

# PARKWOOD PULSE

PARKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The Fellowship Team is hosting another Board Game Evening this month! Find out when to come out on page 9

LOGOS is back! Check out the upcoming themes for each night in March - see page 4

**"If you hold to my teaching, you are my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."**

**- John 8:31-32**

Lunch and Learn has another interesting speaker coming up this month. Details on page 6

The book of Romans is the continuing study topic at the Barrhaven Bible Study. For more information, see page 5

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## Truth



In recent weeks, new terms have found their way into our language: “fake news” and “alternative facts”.

Lies have been around since Satan tempted our first parents in the Garden of Eden, and for centuries people have echoed Pilate’s famous question, “What is truth?” In our information age, anyone can propagate fact, fantasy, and foolishness in text, audio, and video via the Internet, and it can be very difficult to sort out the real from the unreal. Hardly a week goes by without some friend or other being “cloned”, without their knowledge, and faked identities masquerade as the real ones. False notices from fake websites designed to lead honest people to part with money dishonestly circulate more plentifully and at times more easily than genuine notifications of legitimate transactions. Exaggeration and outright fabrication of “news” influence attitudes and lead people to make decisions which have inadequate if not entirely false foundations. Some of the recent and brazen challenges — on various sides of different questions — should give us both pause to ponder how we sort out fact from fiction, and provide opportunity to speak truly truth.

In a world where many things are disguised as truth, we first need to know that there is truth to be found, and possessed. God teaches us in Proverbs 23:23 that truth is a valuable and precious commodity: “Buy the truth, and do not sell it.”

In the modern marketplace of “ideas”, Christians need to remind ourselves that we have true news — good news — to publish and proclaim. The gospel of Jesus is good news: those who have been deceived, and those who have deceived others by not speaking the truth, are offered, freely, forgiveness and new life in Jesus. But the life is in Jesus, who declared: “I am the way and the truth and the life.” (John 14:6)

Not only is this an exclusive claim, but those who embrace Jesus are called both to weigh all claims of truth in the light of God’s word, and to grow in the knowledge of the truth of God, increasingly reflecting that truth, lovingly, to the world. As part of his high priestly prayer, prior to his death, Jesus prayed for his followers: “Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.” (John 17:17) The apostle Paul reminds believers that “speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ”. (Ephesians 4:14)

Paul went on to foretell the days in which we live: “For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.” (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

When Paul first wrote to Timothy, he urged that his young friend and fellow disciple and truth-teller begin with prayer, and especially prayer for those in positions of civil authority: “I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone — for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”

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(1 Timothy 2: 1-4) It is interesting and informative to note that the motivation for prayer for rulers is that “truth” (whom Paul immediately identifies in verse 5 as “the one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus”) is “that all may be saved and come to know the truth.”

Far from giving up, keeping quiet, or doing nothing amid the traffic in “fake news” and “alternative facts”, let us pray, and patiently and purposefully point to the One who is the truth. Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:31-32)

Your pastor, rejoicing in the freedom of the truth of Christ, and eager for the true and good news,  
James T. Hurd

## Board Game Evening - March



Games Night is back this March! Bring your games, snacks to share, and if you bring a friend who does not belong to our church, you could win a prize!



Come on out to the church Fellowship Hall on Friday, March 24th, at 7:00pm. All ages are welcome to participate in this fellowship event, which facilitates new friendships, closer families, and winding down from the stresses of the week with a chance to learn and play a variety of interesting table games that may include:

- building games
  - strategy games
  - number games
  - trivia games
  - guessing games
  - puzzle games
  - mystery games
  - mechanical games
  - party games
  - historical games
  - dice games
  - memory games
- and more!

Bring your favourite games to play and share with others for a great evening!



- submitted by Carolyn Herbert,  
Fellowship Team

**LOGOS - March Themes**



**Mar 1** Beach Night (Guest Night!)



**Mar 8** Crazy Hair



**Mar 22** Irish Night



**Mar 29** GO Sens GO!!



- submitted by Holly MacDonald

**Lenten Easter Services**

During the season of Lent, evening services will take place at Parkwood on Sunday evenings at 7:00pm. The topics for the evening services will continue as part of the "Questions Jesus asked" series.

March 19 - Are there not 12 hours of daylight? (John 11:9)

March 26 - What shall I say? (John 12:27)

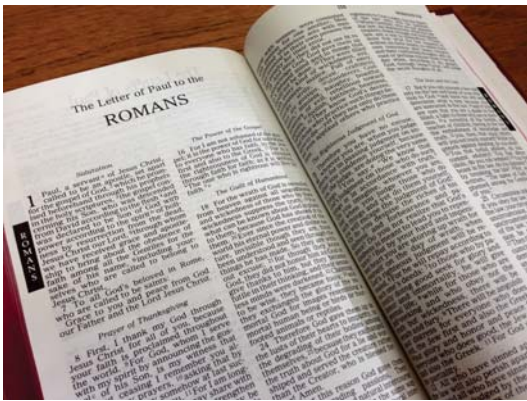
April 2 - Are you asking? (John 16:19)

April 9 - Why question me? (John 18:21)



Special services will also take place on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

**Barrhaven Bible Study - March 29 to June 21**



Come join us for our continuing study of the Book of Romans.

The book of Romans has had an impact on countless lives (including Augustine, Luther, Calvin, and Whitfield). It provides a summary of the Christian message. Romans 1:17 was also a key verse for the conversion of Martin Luther and the subsequent launch of the Protestant Reformation in 1517. In 2017, we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

The spring session of this weekly study begins on Wednesday, March 29 from 7:30PM–9:00PM at the home of John and Martha Fair at 99 Stoneway Drive (just off Woodroffe near Farm Boy), and continues until Wednesday, June 21. Mark your calendars! For more information call 613-823-9970.

- submitted by John and Martha Fair

**Parkwood Softball Team**

For more information, please contact us at [parkwoodsoftballteam@gmail.com](mailto:parkwoodsoftballteam@gmail.com). For expressions of interest, please visit this link and complete the survey: <http://goo.gl/forms/i14mxS4zLg>



- submitted by Michael and Carrie Morris

***From the Editor: April Pulse Deadline***

The next edition of the Parkwood Pulse will be for the month of April. Send in your submissions by Sunday, March 26th to [parkwoodpulse@yahoo.ca](mailto:parkwoodpulse@yahoo.ca)

**Pulse In Your Email Inbox?**



Would you like to receive the Pulse newsletter by email?  
Send your expression of interest to [parkwoodpulse@yahoo.ca](mailto:parkwoodpulse@yahoo.ca)

## Lunch and Learn - March 20th

Lunch and Learn is a great event for learning new things! Join us for a delicious lunch at noon, followed by an informative speaker at 1:00 PM. Volunteer with us too - there is always room for help with setting up the Fellowship Hall and serving the sandwiches and desserts.

This month's topic will be: **Food Safety for Adults**  
 Speaker: Rick Szabo, MSc. Retiree of Health Canada



Did you know? The Government of Canada, Food Inspection Agency and Health Canada sets rules and standards for food safety.

The topic will cover food handling, shopping, storing, freezing, cooking, and other safety tips for the older adult.

As consumers and preparers of food, you will learn to check on old habits and learn new techniques. Everyone is welcome!

- submitted by **Dora Brown,**  
**Pastoral Care Team**



## Thanks for Prayers!



Kentley Rose Townsend, born January 14, 2017  
 pictured with sister Gracie Lynn Townsend, 5 years old.

Many thanks to our friends at Parkwood, for prayers received for both children.

- submitted by **Barbara & Duane Townsend**



## Summary of January Session Meeting

- A minor renovation to the original women's washroom was undertaken to provide a place to hold a purse while using the sink.
- A letter was sent to the Associate Secretary of Canadian Ministries expressing three concerns arising from the Canada Youth Conference, which was held during the summer.
- A request was received from Aihua Hu to hold another summer camp at Parkwood during July. Session reviewed the major issues arising from the camp in July of 2016. The request to hold a summer camp this year was approved in principal, subject to several conditions. These conditions include: a staff to student ratio of 2 to 15, as stipulated in Leading with Care; this ratio is to be maintained throughout each day; a visit by two members from Parkwood to review supervision ratios; and the definition and availability of the requested spaces in Parkwood.
- A request that Parkwood be considered as one of the congregations to attend the Stewards by Design in November of 2017 was submitted before the application deadline. Notification of acceptance or rejection is expected during March. The congregation had approved Parkwood attending the seminar in 2016, but the date of the seminar was moved to November 2017.
- There was further discussion on how to discuss and describe the issue of sexuality, which will be on the agenda of the upcoming General Assembly in June. The note by the Minister published in the Pulse in 2016 will be circulated to elders for their review in advance of the regular February session meeting.
- There was a discussion of whether there should be a congregational meeting or some other approach as the format for "spiritual direction" during 2017. There is a consensus among elders that establishing and deepening interpersonal relationships should be the priority for 2017. Those attending the Annual Meeting will be asked whether they would like to have a meeting in June and, if so, their thoughts on the theme and format of the meeting.
- It was agreed to encourage the use of small groups meeting in homes for an appropriate combination of conversation, reflection, prayer, and meals, with the goal to broaden and deepen relationships among members and adherents at Parkwood. Further discussion of how to encourage the organization of small groups will take place at the February meeting. One idea would be for elders to organize some initial groups, but others could host the meetings. The groups should not be restricted to elder's districts.

- submitted by **Dennis Featherstone,**  
Clerk of Session



# Parkood Church Activities March 2017 - revised Feb 26

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 10:00am Koffee Klatch 5:00pm LOGOS 7:30pm Barrhaven Bible Study	<b>2</b> 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>3</b> World Day of Prayer	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Lent I 10:00am Worship & Communion 10:00am Church School 11:30am Hand Chime Practice 3:00pm Bible Study	<b>6</b> 6:30pm ESL Conversation	<b>7</b> 1:00pm Pastoral Care Team 7:00pm Mission Team 7:30pm Finance & Maintenance Team	<b>8</b> 10:00am Koffee Klatch 5:00pm LOGOS	<b>9</b> 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Clocks Go Ahead 10:00am Renewal Fellowship at Parkwood
<b>12</b> Lent II 9:15am Hand Chime Practice 10:00am Church School 10:00am Worship 11:30am Parkwood Concert Band Practice	<b>13</b> 8:30am Standard First Aid & CPR C Course 6:30pm ESL Conversation	<b>14</b> 8:30am Standard First Aid & CPR C Course	<b>15</b> March Break 10:00am Koffee Klatch	<b>16</b> 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Lent III 10:00am Church School 10:00am Worship 11:30am Parkwood Concert Band Practice 3:00pm Bible Study 3:00pm Beginner Guitar Praise Group 7:00pm Lenten Service	<b>20</b> 12:00pm Lunch & Learn 6:30pm ESL Conversation 7:30pm Policy & Planning Meeting	<b>21</b> April Calendar Deadline 9am 7:00pm Presbytery at St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa	<b>22</b> 10:00am Koffee Klatch 5:00pm LOGOS	<b>23</b> 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>24</b> 7:00pm Games Night	<b>25</b> 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Local Heroes
<b>26</b> April Pulse Deadline Lent IV 10:00am Church School 10:00am Worship 11:30am Parkwood Concert Band Practice 11:45am Beginner Guitar Praise Group 7:00pm Lenten Service	<b>27</b> 6:30pm ESL Conversation 7:30pm Session	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10:00am Koffee Klatch 5:00pm LOGOS 7:30pm Barrhaven Bible Study	<b>30</b> 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>31</b>	