

# Parkdale Monthly E-Newsletter



April 2026

## Latest News and Upcoming Events



### **Saturday, April 11 - Top and Bottom Brass Concert**

Jazz concert at 7:00 p.m. at Parkdale featuring special guest Bill Mahar from Montreal on trumpet, and Parkdale's Dr. Keith on tuba.

For tickets and more info visit:

<https://simpli.events/e/top-bottom-brass-bill-mahar>

### **Sunday, April 12 - Confirmation Class Celebration**

Prior to the service, the youth will meet with council members at 9:00 a.m. to share their statements of faith. Then following the morning service, the congregation will have the opportunity to welcome and celebrate them with refreshments and cake!



### **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

### **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)

### **Tuesday, April 14 - IGNITE Young Adult Meeting**

Any young adults are welcome to join the group at 7:00 p.m. in the upper room.

### **Sunday, April 19 - Panel Discussion on End of Life Decision Making**

The Pastoral Care team invites you to join them for at noon, following the morning worship service for a panel discussion. Guests will include a doctor, lawyer and funeral director. Questions about MAiD, Palliative Care Assistance, Celebrations of Life, Wills and Powers of Attorney will be addressed. Look for more information on the bulletin board and sign up with the office by email at [pdale@trytel.com](mailto:pdale@trytel.com) for what will be an informative discussion.

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>



### **Junior Choir is welcoming new members!**

The choir meets on Sundays with our directors Melanie and Keith at 10:00 a.m. in the upper room. Please take note of their upcoming meeting times: April 26, May 3, May 24, May 31, & June 14  
Then on May 10 & June 21 you can sing at Sunday worship service.

### **Congregational Survey**

As part of the Strategic Planning process, we're inviting people of all ages and stages (especially kids, youth, and those under 35) to complete a short survey. Have a friend who attends Parkdale occasionally? Are you part of a group that meets at Parkdale or rents space for an event? Please share the QR code below or this link <http://shorturl.at/czpG2> as widely as possible. Not comfortable with online surveys or can't access them? No problem, you can join the Strategic Plan Team before morning worship on Sunday, April 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the Friendship Lounge, where we will have devices and paper versions.



### **Saturday, April 25 – Rummage Sale**

The rummage sale is back and your contributions are needed. Popular items are men's, women's and children's clothing, shoes, books, linens, toys, kitchen utensils, small appliances, etc. We do not accept furniture, baby cribs, car seats, exercise machines, old heavy TVs, computer monitors, textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, or anything broken or soiled. Contributions must be dropped off at the church just inside the gym prior to Thursday, April 23. If you need help with pick up, please contact Jo-Anne in the office at 613-728-8656.

The event requires volunteers to help with set up on Thursday, April 23 and Friday, April 24 with shifts between the hours of 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., as well as during the sale itself on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., followed by clean-up. If you are able to help, even for a couple of hours, please email Val at [valerie.hum@rogers.com](mailto:valerie.hum@rogers.com)

### **Sunday, April 26 - Strategic Planning Congregational Engagement Session**

This will be a lunch and learn following the morning worship service. Join Rev. Dr. Darren Roorda for 90 minutes with an update on our

Need further assistance, have questions or need more time to complete the survey then contact Rev. Bob by email at [revbob@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:revbob@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca) or call the office at (613) 728-8656.



### **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### **Harmony House Drive for Women**

Parkdale's IGNITE young 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.

We will be collecting new and unused items including: Feminine hygiene products; Grocery or restaurant gift cards; Cooking supplies, dishware, glassware; Bathroom essentials; Bedding; Cleaning supplies; saran wrap, foil and ziploc bags.

Please leave items in the marked bins for the drive which are located inside the sanctuary where the pastoral care corner is.

progress, results from the Congregational Survey, and new engagement exercises as we continue to discern what God is calling us into being as Parkdale United Church. Please plan to attend. Your voice is important and will help shape the future direction of our ministry together.

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## Did You Know?

### **Cans and Bottles Fundraiser**

We are looking for 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 Switzerland.

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

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