

# PARKWOOD PULSE

PARKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The June spiritual direction discussion took place on the 21st. If you missed it, find a quick recap of the evening on page 5

Do you know how to knit? Please consider lending your talents to making some adorable sheep! For info, see page 3

**"So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us."**

**- Romans 12:5-6**

The new wing of the church has a mural planned for the stairwell. Check out the concept art on page 3

Parkwood's Benevolent Fund is a great way to help others in need throughout the year. See page 3

***JULY 2017***

## Summer Mid-week Fellowship

Our summer mid-week fellowship on Wednesday evenings this year will have the theme Developing and Applying a Christian Worldview. For the first five weeks, beginning Wednesday, July 5th, we will explore worldviews in conflict based on a teaching series by R.C. Sproul.

### Worldviews in Conflict

1. Here and Now (Secularism)
2. Driven by Pleasure (Hedonism)
3. When Man is God (Humanism)
4. Mere Existence (Existentialism)
5. Whatever Works (Pragmatism)



For our kick-off, everyone is invited to a BBQ at 6:00 p.m. on July 5th in the fellowship hall and on the back patio. Cold drinks and cookies will be served on the following Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Photos from the June Congregational Picnic



## Benevolent Fund

The Session Benevolent Fund helps Parkwood families with unexpected or unusual needs. Most of the donations come at Christmas time and are used throughout the year, and particularly before the next Christmas. In 2017, there have been a number of requests early in the year and the fund may be depleted before December. Many small monthly gifts would relieve this concern. Can YOU help? Mark your envelope "Ben. Fund" under "other". Blessings and thanks from the co-ordinator.

- submitted by Jan Sheridan

## Mural - Donations Still Needed



Mahshid Eshtiagh would like to begin painting her mural for the entranceway soon. However, we still have a bit more money to raise before she can begin. Please consider giving a donation through your offering envelope. Many thanks to those who have already contributed.

- submitted by Alta MacFie,  
Furnishings Team

## Help Wanted - Knitters

The Parkwood Sheep Ladies are still encouraging new knitters to join them in knitting and stuffing 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 Youth!

High school class on the last day of Sunday School before the summer



We had the pleasure of sitting in with the the high school class once again, on Sunday June 25th. As always, the teens were delving into some interesting topics, and this class was focused on experiencing the middle and final chapters of the book of Revelation through reading aloud from (and following along in) the NLT teen study Bibles.



Afterwards, to close out for the summer, the attendance contest winners were chosen - a tie between Greg and Wiza for the most Sundays in class over the course of the September-June term.

Have a great summer, Parkwood Youth!  
(And don't forget - next year is CY again!)

- submitted by Michael and Carrie Morris

## June Congregational Gathering - Spiritual Direction

On June 21st, those who attended the congregational gathering on the spiritual direction of Parkwood church were treated to an unusual "meeting" format. Instead of a steady stream of rote motions and 'lightning round' voting, participants spread out around the Fellowship Hall and took places in smaller circles of 8-10 people for a more informal, workshop-style discussion of the concept of "community". Refreshments in the form of various goodies and drinks were available throughout, and a fairly casual atmosphere and looser agenda made for some productive discussion.

The first of three questions was about defining what a community is, and a number of ideas came out of the groups' discussions: communities have a common goal; have people of shared values; give a feeling of safety/familiarity/support - to name just a few.

A short period of time was also committed to researching what the Bible has to say about how we are to treat "one another", especially in passages specifically using those terms. Many verses had things to say on this: keeping peace with; being kind to; loving; serving; honouring; being in agreement with; forgiving; admonishing in love; and encouraging "one another".

The second and third questions involved the concept of community as it relates to Parkwood itself - how does Parkwood do community - 1) well? 2) poorly? Many people praised the Bible study opportunities available, some of the events and programs, and the support offered to those in need. Then there were comments on aspects that need work: openness and inclusivity; sharing in the work of the church; presence of interpersonal conflicts, and others.

A few minutes at the end of the evening were then offered for open-floor comments, after which the gathering was concluded with an appeal for us all to pray about the insights that had come out of the evening. No follow-up was planned at the time, but it can be hoped that Session will build upon this format and allow for similar future "workshops" to engage more members/adherents, as well as providing opportunity for some purpose-driven applications, such as the directed creation of small groups that has been anticipated by many since the February business meeting.

- submitted by Carrie Morris

### *From the Editor: August Digital Pulse*

The next edition of the Parkwood Pulse will be for the month of August and will be found on the church website. Send in your submissions by Sunday, July 23rd to

**[parkwoodpulse@yahoo.ca](mailto:parkwoodpulse@yahoo.ca)**

## 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)

# Parkwood Church Activities July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Canada Day
<b>2</b> 10:00am Summer Church School 10:00am Worship 11:30am Strawberry Social after Worship	<b>3</b> Canada Day - Church office closed	<b>4</b> 8:30am Summer Camp to 4:30 pm	<b>5</b> 8:30am Summer Camp to 4:30 pm 6:00pm BBQ before Fellowship 7:00pm Mid-Week Fellowship	<b>6</b> 8:30am Summer Camp to 4:30 pm	<b>7</b> 8:30am Summer Camp to 4:30 pm	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 10:00am Summer Church School 10:00am Worship	<b>10</b> 8:30am Summer Camp to 4:30 pm	<b>11</b> 8:30am Summer Camp to 4:30 pm 5:30pm CANHAVE Board Meeting	<b>12</b> 8:30am Summer Camp to 4:30 pm 6:30pm Cold drinks before Evening Fellowship 7:00pm Mid-Week Fellowship	<b>13</b> 8:30am Summer Camp to 4:30 pm	<b>14</b> 8:30am Summer Camp to 4:30 pm	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 10:00am Worship 10:00am Summer Church School	<b>17</b> 8:30am Summer Camp to 4:30 pm	<b>18</b> 8:30am Summer Camp to 4:30 pm	<b>19</b> 8:30am Summer Camp to 4:30 pm 6:30pm Cold drinks before Evening Fellowship 7:00pm Mid-Week Fellowship	<b>20</b> 8:30am Summer Camp to 4:30 pm	<b>21</b> 8:30am Summer Camp to 4:30 pm	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> August Digital Pulse Deadline 10:00am Summer Church School 10:00am Worship	<b>24</b> 8:30am Summer Camp to 4:30 pm	<b>25</b> August Calendar Deadline 9 am 8:30am Summer Camp to 4:30 pm	<b>26</b> 8:30am Summer Camp to 4:30 pm 6:30pm Cold drinks before Evening Fellowship 7:00pm Mid-Week Fellowship	<b>27</b> 8:30am Summer Camp to 4:30 pm	<b>28</b> 8:30am Summer Camp to 4:30 pm	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 10:00am Summer Church School 10:00am Worship	<b>31</b> Parkwood Church Canoe Camp @ Gracefield					