

PARKWOOD PULSE

PARKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

There are a few gatherings for the congregation coming up this month. For more information, read on! See pages 8 & 9

Do you know how to knit? The Sheep Ladies need your help making this year's Advent season sheep! Contact info on page 3

"Do not move an ancient boundary stone set up by your forefathers."

- Proverbs 22:28

The Gracefield trip date is set! Find out this year's theme for the annual fall day trip up to the camp, and find a registration form that you can submit to participate - on page 6

Parkwood's book group is meeting one more time before the summer break. Details on the date, time, and book can be found on page 4

JUNE 2017

The Barrier Act

Barriers can be seen to be both good and bad. A parent puts an infant in a car seat, which acts as a barrier to movement, and serves to protect the child in the case of a sudden stop. The infant may wish to “escape” the barrier, and does not understand its value. Later in life, as a mature adult who has perhaps lived through some sudden stops with the protection of the barrier, the same person may come to realize and appreciate the value of the barrier.

In the presbyterian church, part of the structure of our government includes the Barrier Act. The Barrier Act serves to prevent sudden shifts in teaching (doctrine) or practice (government) that may seem like a good idea to some people, but which have not had careful review in the light of God’s word, and the measured consideration of all the elders of the churches.

The Barrier Act states: “No prepared law or rule relative to matters of doctrine, discipline, government, or worship, shall become a permanent enactment until the same has been submitted to presbyteries for consideration. ... If a majority of the presbyteries of the church express their approval, the Assembly may pass such proposed law or rule into a standing law of the church. If a majority of the presbyteries express disapproval, the Assembly shall reject such proposed law or rule ...” (Book of Forms, 293.1; 293.3)

Recently, there have been initiatives and efforts on the part of some individuals and groups within the structures of The Presbyterian Church in Canada to change the definition and practice of marriage, to bring our Christian confession and practice into conformity with that in our contemporary civil society. Our confessional standards state:

“Marriage is to be between one man and one woman.” (Westminster Confession of Faith, 24.1)

“Christian marriage is a union in Christ whereby a man and a woman become one in the sight of God.” (Living Faith, 8.2)

Any attempt to change the teaching or practice of the church with respect to marriage evidently involves a change to the doctrine, discipline, and worship, and could not be lawfully or properly effected by any one General Assembly without first being submitted to all the presbyteries for consideration, and could only be enacted if a majority of the presbyteries were to express approval, and then only if a subsequent General Assembly determined such a change were to be advisable. Inasmuch as the members of the General Assembly are commissioned to “consult, vote, and determine in all matters ... to the glory of God, and the good of his church, according to the word of God, the Confession of Faith, and agreeable to the constitution of this church ...” (Book of Forms, 279), it appears that the boundary for or barrier to change is appropriately set very high, to protect against anything which would harm the church or dishonour God.

Our confessional standards have been formulated over many centuries and are designed and intended to state faithfully and accurately what the Bible teaches. The Presbyterian Church in Canada traces its lineage through the churches of the Reformation back to the ecumenical creeds and confessions of the ancient church, to the early church fathers and the apostles of the first century and to Jesus — the “LOGOS”, “the Word made flesh”.

The Barrier Act

Even before the earthly life of Jesus, the prophets of God in ancient Israel were inspired by the Holy Spirit to reveal the will and law of God. The book of Proverbs includes many wise words, given by God's Spirit. Much of the "wisdom of Solomon" was given to King Solomon who asked for wisdom, rather than riches or long life. One of the proverbs instructs us: "Do not move an ancient boundary stone set up by your forefathers." (Proverbs 22:28, NIV)

Boundary markers established by those who have sought to live faithfully in the light of God's word are to be respected, and should only be moved if found to be at variance with an older boundary marker, clearly visible and established in God's word.

We are reminded in the New Testament that: "Everything that does not come from faith is sin." (Romans 14:23, NIV). God's Spirit also teaches us that: "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing from the word of God." (Romans 10:17, NKJV). The content of what we believe and practice is revealed and taught by God in His word, and is not simply "made up" by human beings on our own initiative. Whatever the culture or society around us teaches or does is to be reviewed in the light of what God teaches in Scripture and in Jesus — who is the living Word.

As the Church wrestles with understanding God's word and will for us today, let us pray that what God teaches us in the Scriptures will be received and honoured, and cherished and embraced, that ancient boundary stones faithfully and rightly set up will remain in place, and that the wisdom and provisions of the Barrier Act will be respected.

Your pastor, sharing in the governance and oversight of the church, for Jesus' sake,
James T. Hurd.

Help Wanted - Knitters

The Parkwood Sheep Ladies would welcome knitters to knit and stuff little sheep, to be given to our Sunday School children during Advent 2017. Every year, during the month of December, our Minister tells the children the wonderful story of Jesus' birth, using Parkwood's knitted nativity set to illustrate. When James speaks of the Shepherds, who were watching over their sheep, he gives to each child a lovingly made, hand-knitted sheep. Would you like to knit some sheep for the children?



In order to accumulate a suitable number of sheep, we need volunteer knitters to make some sheep. If you are interested in this project, we will give you a knitting pattern. This could be a good summertime craft project for your spare time. If you would like to get started on making sheep, please call Margaret Roach at 613-224-3706.

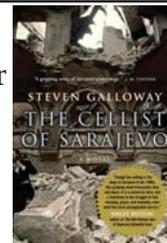
- submitted by Margaret Roach

Parkwood Book Group

The Parkwood Book Group meets 5 times a year. At each gathering, a book is discussed. The meetings are informal and open to all. Please consider joining the group for one or all of the books in 2017.

June 12 **The Cellist of Sarajevo, by Steven Galloway**

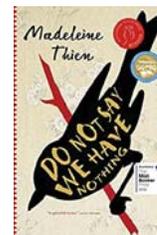
This book tells the story of three people trying to survive in a city rife with the extreme fear of desperate times, and of the sorrowing cellist who plays undaunted in their midst. Steven Galloway has taken an extraordinary, imaginative leap to create a story that speaks powerfully to the dignity and generosity of the human spirit under extraordinary duress.



Coming up in the fall...

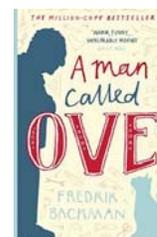
September 11 **Do Not Say We Have Nothing, by Madeleine Thien**

Thien takes us inside an extended family in China, showing us the lives of two successive generations - those who lived through Mao's Cultural Revolution in the mid-twentieth century; and the children of the survivors, who became the students protesting in Tiananmen Square in 1989. With exquisite writing sharpened by a surprising vein of wit and sly humour, Thien has crafted unforgettable characters who are by turns flinty and headstrong, dreamy and tender, foolish and wise.



November 13 **A Man Called Ove, by Fredrik Backman**

At first sight, he is almost certainly the grumpiest man you will ever meet. He thinks himself surrounded by idiots. Fredrik Backman's heartwarming debut is a funny, moving, and uplifting tale of love and community that will leave you with a spring in your step.



- submitted by Marcia Harten

News from Leading with Care

As discussed at the Annual Meeting in February, Leading with Care was planning a Fire Drill for June.



This has been put on hold until a Site Evacuation Plan can be made for our new church building configuration. We will let you know when we are ready to proceed.

- submitted by Kris Marion,
Leading with Care

Sylvia Hepburn Turns 99

On April 28, the Carleton Lodge Nursing Home was the scene of a special birthday celebration for Sylvia Hepburn, a long-time member of the Parkwood family.

People came from far and wide -- Sylvia's nephew from California was there, as well as her grand-niece from the Yukon Territory. There were also some long-term friends from a little closer to home -- from Ottawa. :-)

Sylvia was bright and happy throughout -- taking special care to read all of the verses in her cards, and to admire the floral artwork on the front -- reflections of her life-long interest in nature, painting, and composition. One special highlight for her was receiving a toy chipmunk, which reminded her of afternoons feeding the squirrels, chipmunks, and groundhogs on her favourite park bench at Vincent Massey Park.

During her ninety-nine years, Sylvia has certainly lived through many changes in society, but her family connections, her friendships, and her faith have endured.

- submitted by Peter Paul



From the Editor: July Digital Pulse

The next edition of the Parkwood Pulse will be for the month of July and will be found on the church website. Send in your submissions by Sunday, June 25th to

parkwoodpulse@yahoo.ca

Update: Email Pulse

At this time, due to insufficient expressions of interest in receiving the newsletter via email, the Pulse will continue to be provided on the church website and on paper.

Parkwood Family Day Trip to Gracefield Christian Camp

Saturday, September 16th, 2017

Theme: We are one in the Spirit

You are invited to join us for a day trip to Gracefield Christian Camp. We will enjoy fun, fellowship, hiking, games, bible study, fishing, or just quiet time reflecting on God's creation.

We are meeting at the church at 8:00AM and plan to return at approximately 9:00PM. We will endeavour to arrange carpooling but cannot guarantee this. Bring a packed lunch and we will provide a BBQ dinner, for which we will provide paper plates and plastic cutlery. There will be a \$15 fee per person for the entire day, children 4 and under free. For an extra cost, those who wish to can rent canoes through the camp office. You can also arrange accommodations for the entire weekend through the office, if you so desire.

Children will need to be supervised at all times. Anyone 17 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Deadline for registration is **Sunday, September 10th, 2017.**

- submitted by Kris Marion

Gracefield - Registration Form

Name: _____

Telephone #: _____ Email: _____

Children (names and ages): _____

Number in party: _____

I/We need a ride: Yes No

I have room in my car for _____ people

Total fee enclosed \$ _____

(Please make cheques payable to Kathy Newton)

Fundraising!

Yard Sale - Saturday June 3rd, 2017

38 Saddlebrook Street, Nepean
8:30am to 2:00pm

Come join Alta MacFie at her house in the Centrepointhe neighbourhood to take part in the annual Centrepointhe Garage Sale, with proceeds to be donated to the Parkwood Loan Repayment Fund.

Bring some things to sell (set your own prices), a lunch, a card table if you have one, a sunhat, and sunscreen. As it is outdoors, this event is weather-dependent, but historically the weather has been very pleasant in early June. Coffee and company will be provided - expect to have a good time!



Anyone with only 1 or 2 items to contribute who is not available to come out themselves on June 3rd, please contact Alta MacFie in advance and those items can be added to the sale - but please no boxes, bags, or piles of items left at the church. At the end of the day, each seller will be responsible for carrying away any unsold items. Parking instructions will be provided on arrival.

For questions and to indicate an interest in participating, please contact Alta MacFie: 613-723-7865 or macfies@rogers.com.

- submitted by Alta MacFie

To help with any of the below fundraising events, please contact:
Marcia Harten, Alta MacFie, or Michael Morris



The movie premiere is still tentatively planning to go ahead in June, so plan to come out and help fundraise!

Think you can wash a car? Then we need you!
Car washes can be fun events for all ages and a great way to spend family time together!



Bakers wanted! On their own or as a companion to another event, bake sales are a delicious way to give back to your church and share your talent for tasty creations!

News from the Outreach Team

Parkwood Hills FUN DAY

Our church will be participating in the Parkwood Hills Community Fun Day at Inverness Park. This is an opportunity to make us known to our neighbours.

Come and join in the fun from
11:30am-3:00pm on
Saturday, June 10th, 2017!

SUMMER DAY CAMP

The Summer Day Camp is looking for volunteers who could assist in programming, crafts, music, and Bible lessons in the afternoons for the month of July. This is a joint initiative between Parkwood Church and Aihua Hu Chinese Language School.

If you are interested in being part of this outreach, please contact Kristine Marion or Aihua Hu.

- submitted by Kris Marion,
Outreach Team

June Picnic at General Burns Park

The Annual Congregational Picnic will be held at
General Burns Park after the Sunday service on
June 25th, 2017 from 12:00PM (noon) to 3:00PM

Come on out to enjoy BBQ and potluck salads/desserts,
games for the kids, and a relaxing afternoon with your church family!



- submitted by the Fellowship Team

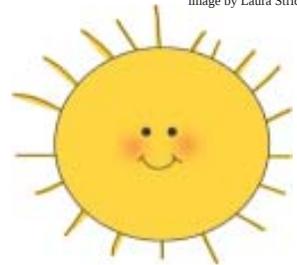
Finance and Maintenance Reminders

Summer is Coming!

image by Laura Strickland

Air Conditioning:

The offices, the Gathering Place, the Nursery, the Library, and the Sunshine Room are all air-conditioned. However, the system is only set to “cool” when necessary to conserve energy. If the system is on, please keep windows closed in these rooms.



Sanctuary:

The sanctuary is not air-conditioned, so the doors from the Gathering Place should remain closed when the air-conditioning is on. The windows above the exit doors and the windows in the choir area may be left open in hot weather. If you use the ceiling fans in the Sanctuary or other portable fans, please turn them off when you are finished.

General Reminders:

- Please turn off all lights as you leave, including those in the corridors and the chandelier at the front entrance. Security lights will remain on automatically.
- If you open a window while you are in the building, please remember to close it before you leave.
- Please close all room doors and lock them if you unlocked them, and remember to check that exterior doors are locked and securely latched before you leave.

- submitted by **Dan Moffat,**
Finance & Maintenance

Congregational Gathering - June 21st

Wednesday, June 21st, 2017
Fellowship Hall, 7:30PM

At this year's annual business meeting in February, the congregation decided to continue holding its annual spiritual direction meeting in June, which would ideally be more informal than the February meeting and have an open floor for participants to weigh in on the spiritual health and direction of the church.



This will be the place to discuss Session's decision this year to encourage the formation of small groups, with the goal to broaden and deepen relationships among members and adherents at Parkwood by meeting in homes for an appropriate combination of conversation, reflection, prayer, and meals.

Mark your calendars!

Word Search - Bible C Words

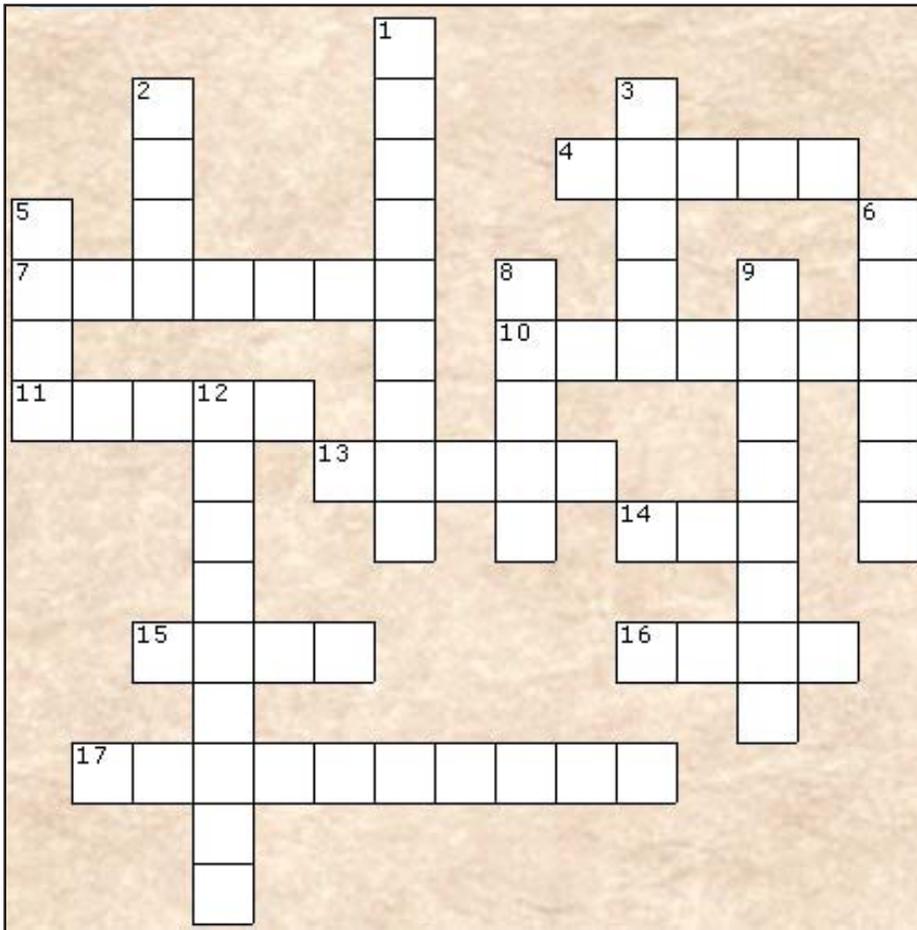
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Word Puzzle - Who Said That?



ACROSS

- 4 He said, "Do this in remembrance of me."
- 7 She said, "Tell me the secret of your great strength and how you can be tied up and subdued."
- 10 He said to the Lord, "Will you destroy both innocent and guilty alike?"
- 11 He said, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"
- 13 He said to the sailors, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea, and it will become calm."
- 14 She said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."
- 15 She said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word."

16 He said, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

17 He said, "You will surely not die..." (2 words)

DOWN

- 1 He said to the wise men, "Go and make a careful search for the child."
- 2 He said, "Love is patient, love is kind."
- 3 The disciple answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
- 5 He said, "The woman you put here with me - she gave me some fruit from the tree and I ate it."

- 6 He said, "Let me die with the Philistines!"
- 8 She thought to herself, "After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?"
- 9 He said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." (2 words)
- 12 She said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!"

Parkwood Church Activities June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 10:00am Worship & Communion 10:00am Church School	5 6:30pm ESL Conversation	6 1:00pm Pastoral Care Team 7:30pm Finance & Maintenance Team	7 10:00am Koffee Klatch 7:30pm Barrhaven Bible Study	8 7:00pm Choir Practice	9 7:00pm Choir Practice	10 11:30am Parkwood Hills Fun Day @ Inverness Park to 3 pm
11 10:00am Church School 10:00am Worship & Mission Appeal	12 6:30pm ESL Conversation 7:30pm Parkwood Book Group	13	14 10:00am Koffee Klatch 7:30pm Barrhaven Bible Study	15 7:00pm Choir Practice	16	17 10:00am Presbytery at Gracefield
18 10:00am Church School 10:00am Worship	19 6:30pm ESL Conversation	20	21 10:00am Koffee Klatch 7:30pm Special Congregational Meeting 7:30pm Barrhaven Bible Study	22 July Calendar Deadline 9 am 7:00pm Choir Practice	23	24 10:00am Renewal Fellowship at Parkwood
25 July Digital Pulse Deadline 10:00am Church School 10:00am Worship 12:00pm Congregational Picnic at General Burns Park	26 6:30pm ESL Conversation 7:30pm Session	27	28 7:00pm CANHAVE Annual General Meeting	29	30	3 8:30am Yard Sale @ 38 Saddlebrook Street to 2 pm