

# Parkdale Monthly E-Newsletter



March 2026

## Latest News and Upcoming Events



### Easter Services

Sunday, March 29  
Palm Sunday  
Intergenerational  
Worship Service - 10:30  
a.m.

Thursday, April 2  
Maundy Thursday  
Shared Meal &  
Communion in Tape Hall  
- 6:00 p.m.

Friday, April 4  
Good Friday Worship  
Service at Dominion-  
Chalmers United Church  
– 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 4



### Parkdale Kids Summer Camp 2026

Our summer camp this year will be the week of August 17-21 with a theme of Snowball Mountain. Our church will be transformed into a vibrant, high-energy winter sports arena set in the snowy peaks! Think snowboards, sleds, skis, snowflakes, colorful gear and banners, and a whole lot of snow. It's bold, bright, and instantly gets kids excited for an unforgettable week of fun! Snowball Mountain Challenge promises kids a summer that will build their faith for a lifetime, centered around Philippians 4:13.

The cost per child for the whole week is \$75. You can pay in the office. If cost is an issue, please speak to the minister of children, youth, and families. Parkdale is committed to offer every child an opportunity to enjoy camp in the summer with our no barrier policy. If you have any questions please email Huda at [huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca)

Please register by May 1st to ensure your spot by filling this form:

<https://forms.gle/TQsELr3XRHCZNiYr6>

Easter Workshop for  
Children – 3:00 p.m.  
Easter Vigil – Starting 6  
a.m. Saturday until 6  
a.m. Sunday

Sunday, April 4  
Breakfast in Memorial  
Hall – 9 a.m.

Easter Sunday Worship  
Service with Communion  
- 10:30 a.m.

### **Easter Flowers**

If you wish to donate  
some flowers this year  
(suggested donation  
\$15.00), please contact  
the office at  
[pdale@trytel.com](mailto:pdale@trytel.com) with  
the name(s) of the  
person/people you wish  
to remember. Their  
names will appear on the  
list published on Easter  
Sunday. Names from  
previous years will not  
be included unless  
requested. After the  
service, all the flowers  
will be delivered to our  
elder saints who are no  
longer able to come to  
services.

### **Sunday, March 22 - Lunch & Learn on Reading the Bible**

You are invited to join us  
in the upstairs  
room/parlour for a Lunch  
and Learn at noon with  
the Canadian Bible  
Society as we learn  
about ways to read the

### **Discerning Our Future - Strategic Planning**

We are grateful that the leadership of our church  
has begun an intentional season of Strategic  
Planning. As this journey unfolds, we want to keep  
the congregation informed and warmly invite  
everyone to be part of it in meaningful ways.

First and foremost, we ask that you hold this  
process in prayer. Please pray that God would  
clearly reveal his hopes for Parkdale's next chapter,  
and guide us as we seek to serve faithfully and in  
Christlike ways within our Ottawa neighbourhoods.  
Your prayers are an important part of this  
discernment, and we encourage you to remember  
this regularly in the weeks ahead.

We would also like to introduce the organization that  
is walking alongside us in this process: **Shepherd  
Consulting**, led by Rev. Dr. Darren Roorda. Some  
of you may remember the brief video shown in  
church a few weeks ago where Darren introduced  
himself, and many of you also had the chance to  
meet him when he visited recently. Darren will be  
returning the week leading up to Palm Sunday  
(March 29). During that time he looks forward to  
connecting with a number of groups and individuals  
as part of this planning process. We especially hope  
many of you will join us for the lunch after church on  
March 29, where everyone will have an opportunity  
to share thoughts and feedback as we seek to  
discern the path ahead together.

### **Cans and Bottles Fundraiser**

Starting this Sunday, March 15, we would like to  
invite members of the congregation to bring their  
rinsed refundable cans and bottles to the church.  
These will be collected in bins by each of the doors  
to the sanctuary, sorted, and redeemed as part of a  
youth-led fundraiser that is partnering with Maxim's  
and Tiana's Scout troop to sort and redeem the  
containers. The funds raised will support Parkdale  
children and youth as they work toward building and  
planting vegetable beds to grow fresh food for the  
Parkdale Food Bank. A portion of the proceeds will  
also help support the Scouts as Maxim's troop  
raises funds for their upcoming journey to

Bible and understand it. All are welcome, especially children, youth and young families. To register for the session, please email [Huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:Huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca) by Sunday, March 15.

### **Friday, March 27- Images and Stories**

Join the group on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. for a presentation titled "From an Engineer in the Soviet Union to an Artist in Canada." If you are joining the group for the first time, please send your e-mail address to the office at [pdale@trytel.com](mailto:pdale@trytel.com). The Zoom link will be sent out the day before the presentation. This will be the last presentation for this season. The next will be in September with stories from Rev. Bob.



### **Saturday, April 4 - Easter Workshop for Children**

If your child is from 3-14 years old, there is a

Switzerland. This is a simple way to support our youth, care for the environment, and help provide food for those in need. Can ands bottles will be collected until Earth Day at the end of April.

### **Harmony House Bottle Drive**

To mark Women's History Month and Lent, our Ignite adult group is putting together a drive to support Harmony House! Since 1986, Harmony House has been helping women and children flee domestic violence and live safely. They offer supportive housing and other therapeutic services to residents. They are looking for donations of feminine hygiene products, grocery or restaurant gift cards, cookware, dishware, glassware, bathroom essentials, bedding, cleaning supplies, saran wrap, foil and ziploc bags. The drive will conclude on April 4th. For more info visit - <https://www.canva.com/design/DAHDHcqBX7M/Mks1ATLzsMtP10-B3zjZBg/edit>

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## **Volunteer Opportunities**

### **Coffee and Juice after Sunday morning Service**

Do you stay for fellowship time after the worship service on Sunday mornings? We need your help staffing the hospitality table to serve coffee, tea and juice. You don't have to prepare anything; simply help us host one another. Sign-up sheets are in the Memorial Hallway or email the office at [pdale@trytel.com](mailto:pdale@trytel.com). It's a great opportunity to serve.

special Easter adventure workshop service from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Children will receive their passports and embark on a journey to Easter. They will go through Holy week events from the Palm Sunday parade to turning tables at the temple, to the upper room and the last supper, to Judas and his betrayal, then on to Peter and his denial, followed by the hill waiting at the cross and finally, to Mary Magdalene and her greatest news ever! The group will take this journey as they learn new songs, make crafts along the way and then finish up at the café.

Please register by contacting Huda no later than March 22 at [huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca)

**Monday, April 13 - Smart Aging Sessions begin**

Smart Aging sessions will be happening on Mondays, from 10 am until noon, at the church starting April 13 through to June 8. They will be run by the Council on Aging in Ottawa. Once again, Hugh Nelson will moderate each session. To register, please email the office at [pdale@trytel.com](mailto:pdale@trytel.com)

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## Did You Know?

### **Easter Donations**

This Easter season, all donations to the special Easter Offering will be divided between two community organizations: Christian Counselling Ottawa and Ottawa West Community Support Services. You can donate through your yellow “Easter Offering” envelope or designate “Easter Offering” on the blue envelope in the pews.

You can also donate using CanadaHelps via our website by choosing the “Other” fund designation and using the “Write a private message to us” link to specify “Easter Offering”. Please give generously and support the growing number of people who rely on these organizations.

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