

# the Messenger

PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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We are always looking for new ideas, for submissions and for “Messenger roving reporters”.

If you and a friend like to chat, face to face or by phone, perhaps you could make a few notes and let us know what you chat about during these strange and challenging times. Or please send photos that touch you.

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

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Please send submissions to:  
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## In Brief

### Pastoral Care

Isolation and social distancing gets more and more “normal” but if you are feeling in need of support/help, please do not hesitate to reach out. Call the church or our ministers.

Rev. Bailey, Rev. Limongi and members of the Pastoral Care team stand ready to come alongside you.

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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

### Lament and A Season of Disorientation

We are officially in the fourth wave of the Global Pandemic. Many of us are finding it difficult to fully remember what life was like before the Pandemic. Some of us are coping – perhaps just barely. Many of us are experiencing moderate to great stress, anxiety, depression, apathy, and a sense of dislocation. And there is perhaps a smaller cohort who is managing quite well.



Many of you have heard me quote and reference my former Hebrew (Old) Testament professor and prolific author Dr. Walter Brueggemann. In particular, his innovative grouping of biblical psalms has been instructive and helpful.

Dr. Brueggemann suggests that the Psalms express the range of human emotions, representing delight and joy, vulnerability and distress, faith and elation, crises of life and faith, and stabilizing restorative experiences. All of these use particular vocabulary to address God in the various situations in which people of faith find themselves.

Dr. Brueggemann insightfully groups the psalms into three “expressions” of human experience in relation to life, self, community and God. First, there is what he calls: **Psalms of Orientation**. These have to do with Creation and wisdom and a sense of God’s reliability. This is a description of life as stable and more or less trustworthy; filled with occasions for thanksgiving. (For example: Psalms 1, 33, 113).

Brueggemann also suggests that there are a group of psalms, as well as portions of other psalms, that describe experiences of **Reorienta-**

**tion.** These psalms attest to faith in a trustworthy God who is restorative and demonstrates the desire and capacity to “reorient” one’s condition and one’s perspective. It is never a “natural” development, but rather a transformation brought about by God. (For example: Psalms 30, 34, 40)

Ah, but intrusively nestled between **Psalms of Orientation** and **Psalms of Reorientation**, is what Brueggemann names **Psalms of Disorientation**. This describes the experience of things *falling apart, when we hit bottom or on our way there*. This is the time when disaster strikes and the surety of well-being evaporates like vapour. All, or most, of our coping mechanisms fail badly. (For example: Psalms 69, 13, 35)

This sense of disorientation is what we have been experiencing over these “waves” of the Pandemic. There has been a marked deterioration in mental health. The Pandemic has provoked a prolonged exposure to stress and psychological fatigue. Many relationships have been negatively impacted. There has been a marked increase in domestic violence, including intimate partner assaults and violence against children.

This season of pandemic disorientation has also exposed systemic injustice and inequities that have been a reality for a very long time in our country and in the world. Those experiencing homelessness, poverty, racism, anti-indigenous discrimination, lack of access food, water, adequate health care, and even the vaccine. This is grievous to God.

I believe that God is urgently calling us to use this time of disorientation to reflect, grieve, pray, repent, act and engage the kind of faith that funds boldness and wisdom. By the grace and power of God, I believe we are being conscripted to be God’s willing vessels love, justice, truth, transformation, peace and hope.

The African-Canadian and African-American heritage is a strong and noble culture of resilience and faith in the reality of sorrow and suffering. An important maneuver of resilience in this heritage, is the deployment of the restorative power of “lament”.

Lament acknowledges and takes the season of disorientation very seriously. The experience of disorientation is real and powerful and even necessary; for it breaks open the reality of things. However, it is never meant to be the last word. Disorientation – such as the devastating reality the Pandemic is proving to be – can be disrupted, exposed and transformed by... wait for it...*lament*.

Theologically, lament is an act of faith. It is evidence of a relationship with God, because lament is addressed to God. Lament is a form of prayer that does not hold back from “telling it as it is”. In the tradition of the African-American spirituals, lament is expressed in what W. E. B. Du Bois called the “sorrow songs.”

*Sometimes I feel like a motherless child  
Sometimes I feel like a motherless child  
Sometimes I feel like a motherless child  
long ways from home*

*O Lord, O Lord / Have mercy on me / Trouble done  
bore me down / O Lord, O Lord / Have mercy on  
me / Trouble done bore me down  
O Lord, O Lord / What shall I do, / I asked God Al-  
mighty for to run me 'round / O Lord, O Lord /  
what shall I do?*

Lament provides a faithful outlet for expression of the ‘shadow’ side of human experience and behaviour. It provides a cathartic way with which to deal with life when things really suck. Lament is an act of faith and an act of prayer offered in the name of Jesus, trusting that God cares, will hear us and will respond in the freedom of God. Lament is an act of Thanksgiving.

### **Prayer of Lament**

*(Here is an invitation to write your  
raw, honest, urgent lament)*

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE II



### Aftermath of My Birthday by Rev. Alcris Limongi, Minister of Pastoral Care

Thank you for contributing to such a wonderful birthday! Thank you for your prayers, ecards, cards, texts, and phone calls... and for a great lobster tail pastry with a foamy cappuccino in excellent company!

For me birthdays are not about the number. (How convenient, eh?) For example, a couple of years ago I went through a whole year thinking that I was a year older... Also I was recently told that because of the Pandemic, we are allowed to pause our age for the two years we have spent inside. Go figure. I am getting younger and younger. For me birthdays are a happy day, a day to share with the special people in my life, including a special quality time with the One who loved us first. I usually call friends and family and say "It is my birthday today". If anyone hasn't called me, I call them. This year I thought that no one knew so I was prepared to make a few calls, but I was beautifully surprised that many people remembered. I am still responding to emails...

I had an amazing day. I felt surrounded by love, prayed for, and had tons of fun. I will share some of those moments with you:

Flowers from Whom? I was in a Zoom meeting when I heard a knock on the door. I went to open quickly and there was a tall box sitting there. I quickly opened it, there were flowers: a beautiful bouquet of daisies (my fav) mixed with other purple ones. I put them in a vase behind me and continued in the meeting. When the meeting ended, I thanked Freda Sutton for her thoughtfulness. How did she know that I love Daisies? I have had Daisies in very special moments and that was certainly one of them.

An International Mystery: Later in the evening, one of my sisters told me she was concerned about something, but she was not supposed to talk about it with me. She decided to tell me anyway. My whole family had sent me a gift that they purchased online. It was the first time they had done something like that, and they were told that it was already delivered around noon. I said no, I haven't received anything from you... the only thing has been a bouquet of flowers from someone on the Pastoral Care Team. She asked: Was it flowers? Did you see the card? I said, there was no card. So I checked. And at the bottom of the box there was a

card. My whole family (siblings in Venezuela, Peru and Curacao, brothers-in-law, nephews and nieces) had contributed to send to me flowers online. I was very moved, my heart melted to realize the effort, the planning, the collecting of the money, the great deal of love that they had done for me!... Freda, my apologies, I don't know how I came to the quick conclusion that it was you, but it was a good thing. You must have thought I was having a senior moment even in my 30s 😊.

A Longer Drive, No Cake: My second fun moment (now). I had to see someone at 5:30 pm. The address was very close to the church, so I went to my office and waited until 5:20 pm and there I went. After my visit -still in daylight- I headed back ready to buy myself a piece of birthday cake, but I took the wrong direction and drove and drove. I passed Preston, Bronson, Somerset... did not know where to turn back. When this happens, I always drive forward trusting in the ancient saying that all roads lead to Rome. It got dark and I was still lost. I parked to call Mary and Garth McLeod. I was starting to feel scared. Mary advised to pull over, take a few breaths and tell them where I was. I learned that Somerset is a safe place to land because if I drove straight, I would eventually get to Wellington. Needless to say I didn't stop to buy that piece of cake, I was so happy to get home! Who cares about cake? Thanks be to God!

A Surprise Video and a Turquoise Clergy Shirt: The other event that was a surprise was that my family made a video for me. They were singing the two traditional birthday songs we sing in Venezuela, you know *more is more* :) In the video were my brother-in-law Carlos, Cristina (my sister), my niece Janelle (who had Covid a few months ago), my other niece Catherine (just had Covid), and Carlos (just had Covid too—they were Covid twins). I have attached a picture of the flowers (from Freda, as I thought at that moment) and my brand new clergy shirt in my favourite color that Mary made for me.

A Cherube in My Life: Last, I want to share with you that finally I got a car. It is a gift from God days before my birthday. You will see me driving in a little black car, that we baptized in the church's parking lot as *Cherube*. It was dedicated to God's service on that day by Anthony, Ruth Foster, Pierre Barbour and me. I am working on building my confidence. I welcome co-pilots anytime!

Gracias, Thanks: I am grateful to God for the gift of life, health and the awesome privilege of serving Him and his people. I am honoured to be called to do this, among you, at Parkdale. I am grateful for the kind and extremely generous words that I heard or read in my birthday wishes. They are too big for me, but I received them and put safety pins to be able to wear them, and continue to grow into them. I give thanks to God, these are all gifts, this is God's amazing grace upon me.

**WELCOME TO KEITH HARTSHORN-WALTON  
MUSIC AND WORSHIP ARTS DIRECTOR!!**



**IMAGES AND STORIES  
OCTOBER 29, 2021 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

Mark your calendar for this presentation. Many of us will be meeting **Dr. Keith Hartshorn-Walton and his wife Melanie Hartshorn-Walton** for the first time albeit on Zoom. They will tell us about their journey through a glorious life of music and now to Parkdale. Keith is our Music & Worship Arts Director and joined the Parkdale staff in mid-August. We have already been moved by their outstanding musical offerings at church over the past few weeks.

Please send an email to the Parkdale office indicating that you would like to receive the Zoom link which will be sent closer to the presentation date.

The choir and DaleSong have been practising together, distanced from one another but coming together in music. Choir practices are Thursday evenings. Best to check with Keith or the church office if you would like to come and rehearse with the choir.



## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR OCTOBER 2021

### **October 3:**

#### **World Communion Sunday**

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

### **October 31:**

#### **All Saints Sunday**

Ruth 1: 1-18

Psalm 146

Deuteronomy 6: 1-9

Psalm 119:1-8

Hebrews 9: 11-14

Mark 12: 28-35

### **October 10:**

#### **Thanksgiving Sunday**

Job 23: 1-9, 16-17

Psalm 22: 1-15

Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15

Psalm 90: 12-17

Hebrews 5: 1-10

Mark 10:46-52

### **ABOUT THE LECTIONARY...**

The Lectionary sets out daily readings to expand the range of biblical reading in worship or in personal devotion.

In the Messenger, we cite only the Sunday readings. Usually but not always these readings are used by our ministers for Sunday worship.

The other daily readings complement the Sunday readings. Thursday through Saturday the readings help prepare the reader for the Sunday ahead. The Monday through Wednesday readings help the reader reflect on and digest what they heard in worship.

### **October 17:**

#### **World Food Sunday**

Job 38: 1-7, (34-41)

Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35c

Isaiah 53: 4-12

Psalm 91: 9-16

Hebrews 5: 1-10

Mark 10: 46-52

### **October 24:**

#### **Peace Sunday**

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Psalm 34: 1-8, (19-22)

Jeremiah 31; 7-9

Psalm 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10: 46-52

## MEET JANICE GRAY. AGAIN!

### TEA AND RASPBERRY SQUARES

On an afternoon in July and pretty much on the spur of the moment, Janice Gray and I sat together in her condo and yakked for a couple of hours! It was totally lovely! There was no preset agenda but one rapidly emerged and kept on emerging. As you will read, we jumped around from topic to topic and back again. Early on, I borrowed a couple of sheets of paper just to keep up and thinking ahead to this September 2021 Messenger!

Janice was Parkdale's very efficient, ever-willing Office Administrator from 1994 to 2004. She remembers submitting her resumé to Kathleen Stephenson followed up by a phone call. (Janice had been alerted about a possible vacancy by fellow lawn bowler, Sally Osmond, and beetled home from the bowling to phone that Kathleen Stephenson. The urgency was because she really, really wanted to come and work for and with us!) After that phone call, the rest, as they say, is history. In addition to be a skilled and deft office administrator, Janice is an accomplished pianist and has played frequently during worship. Here are just some of the topics we covered during our teatime together:



### 2021 Curling Tournaments in Calgary

COVID-19 could not stop her this time as Janice's picture headed off to Calgary where she could be spotted in the crowd at the curling rink enjoying the Brier and cheering wildly, etc. Actually, maybe it was a subdued Janice. Take a look at the photo above! That smiling, larger-than-life photo of Janice was in the seats at the Brier and now was sitting right across the table while Janice and I enjoyed our tea and raspberry squares.

**Janice at home and Janice at the 2021 Tim Horton's Brier in Calgary. (Hope you get the picture!)**

## Janice's Family

Janice has four children - Carol, Gary, Connie and Barbara - who live in Huntsville, Victoria Harbour, Toronto and Tiny, Ontario (Yes, that is correct. Barbara lives in Tiny, ON in the southern Georgian Bay area.)



Janice's kids have kids and now they have kids. And Janice has 4 great-grands! See photos. Two of these little ones live in Orillia - Emmett (5 years) and Gemma (now 2 ½). Willow (2 years old) lives in Huntsville.

The newest is James (now just 4 months) and he is in Vancouver. Janice has not yet met wee James, because... Well, we know the answer to that and it starts with COV- - .

## Jigsaw Puzzle Impossible

Like lots of us, Janice is jigsaw puzzling up a storm. Also like lots of us, she has abandoned this 500-piece "impossible" puzzle, in favour of one that will be merely difficult. Below is a photo of the impossible with its tiny too-flimsy pieces and a monochrome border of sky and autumn trees. It is just too, too hard!

(Janice and I did not talk about it but there may be theological lessons from a jigsaw puzzle: There is a plan and each of us plays a unique and essential part in fulfilling the plan even though we can't know how in the fullness of time we all contribute... each of us with our singular

and unique role in working together fulfilling God's plan for creation.)

## “I’ll Double That!”

Janice plays bridge with other doubly-vaccinated friends. Bridge is among Janice's passions and she is a very, very good bridge player! Janice, Debbie, Val Hum and I used to play regularly if not frequently. It is good thing that Janice and Val enjoyed our company because Debbie and I are not in their league! (We do have our charms though, Debbie and I, or we like to think we do. Janice and Val are kind to us!)



## Back Pain

Many will know that Janice has lived with and smiled through debilitating back trouble, diagnosed as stenosis, for quite a long time. It is still troubling and sitting to read is not OK and reading has been a pleasure for Janice. Despite the back pain and under the tender, competent care of Dr. Alison Trant, Janice manages her full life. She is, as always, full of laughter, very good at light-hearted enjoyable banter, a reliable friend and steadfast in facing challenges.



## A 50+ Year Old Toaster!

We talked about so many things that we treasure! Apparently each of Janice's children is hoping to inherit Janice's treasured toaster. It is more than 50 years old! “You put the slice of bread in. It goes down by itself, toasts perfectly and pops up. It never lets you down, that toaster.”

And neither will Janice Gray!

Submitted to *the Messenger* with much pleasure  
by Kathleen Stephenson

## Birthdays in October

### It's October... Warm Birthday Greetings to:



1st: Hannie Fitzgerald  
2nd: Alice Menzies  
2nd: Isaiah Duah  
5th: Cora McQuinn  
8th: Carl-Henry Mercy  
8th: Ruth Bush  
11th: Delphine Ahmed-Robin  
11th: Ariane Epale  
16th: Doreen Bullied  
17th: Maddy Crabtree  
17th: Mark Bradley  
19th: Alexis Banoff

22nd: Julianna Jeglie  
23rd: Jessica Ann Clark  
25th: Hannah Johnston  
27th: Tyrese Musenga  
29th: Isabelle Duncan  
31st: Camille Beaufort



*If you would like your birthday to be a secret and your name taken off this list or if you have a name to add, please let the office know.*

**NEWS FROM THE PEWS**

**REMEMBERING...**

Josh Moskau, Parkdale Choir member for many years and recently an Abbeyfield resident. Josh is fondly remembered by his Abbeyfield family and by daughter Susanna, her husband and three grandsons in Bonn Germany. Susanna was here with her dad in his last few days.

Liz Cheesbrough and her family who laid two of their family members to rest on Friday, Feb. 24, 2021.

Garth, Mary and family on the sudden death of Garth's sister Cathy Sochackey.

Ann Tompkins and her family on the death of her husband Bohdan Hawryliw who passed away on July 13, 2021.

Bonnie and Scott on the death of husband and father Christopher Lee on September 17, 2021.

The family of John "Jack" Kilgour who passed away November 2019 and was laid to rest in a graveside service in Cornwall on September 18, 2021.

Adeline Colley and her family on the death of her daughter.

Former Parkdale member, Maurice Price died recently. He was the husband of Judy Abell Price.



## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

### MO&J SAYS GOODBYE TO A CHERISHED MEMBER

It was with deep sadness that we heard of Cathy Sandiford's death at the Ottawa Heart Institute on July 3, 2021. Cathy was born on April 25, 1956 and grew up in Toronto and Mississauga. She had an MBA from Ottawa U and worked for Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Canadian Coast Guard, Immigration and Refugee Board and Citizen and Immigration. It is no wonder then that Cathy was always concerned about settling refugees and ensuring that they had the proper clothes and funds to settle comfortably.



Cathy was a faithful volunteer at In From The Cold for many years. She was a special friend to many young children in the IFTC arts program and enjoyed conversing with both children and adults at the craft table. They were attracted to her bubbly personality. Cathy helped the kids make Christmas and Valentine's gifts and was so excited to assemble the special Christmas gift bags for the children. In December 2020, she went out and collected such wonderful items from the merchants of Hintonburg. As well, she was very concerned about the Indigenous community and always willing to contribute either financially or in kind and to lend her support by showing up on walks for various causes.

Cathy will be missed by guests, volunteers and our members. She was a very loving, caring and generous woman. We will always remember the lovely colours of her hair, her bubbly personality and certainly her infectious laughter. Our condolences and prayers go out to her daughter Danielle, husband Bernel and other family members.

**Mission, Outreach and Justice  
SAYS THANKS...**

**MULTIFAITH HOUSING INITIATIVES - "United We Stand"**

Thank you to all those who have made donations to the Multifaith Housing Initiatives (MHI) with the United Churches of Canada in Region 12 (Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region) to raise funds for the Veterans' House project. This is a 40-unit home located on the former CFB Rockcliffe Airbase, built for veterans who are homeless or at the risk of becoming homeless. There are reportedly 80 homeless veterans sleeping on the streets or in shelters in Ottawa on any given night. Up to 9% of people experiencing homelessness in Canada are veterans. The link to donate to Parkdale's "United We Stand" team page is <https://www.classy.org/team/324619>. See details on page 39 of the May Messenger.

**ODAWA DROP-IN CENTRE  
SHAWENJEAGAMIK-THE HOUSE OF COMPASSION**

Kudos to our Messenger & its readers. In the May 2021 Messenger, Mission Outreach & Justice made a request for dark-coloured cloth masks for the Odawa Drop-in Centre/Shawenjeagamik-The House of Compassion at 510 Rideau. We are happy to report that the Centre was contacted and will be supplied with masks as requested. Thank you all.

**From Barbara Hennessy...**

I was touched by the sweetness of this marble statue, located in the Einar Jonsson Museum in Reykjavik, Iceland.

Jonsson was Iceland's first official professional sculptor. Several of his sculptures relate to faith. He was apparently a humble man in that he did not want his museum advertised publicly so few people know of the existence of this lovely museum beside Reykjavik's iconic church, which is shaped liked a volcano.



## Parkdale Yuletide Bazaar – Virtual Again this Year!

After considering how Parkdale could safely offer an in-person Bazaar this year, the difficult decision was made. For the safety of all involved, the 2021 Bazaar will be held virtually, as we did last year in 2020. We are offering lots of items in this issue of the Messenger. Our keen Park-



dalers are again selling preserves, knitting, handicrafts and other items. See the following pages for all the items and details on how to order. Picking up your items will be COVID appropriate. All proceeds support our Parkdale church. You may also choose to make a financial “Bazaar” donation to Parkdale.

**NEW:** We are also planning to launch an on-line virtual Auction with both auction bidding (similar to our usual silent auction at past Bazaars) and buy-now purchases. We hope to have lots to offer in this exciting new venture. If you feel you have items or services to donate for this silent auction, please contact me by email—[bazaar@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:bazaar@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca). We will let you know when the on-line auction is up and running.

Thanks everyone for your support. Here’s to another terrific Virtual Bazaar in 2021 and many thanks to all—the enthusiasts who have knitted, sewn, baked and preserved and donated items and to our loyal customers!

Judy Hamley, Virtual Bazaar Convenor  
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**BAZAAR ITEMS  
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**Christmas Bazaar *en plein air!***  
**In Val's garage at 13 Hutchison Ave.**  
**[valerie.hum@rogers.com](mailto:valerie.hum@rogers.com) or call 613-728-8830**  
**all proceeds to Parkdale United Church**  
**2 blocks east of Parkdale Ave, north of the Heart Institute**



**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 knit 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 to 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 - baby girl, boy or gender neutral patterns in flannel, reversible. \$5 each or 3 for \$12.**
- **Canned spicy pickled beets, \$5/ pt. Canned peaches in a light syrup, \$5/ pt.**
- **Fancy Silk Infinity Scarves, \$15, silk from China, Japan. Polyester infinity scarves \$3-5.00.**
- **Barbie Doll soft furniture set- sofa bed, 2 tub chairs, reversible quilt, faux fur rug - \$49.99**
- **Shoe/travel bags, with drawstring closure, \$10 each**
- **Tote/diaper bag, zippered, lined with inner zippered pocket, two pockets on the outside. Washable Ikea cottons - \$44.99**
- **Christmas Gift Tags, hand painted by Kathleen Stephenson, \$5 for 10.**



**Please contact Pamela at [wild.stuffies@gmail.com](mailto:wild.stuffies@gmail.com) if you would like to purchase knitted items. Arrangements can be made to view items you are interested in. Contact Pamela for afghan sizes.**





## CANADIAN CHURCH CALENDARS 2022

Parkdale United Church is offering its members an opportunity to order the 2022 Canadian Church Calendar. To order a calendar or two, please contact the church office at 613-728-8656 or by e-mail at [pdale@trytel.com](mailto:pdale@trytel.com) **no later than October 15, 2021.**



Please indicate the number of calendars you would like to order and your contact information. We are giving other United Church congregations and UCW groups in the Ottawa area an opportunity to

place orders, and hope to place a large bulk order which should bring the cost of the calendars down. With a bulk order of 135 calendars last year, the unit price for calendars was \$6.00. When the order is received from UCRD, those who have ordered calendars will be contacted about pickup information, the cost and method of payment.

This year's calendar features colourful photos of United Churches from across the country and notes special days and church seasons. Keep track of liturgical seasons and colours, significant United Church days, and lectionary dates.

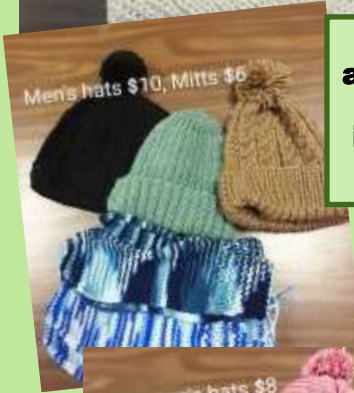
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**For the Kitchen too...**



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**Please contact Pamela at [wild.stuffies@gmail.com](mailto:wild.stuffies@gmail.com) if you would like to purchase knitted items or to make arrangements to view the items.**



Kids' mitts \$3



Toddler hats \$6



Baby hats and sets \$4 / \$5



Kid's hats \$6



Toddler hats \$6



Kid's character hats \$8



3yrs \$12



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**Parkdale Food Centre grows into new location.**

Parkdale Food Centre has announced that as of October 7, it will be running its food bank operations from a new location at 5 Hamilton Avenue North. This space will allow it to meet physical distancing requirements for its food banking activities while continuing to run many of its programs from its Rosemount location.

Thank you , Susan Mailer, for passing along neighbour-hood news.

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## BRIEF HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

### OPENING DEVOTIONS

Kathleen Stephenson opened with short readings underscoring our stewardship responsibilities as members of Council and as committee chairs and members. She read a Jewish midrash from *Does God Have a Big Toe?* by Marc Gellman. *Partners* is “a story about a story in the Bible”, based on Genesis 1. We are named as God’s partner in the stewardship of creation.

### THE MENDA FAMILY

Anthony reported on the well-being of the Menda family. The family’s financial circumstances and housing are of serious ongoing concern. The oldest Menda daughter hopes to meet requirements to attend *Collège La Cité*. Anthony gave thanks for the ongoing support of the Menda family, especially to Danielle and Wally with transportation and grocery shopping.

### VACCINE CLINIC

The clinic held at Parkdale on Rally Sunday was a major success. In total, 62 doses were administered and 50% of these were first doses.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION “COMPANIONS”

Huda Kandalajt reported that the first Christian Education “Companions” meeting has taken place. At that meeting it was decided to postpone confirmation class until next year. Huda noted that the nursery will remain open for parents who need the space for their children, but concern about the use and sanitizing of toys has to be addressed. In-person Sunday School will not happen until further notice.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Committee ChairCarolynn Halkett highlighted the need for help in publishing the monthly Messenger.

### PROPERTY TRUSTEES

Chair Matt Baker reported on plans for ensuring good ventilation in Sunday School rooms, for re-opening the church and on the addition of a sanctuary-level washroom. He said that Trustees consider it very costly and too removed from other well-used areas of the church. Council learned that renters will be welcomed back on a case by case basis noting that part-time security staff will be required for evenings when renters are on-site. He said that most renters will likely not return until 2022. Council also approved a “Bell Box” proposal.. see page 31.

### ORANGE SHIRT DAY, NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

It was moved, seconded and approved that Parkdale grant all full-time staff a holiday on September 30<sup>th</sup>, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, in those years when it falls between Monday and Friday, inclusive. The meeting closed, as always, with prayer.

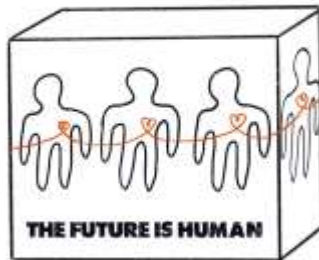
### Parkdale Council: Bell Box Proposal

At its meeting of September 21, Council accepted the design proposal for the painting of the Bell box near the Gladstone entrance to Parkdale, with amendment. Council asked that the words 'The Future is Human' also appear in Algonquin and French. This amendment has been conveyed to the artist, who has agreed and, in fact, has suggested that an Algonquin-Aanishnaabe artist she knows might be willing to paint that part of it. The Hintonburg Community Association is hoping to announce this grant-winner on their social media on September 30, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, but this will be dependent on receiving the Algonquin translation.

The artist, Kseniya Tsoy, is a new Canadian socially engaged artist, originally from Uzbekistan. She is a community-engaged artist with a focus on creative projects with a social purpose and passionately advocates for open arts and culture as dynamic vehicles for positive societal change. She loves crafting meaningful shared experiences that inspire human connection beyond our visible differences.

"THE FUTURE IS HUMAN" – the artist's concept

The proposed design features a very simple image, somewhat resembling iconic works of graffiti artist Keith Haring. In response to the theme of the project, I try to look at the source of what racism is. My proposed design features a circle of humans (the figures would go around the box) united by a red line of hearts - metaphorically showing humans connected in our humanity. I think the source of racism and discrimination lies in us being unable at times to accept and appreciate our differences. What if we all accepted and truly appreciated our shared humanity? Will there be even space for racism?



## IN FROM THE COLD

I am delighted to inform you that **Hilary McVey has agreed to be the Coordinator for In From The Cold (IFTC)**. Many will recall that Hazel Bowen, Coordinator for many years, retired from that role about 2 years ago and I stepped in to fill the gap. We had no volunteer accepting the job at that time and I was the logical person being Chair of Mission, Outreach & Justice Committee (MO&J) which has overall responsibility for the program.

### GETTING STARTED...

In November, IFTC will begin with Take-Out meals. We will make changes as we go in keeping with directions from Health officials.

I thoroughly enjoyed almost two years of coordinating the program with Cici Waugh but continued to work at finding a volunteer Coordinator. During the pandemic, before we closed down the IFTC program completely, Hilary and Cici organized and, with a few volunteers, ran the "Hand Out" meal program until we were forced to close entirely. During that time, Hilary missed only one Saturday because she was ill. Hilary has also been associated with the Parkdale Food Centre and worked with our program for years as a volunteer and as Supervisor. (a Blue Shirt as they are called) ensuring the program runs smoothly both in the kitchen, serving meals and in other activities for guests.

Coordinator Hilary will work closely with Cici who is in charge of organizing volunteers. Hilary will meet and make arrangements with merchants who contribute food, with our two invaluable chefs, approximately 15 supervisors, the volunteers responsible for purchasing and picking up food, musicians and so many other volunteers. She has already worked in this position, moved by and committed to our church vision: "To form followers of Jesus in such a way as to transform our community and our world."

We ask for your continued prayers for this ministry and our guests, for our chefs and Hilary, Cici and all involved. Wishing you many blessings as we continue in these uncertain times.

Faye Beaufort (Chair, MO&J Committee)

## IMAGES AND STORIES

### From Syria to Parkdale (Encore Presentation)



On the evening of Friday, September 24, 2021, approximately 25 Parkdalers participated virtually in an online (Zoom) Images & Stories event, marking the beginning of Images & Stories' 11<sup>th</sup> year of stellar presentations by a wide variety of presenters. Friday's event was led by our Congregational Designated Minister for Youth and Families, Huda Kandalaf Kanawati. Huda's presentation on the same topic last year was so well acclaimed that absent Parkdalers requested an encore presentation and Huda graciously agreed.

Since her arrival in ministry at Parkdale United Church, we have all been so well blessed by this engaging Minister! Huda's weekly stories for the children and youth are refreshingly clear, inspirational and even provide words of wisdom for those of us in our retirement years. I recently had the privilege of finally meeting Huda in person at our wonderful outdoor Rally worship service in nearby Parkdale Park (behind the Parkdale Vegetable Market) and can easily confirm that Huda radiates the same warmth in person that I first noticed during our church's Zoom worship services. As many Parkdalers know, Huda is a woman of deep Christian faith, who has led an exciting journey of life and faith from Syria to her current home in the Stittsville area of Ottawa.

Huda opened her presentation in prayer, inviting us to lift up our hearts to God in thanks for all of God's blessings, mercies, providence and presence with us.



The theme of the presentation was that a tree is known by its fruit, based on Luke 6:43-44, “For a good tree does not bear bad fruit...” Huda spoke of her deep roots in Syria and Lebanon, as well as the new roots that she, her husband Saad and four children are planting here in Canada.

Because of the most recent decade-long war in Syria (population approximately 22 million souls), Huda has unfortunately lost many of her childhood photos, rendering the remaining precious photos, which she kindly shared with us, all the more special.

As some Parkdalers may recall from last year’s presentation, “Huda” is an Arabic name that means “God’s guidance,” which is absolutely lovely and appropriate given her chosen ministry!” Huda told us that she is from Homs, Syria, a bustling centrally located city of one million people, which is surrounded by beautiful mountains. This central area is known as the Christian Valley. Currently, approximately five percent of the population in Syria is Christian.

On the subject of her own faith, she specified that she personally is a third-generation Presbyterian (many people mistakenly assume that she is or was Muslim, which is not the case).

Huda shared that she initially felt the calling to ministry in Grade 9 and that she struggled with this calling until she was in high school. Her parents were extremely surprised when she advised them of this calling. They encouraged her to first attend university and then consider her options. As an obedient daughter, Huda agreed. She continued reflecting on her faith throughout her high school years and on the well-known question “What Would Jesus Do?” which is something that all Christians should do when we are considering major decisions regarding our life.

Huda first obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature, but the links between theology and literature continually nudged at her, rooting themselves within her; and she later earned a Master’s degree at the Near East School of Theology in Lebanon. Thankfully, Huda’s parents gave her their blessing regarding her call to ministry. This was an enormous accomplishment

for a young woman from Syria and we, in turn, are blessed that Huda has chosen to share the fruits of her ministry with everyone at Parkdale.

Huda loves working with both children and youth, and it shows in everything that she does. In this context, she spoke lovingly about the joys and blessings of watching Parkdale's children grow, bloom and bear the fruits of their own faith that has been nurtured at home, in church and elsewhere.

Towards the end of her presentation, Huda talked about the historical importance of Syria, including that the first alphabet and the first musical notations come from that country. We were heartbroken for Huda when she showed us "before and after" photos of her bombed out home, as well as damaged churches and mosques in her homeland. It is incredibly sad, and Huda has asked all of us to keep Syria and Lebanon in our prayers.

Later, we were inspired and encouraged when Huda showed a video regarding the work that the members of the local evangelical churches in Syria are doing to rebuild modest classrooms and work with the elderly, all of whom are struggling with shortages of food, electricity and multi-day line-ups for fuel. It was indeed heartwarming to watch the smiles as the children filled the classrooms and churches, and played outside with their many friends!

Huda came to Parkdale in 2020 with vast ministerial experience and we are honoured to count her among our church family. Describing her own family, Huda shared a beautiful photo of her wedding to her wonderful husband Saad, as well as another delightful photo with her four amazing children.

In closing, we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to Huda for her excellent encore presentation!

Respectfully submitted,  
*Barbara Hennessy*

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