

Parkdale Monthly E-Newsletter



August 2026

Latest News and Upcoming Events



Wednesday, August 12 - Walk With GOD

The next walk will take place from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Beryl Gaffney Park (off Rideau Valley Drive). This is a gentle, reflective walk that brings together nature, faith, fellowship, and creativity. As nature lovers, Bev Buckingham and Jennifer Payne are piloting these walks. If there is interest, we hope to make them a regular Parkdale activity.

What to Expect during the two hours:

- Welcome & Reflection – Meet fellow walkers and begin with a short prayer and theme.
- Quiet Walk – A gentle walk ~15-minute for prayer, reflection, or simply enjoying God's presence in nature.
- Pause & Reflect – Share insights, journal, sketch, or quietly observe your surroundings (~20 mins)
- Sensory Walk – Notice God's creation through what you see, hear, smell, feel, and wonder about (~15mins).

- Connect & Create – Help create a simple nature-inspired community art piece (without disturbing the environment), followed by light refreshments and fellowship. (~45minutes)

Bring comfortable walking shoes, weather-appropriate clothing, a water bottle, a journal or sketchbook (optional), camera or phone (optional), sunscreen, insect repellent, and a small snack to share (optional).

Interested? Please register by contacting the office at 613-728-8656 or pdale@trytel.com



August 17-21 : Parkdale Kids Summer Camp 2026

Our summer camp this year is the week of August 17-21 with a theme of Snowball Mountain. Think skis, snowboards, sleds, snowflakes, colorful gear and banners, and a whole lot of snow. The cost per child is \$75 for the whole week. You may send an e-transfer to deposits@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca or pay in the office.

There are still spots available. Invite a friend.

If you have any questions please email Huda at huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca

Please register by filling out this form:
<https://forms.gle/TQsELr3XRHCZNiYr6>

Volunteers, please fill out this form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0tJ_CIKV9KqaKHWrnpr0kK4zft2QAOTlugDdqB13u4ARUGw/viewform?usp=publish-editor



September 11-13 - Annual Gracefield Congregational Camp

Bring your family for this annual event. To learn more about the camp visit - <https://gracefieldcamp.ca/>

Registration Deadline is August 23.

Register here: <https://forms.gle/eHTbqYSZnSp3K4Yz6>

Email Huda for more information. huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca

Monday, September 14 – Smart Aging Sessions begin

Smart Aging is a series of eight weekly, interactive workshops covering key topics facing seniors today. Each workshop is designed to provide you with the information you need, before you need it, to make smart decisions at key transition points in your life.

Participants should plan to attend all 8 workshops at our church in the upper room.

Monday, September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 19, 26, November 2 and 9.

Cost for all eight sessions is \$69.00

For more information, contact Hugh Nelson, hughnelson@rogers.com . To register, contact Jo-Anne in the office at pdale@trytel.com.

Volunteer Opportunities

Summer Sunday School

The popcorn and movie one-room Summer Sunday school is looking for teachers. Please sign up here if you can volunteer for a Sunday or two this summer - <https://doodle.com/group-poll/participate/b4v16mVe>

All materials will be provided. Volunteer hours are available for high school students. Speak to Huda for more info or email her at huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca



Sunday, August 30 - Bev Buckingham Retirement Celebration

Bev has been serving as our Interim Supply Pastoral Care Minister for the past few years and her last service with us will be on Sunday, August 30.

An event is being planned to celebrate all her work with the Parkdale family.

There will be a breakfast before the service starting at 9:00 am. If you have a favorite muffin, scone, or other breakfast treat recipe, why not make a batch and bring it to share.

There will also be a short opportunity to wish Bev well over cake, coffee and juice at noon, following the service.

There will be a basket for people to give cards to Bev at the breakfast.

If you wish to make a financial gift to Bev as we bless her re-retirement, there are several ways to do so:

- through your church envelope, specifying "Gift for Bev" on the envelope as well as the amount.

- e-transfer to Deposits@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca, again noting "Gift for Bev" in the comments.

If you would like to volunteer to help in various capacities with the breakfast, please contact Shirley Ray at shirleyrey23@gmail.com

Sunday, August 30 - Capital Pride Parade

Parkdale United Church is once again participating in The Capital Pride Parade. Come with all your Pride Gear ready and join the walk! For more information contact the office at 613-728-8656 or pdale@trytel.com

Sunday, September 6: Rally Sunday Intergenerational Worship

This annual event will take place at 11:00 a.m. in the Parkdale Park celebrating "The Season of Creation". It will be followed by a fall fair in the church gym with sweet corn on the cob and cake. Join us as we welcome the fall and the beginning of school together.

Until September 13 - Summer Sunday School

Children and youth will enjoy a movie and popcorn time in the Upper Room beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays this summer. If your child has not registered for Sunday school this year, please email Huda to register at huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca

Let us know if there are any allergies. Please pick up your children from the upper room after the service.

Did You Know?

We have two job openings

1.Pastoral Care Minister

Parkdale is inviting applications for a 50% time pastoral care ministry position, working with a full-time Coordinating Minister and a full-time Congregational

Designated Minister for Youth and Families and a dedicated Pastoral Care Team. The successful candidate will provide spiritual, emotional and practical support to members of the congregation and the broader community, ensuring that people experience Christ's love and presence through effective pastoral relationships, prayer, visitation and supportive care in times of need. We are a dynamic and diverse community, seeking to love and serve God and our neighbours. The full job description and Community of Faith Profile are available on ChurchHub.ca.

Letters of interest, including resume, will be accepted from interested candidates until August 21, 2026. Please e-mail to pdalesearch@gmail.com.

2.Supervised Ministry Education position

Parkdale United Church is inviting applications for a 50% time Cooperative Supervised Ministry Education (SME) position, a new role designed as a cooperative model with Dominion Chalmers United Church (DCUC). The primary purpose is to support and facilitate the development of a cooperative ministry model (CMM) between DCUC and Parkdale, while providing an appropriate experience for a candidate for ministry in the United Church of Canada. The SME candidate will discern and develop cooperative ministry opportunities between DCUC and Parkdale; design, implement and support a Community Care Group model so that both congregations can collaborate in providing pastoral care to their members and adherents; be part of designing worship for both congregations; and be a full member of the ministry staff team at both DCUC and Parkdale. The full job description and Community of Faith Profile are available on ChurchHub.ca.

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