your donations. After our Rummage sale on September 30th, there must be still lots of "treasures" that you are anxious to donate! Please search your closets & attics for fine antiques & collectibles, jewellery, Christmas decorations, knitting, fine linens, and attic treasure items such as dishes, kitchen items, utensils, tools, small appliances in good



working condition, artwork, books, toys, DVDs & CDs, etc.

Just a reminder that we don't take furniture, large exercise equipment, old style TVs or old-style computer monitors, **and no clothes please for the Bazaar.**

We also look forward to baking contributions for our Bake Room and for our Café. Baking and sweets are in high demand! Please email me at bazaar@parkdaleunit.edchurch.ca if you can help on either the Thursday or Friday setup, and/or on Saturday, the day of the sale. We need lots of volunteers!



Parkdale's Online Bazaar Auction

We are excited to hold another **ONLINE Auction**. It will start on November 4th, the day of the Bazaar, and will end on Nov 16th.

We are collecting items for the online auction now as well, so if you think you have items for the auction, please send me an email and a picture of the item at:

bazaar@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca

Thanks very much, Judy Hamley, Convenor, Christmas Bazaar & Online Auction



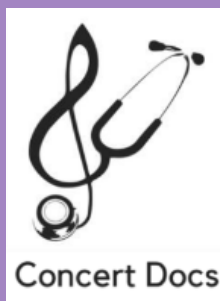
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A CRESCENDO OF ENCHANTING MUSIC

Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 4, 2023 @ 7:00 - 9:00 PM to attend this grand musical performance in our Sanctuary by the famed **"Concert Docs"** & Kiwanis Music Festival winners.

Twice this concert has had to be cancelled due to Covid and the Tenor's laryngitis. So please plan to join us. Cost will be \$25. Stay tuned for detailed information.

Contacts: Faye Beaufort, Joelle Osterkruger, of-fice: pdale@trytel.com





Honeython for Camp Kalalla



...raises funds to help support this Christian girls CGIT Camp. This fundraiser provides much loved local honey, spreads, snacks, and other all natural products.

These products make great Christmas gifts!



Orders due by October 29, 2023.

Contact Judy Hamley for order forms & E-transfers
payments to: honeython@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca

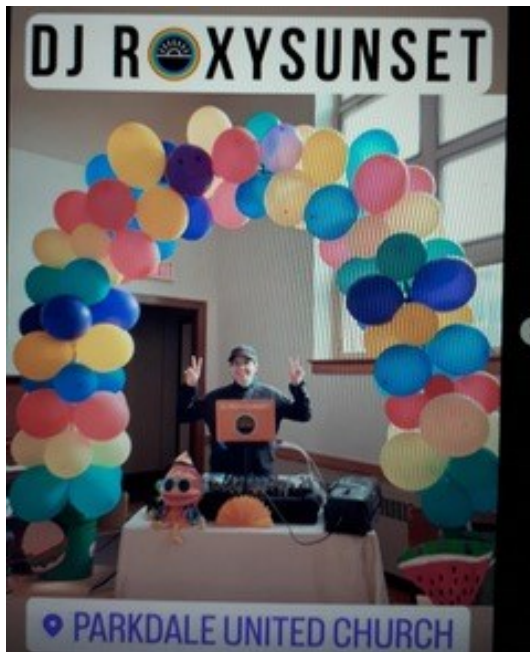
THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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News from the Pews:



Joelle pruning



Parkdale Poetry

Poetry by Jay Brazeau and submitted by Elaine West

Jay Brazeau who attends Parkdale is an Ottawa-based poet who resides on the outer edge of imagination – a world where cats dig houndstooth jackets, chickens sell eggs and a pigeon’s pockets are packed with popcorn. His poems have appeared in numerous print and online children’s magazines, anthologies and in the public art project, What You’d Never Expect a Bear to Wear (and Other Ironic Outfits). You can follow him on Instagram @theotherjaybrazeau or on whatever Twitter is now @brazeau_jay.

Blessings and Woes, How do they Go?

Adapted from Rev. Bailey’s sermon “What We Need But May Not Want”, February 17, 2019

Mary’s got the biggest house,
I live in a tiny flat.
Bonnie’s got a billion friends,
I’ve only got my cat.
Greta’s got the greatest jokes,
I wish I was that funny.
Bobbi bought a pizza lunch
(her mom makes loads of money).

But Mary’s dad is very sick
and Bonnie failed a test.
Greta’s worried for her budgie,
how could we have guessed?
Bobbi struggles mightily
with things you cannot see –

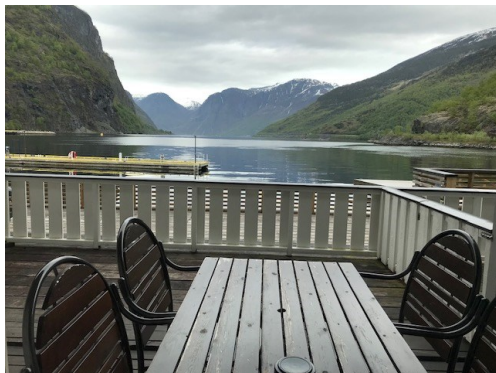
she and Bonnie and Greta and Mary
all wish they were me.



Upcoming Images and Stories

“Naturally, Norway”

Are you interested in virtually exploring Scandinavia’s most awe-inspiring, mountainous nation where the cities and countryside are serene and the food is absolutely delicious? Naturally, you will want to attend Barbara Hennessy’s Zoom presentation on Friday, October 27, at 7:00 p.m., in which she will share photos and tell us all about her recent dream-of-a-lifetime trip to Norway!



“Alaska”:

November 24 when Jennifer Payne and David Odumodu tell us about their breath-taking trip to Alaska.

To register to receive the Zoom link please e-mail pdale@trytel.com. We have your e-mail if you followed us last season. However, if you changed your e-mail, please re-register.



Parkdale Garden

Many thanks to the volunteers who worked tirelessly to landscape, plant and maintain the gardens this spring, summer and fall.

Hugh Nelson and Ed Ellis (who organized the watering schedule) Joelle Osterkruger, Marilyn Hahn, John Butcher, Elaine West, and Roxanne Akhtar. Honourable mention goes to Norman Reid who assisted in pruning and landscaping. Apologies to anyone whose name was omitted.





PDWG UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER- OCTOBER MESSENGER

Summer has flown by, and your Property Development Working Group is excited about getting back to more regular meetings. We did not stop working completely over the summer although we did not meet formally during August.

Since our last report, a lot has happened. In late June, we hosted a 'Block Party' for our neighbours on both sides of the block bounded by Wellington, Parkdale, Gladstone, and Rosemount. About thirty

people responded to the hand-delivered invitations and were interested in hearing about our plans for the property. In addition to several neighbours, we had representatives from the Rosemount Library, the Post Office, the Ottawa West Community Support Centre, Abbeyfield, the Hintonburg Community Association and Rev. Meg Patterson from St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church. In general, those present expressed support



for Parkdale and their desire that we stay in the neighbourhood, as well as identification of some neighbourhood needs. Not surprisingly, there was some concern expressed about the height of a proposed building and the kind of support we might offer to a vulnerable group. We believe that this kind of meeting is important, and we will continue to meet with neighbours and others as our work progresses.

On this note, Kathleen Stephenson was invited to join a group from 1140 Wellington to further the discussion begun at the Block Party.

Ray Elgersma and his wife Judy, and Linda Baker, who sings in the choir, worship with us and live at 1140 Wellington. There will be further opportunities to work with this group to discuss Parkdale's missional opportunities in the neighbourhood.

Cognizant of the need to keep EOORC abreast of our thinking, and on the advice of Rev. Peter Bartlett,

we have had several conversations (two in June and one in July) with Rev. Miriam Bowlby, who is the United Church interface with Kindred Works. We will meet with Tim Blair, CEO of Kindred Works, on September 26 at which time we will learn more about a feasibility study, which has been offered by Kindred Works at no cost to Parkdale.

We have been told that collaborating with Kindred Works can facilitate approval of an eventual project by EOORC. We have therefore put our work with Trinity Centres Foundation on hold for the time being. Your PDWG believes it will also be important to stay in touch with CCOC and Cahdco, given their local experience and expertise. Towards this end, representatives of the Housing sub-group recently met with Graeme Hussey, Director of Housing Development for Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corporation

(CCOC) and President of Cahdco, CCOC's sister corporation, an Ottawa-based non-profit real estate development corporation.

Rev. Bartlett has clarified the ownership of our building – jointly in trust between Parkdale Trustees and the United Church of Canada - and the role that EOORC will play in any redevelopment plan. Also, on the advice of Rev. Bartlett, preliminary contact has been made with Phyllis McRae of Emmanuel United. She is the Chair of EOORC's new Future of Property Leadership Team, assisting congregations doing major renovations or selling property. Phyllis ad-

vised that part of her Team's role will be to ensure that property is not automatically sold if there are missional opportunities. We will continue to stay connected with Phyllis. After meeting in May with Laird Eddy, former Executive Director of the Mission, and founder of Gryphon Fundraising, he referred us to Holly Wagg, Partner, and CEO of GoodWorks. While Good Works does not engage in capital campaigns, Laird suggested that they could be helpful when the time comes. Preliminary contact has been made with Fraser Green, Partner, and Business Development expert at Good-





Works; we will meet in the near future.

Our April letters to churches resulted in responses from Rothwell United, Glebe-St. James United, Barrhaven United, Dominion Chalmers United, and Kitchissippi United. The responses from Dominion Chalmers and Kitchissippi were particularly promising and conversations with these two churches will continue to see how collaboration might be mutually beneficial.

The Housing Sub-group has met several times and now comprises eight members: Ed Ellis (chair), Irene Hilkes, Barry Hobin, Elise Mennie, Chris Tait, Jesus

Bondo, Jenna Williams, and Linda Baker. They have had preliminary discussions about target resident groups, height of building, number of units and mix of affordable/market rate, development process, navigating the official processes, and operational issues. Group members will consult with Ottawa's First Unitarian Congregation, City of Ottawa Housing Registry, Multi-faith Housing, Ottawa West Community Support Services, Somerset West Community Health Centre and Cahdco (as noted above), among others; interviews have begun and are ongoing.

It is shaping up to be a busy and interesting Fall! Please continue to hold the work of your Property Development Working Group in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Hayes
PDWG Coordinator

**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.