

Parkdale Monthly E-Newsletter



September 2026

Latest News and Upcoming Events



Labour Day

Happy Labour Day Parkdale family! As a community and as a church, we are very grateful for all the ways you serve. Here is a message we wanted to share with you all - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCZC6L8R924>

Sunday, September 6: Rally Sunday Intergenerational Worship

This annual event will take place at 11:00 a.m. (not our usual 10:30 a.m.) in the Parkdale Park, near the Parkdale market celebrating "The Season of Creation". You are invited to bring your lawn chair and enjoy the outdoor service with special music. After the service, we will move to the church's gym (Memorial Hall) for lunch. Salads, sweet corn, and cakes will be provided. We encourage people to bring a loaf of sandwiches to share.

Please email huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca to confirm your attendance by September 4, if possible.

We are looking forward to celebrating the start of a new season. All are welcome.



Capital Pride 2026

Thanks to everyone who showed our Parkdale United Pride on Sunday, August 30 at the Ottawa Pride Parade. We had a great team show up and we even hatched some plans for next year! Special gratitude to Hugh for helping us get our pride on and Rev. Bob...oh my...who knew he had such hair! (Missing from the picture are Rebecca, Rev. Victoria, and Faye)

Wednesday, September 9 – Circle Talk, Stories of Resilience

Join the Canadian Artists for Reconciliation & Education for a Circle Talk online through ZOOM with guest Norman Retasknet. Participants are invited to join the conversation by asking thoughtful questions or simply listening.

A survivor of Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Indian Residential School, Norman's life and work are intimately shaped by his experiences of trauma and resilience. For decades, he kept his past largely private, but the announcement of unmarked graves in 2021 ignited a powerful shift in his storytelling. At 82 years young, his art of drum-making honours survivors and raises awareness, notably dyeing drums orange to symbolize the Every Child Matters movement and marking them with the number 215, a poignant reminder of those lost. Norman is both an artist and an elder, sharing his narrative with candour and strength, helping deepen understanding and reconciliation across Canada and around the globe.

Norman recently joined the Red Cross as an Elder, where he is making a meaningful difference in the lives of others by sharing his teachings of healing through the drum. Register here to attend: https://us.list-manage.com/jwHq_P_6dkm?e=b5cecc1fb5&c2id=8100c2e9191c033797a001b9d3b46973

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.

Wednesday, September 23 - Three Days Later

On Sundays, we develop a theme in worship grounded in scripture and engaged through a sermon, music, prayer, silence, and contemplation, yet have you ever wanted to talk about it? Join Rev. Bob on Wednesdays from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. for conversations that delve a little deeper into the theme from Sunday in the Upper Room. You can also join the group virtually from home or the office. Contact the office for the link at pdale@trytel.com

Upcoming Worship Experiences

September 13 – Gracefield Camp Sunday. If you aren't able to attend Gracefield camp, don't worry. Worship will happen onsite and online at our usual time of 10:30 am. There might even be a special piece from Gracefield.

September 20 – Join us as we continue our Season of Creation theme with special guest preacher Rev. Dr. Teresa Ann Burnett-Cole, Coordinating Minister with Glebe-St. James United Church. (Our Rev. Dr. Bob Fillier will be with our siblings at Glebe-St. Jeams) It's also the start of our Sunday School Year. Make sure to register.

September 27 – Orange Shirt Sunday. We are all invited to wear something orange or an orange shirt from an Indigenous vendor to mark Orange Shirt Day 2026 on September 30. As part of our worship, we will pause to remember and reflect on why every child matters and needs to be remembered.

October 4 – World Wide Communion Sunday and the conclusion of our Season of Creation focus. Moving In Spirit will present an embodied telling of scripture and Mervin Sol H. Toquero, Deputy General Secretary National Council of Churches in the Philippines will be our special guest preacher.

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.

New Sunday School Classes begin September 20

All children and youth who wish to join Parkdale's Sunday School programs need to fill out a form. Please contact Huda for the form at huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca

Opportunities to Serve

Take a moment and think about your skills, your interests and your passions. How could you share them with Parkdale United and our neighbours through service? How about...

- Being part of the Tech Team – preparing projection, operating our tech for worship (Projection, Livestream, Audio)?
- Joining the Communications Committee and helping us share the story about our ministry with each other and the world?
- Sharing your voice in song with the adult choir or another music ministry opportunity?
- Becoming a leader with our First Third Ministry and spending time shaping our children and youth?

Curious to learn more? Contact the office at pdale@trytel.com or Rev. Bob at revbob@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca

Did You Know?

We are Re-launching the Messenger!

A new version of the Messenger is planned for Thanksgiving, and that's the theme: Gratitude as a spiritual practice! The deadline to submit items is September 20. If you have a committee update, an event or an experience to share, please send it to Rebecca at rebecca@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca

Prayers at Parkdale

Your prayer requests are always welcome. Please send them to prayer-requests@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca or you can use the prayer box in the

sanctuary. If you want to be contacted, please leave your name and number. We want you to know that we are here for you and that we stand together under God's Grace.

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