

# PARKWOOD PULSE

PARKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The midweek fellowship group had some great speakers in August. Read about what they shared about Korea, Malawi, and Egypt on pages 4-6

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**"Be still, and know that I am God."**

**- Psalm 46:10**

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**SEPTEMBER 2017**

## God Knows

Psalm 46:10 - "Be still, and know that I am God." (NIV)

Do you know what I just read on the Internet? Did you see the video of what just happened ... ? Do you know what we're watching on TV right now? ...

We live in a world in which technology has brought the world to us. News of all sorts — and the more dramatic, supposedly the more important, or at least the more urgent — is accessible to our fingers, our eyeballs, and our brains, instantly and incessantly. Dramatic, sensational news, especially in audio and video formats, claims our attention every minute of every day.

We seem to be unable to turn it off, and the effects often feed restlessness, uncertainty, and fear.

Enough already! But what can we do to restore order? Or at least find peace and strength to cope?

Psalm 46 is a great place to start.

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. ... Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall. ... The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. ... Come and see the works of the Lord ... Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46, selected verses)

We have heard and watched this summer of fires in British Columbia and a hurricane accompanied by torrential rain and flooding in Texas, to say nothing of acts of terrorism and the wars that continue to shock, destroy, and impair life for so many throughout Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and elsewhere.

It is good to be reminded that the psalmist in Psalm 46 had in his mind's eye mountains falling into the ocean, desolations wrought upon the earth, and wars raging to earth's ends. In such vivid and terrible circumstances he is led by the Holy Spirit to affirm: "The Lord Almighty is with us." The psalmist was a person of faith who knew this God and was reminding himself and all who would know that God is God, and God knows.

There is no news that is news to God. There is no news that is new to God. God knows. When we know and remember that God knows, we will be able to deal with the "news" around us much better. First of all, although it may be "news" to us, we are not the first to know, and we need not be the first to share it. Let us remember that much "news" is not worth telling, or repeating. Second, let us ponder with gratitude that God cannot be "shocked" by what may shock us or others. If we ask God to fill us with the Holy Spirit — the same Spirit who inspired the psalmist in Psalm 46 to write, "Be still, and know that I am God." — then the peace and the strength which the psalmist knew can and will be ours too.

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Jesus was often confronted both by his disciples and others attempting to bring to his attention some news or other about people or events that were disturbing or troubling. Jesus was unperturbed at such news. Even when the disciples were afraid of drowning in a great storm, Jesus slept peacefully, and upon being awakened, shared that peace with them as he quieted the winds.

Even and especially in the midst of a world in chaos, Christians need not fear and shall not be moved. Our peace and calm are examples to share with others who are searching for reassurance and equilibrium and courage and strength, to make sense of a world incessantly in motion and so often bobbing into chaos. Let us, by our peace-filled presence, show and share the presence of Jesus with those around us. Paul exhorts us: "Let the peace of Christ rule your hearts." (Colossians 3:15, NIV)

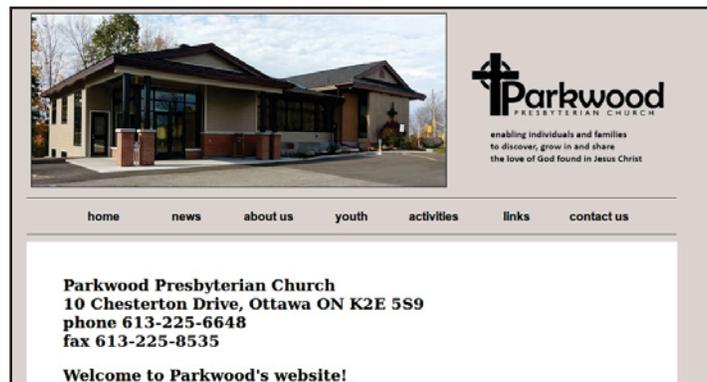
Your pastor, in peace and stillness, because I know God knows,

James T. Hurd

## Parkwood Website

If you haven't yet taken a look at the redesign of the Parkwood website, head over to [parkwoodchurch.ca](http://parkwoodchurch.ca), where Gord Walford has been hard at work (as usual) and posting some interesting updates and sharing some great photos of various people, places, and things that are related to Parkwood church.

**Looking for some excellent any-season reading? All "pastor's messages" from the Pulse newsletter from April 1996 (the month Parkwood's website went live) to date are now available on the church website.**



[www.parkwoodchurch.ca](http://www.parkwoodchurch.ca)

## August Mid-Week Speakers on: Korea, Malawi, Egypt

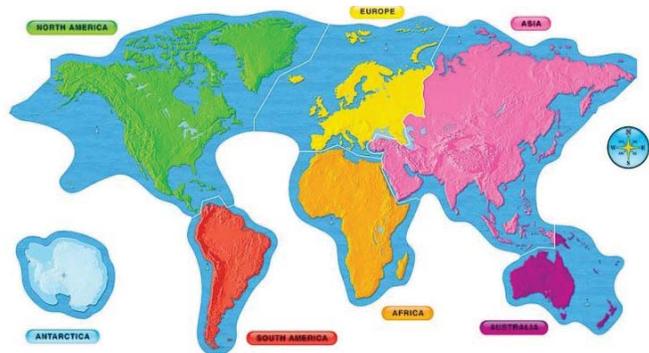
The mid-week fellowship this summer focused on the Christian worldview, and August brought three fantastic speakers to share their experience of the Christian Church in other regions of the world. The speakers were:

**Joshua Kim**, a seminary student from Korea, serving with the Sarang Korean Presbyterian Church

**Paul Mkandawire**, one of our elders, formerly of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in Malawi

**Gendi Rizk**, recently retired minister of the Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, Egypt

In the first week, Joshua Kim delivered a presentation to the group about South Korea. As a country, Korea became divided in a civil war that left many in the land impoverished. In the decades since the end of the war, wealth has been a key interest for the Korean people, and pockets of wealthy citizens have coalesced in cities such as Seoul, where external shows of wealth are the norm and are highly valued. Megachurches are common in these areas, and people flock to them in the hope of getting more for themselves and their families. Meanwhile, rural areas have remained more balanced and more open to receiving the true message of the Gospel. Christians make up about 20% of the population, with 80% of those being part of the Presbyterian denomination.



Joshua shared a number of challenges that his country is facing: the pursuit of wealth has been preyed upon by those in positions of power within certain brands of megachurch, where leaders teach that giving money will lead to prosperity. Leaders are idolized and seen as 'shamans' or intermediaries between people and God, and this deep-seated cultural belief has granted extensive power to individual pastors, who have been corrupted to the point, in some cases, of embezzeling millions. Unfortunately, because so many flock to the megachurch promises of prosperity, the rural churches teaching truth are left small in size and without financial well-being. Pastors in small congregations are often forced to work a second job because their churches can't afford to pay them enough. Joshua also shared that the seminaries in Korea, where pastors are trained, are hampered by internal conflict, as the teachers are conservatively trained but prosperity-gospel preachers help to fund the programs and thus students are forced to hear teachings from opposing viewpoints.

As a result of the challenges, a fair number of those 20% who identify as Christian are not following the truth, and Joshua told us about how the general view of those going to school to become pastors is that their real goal is to be wealthy and powerful: a "CEO" of a church.

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The next speaker was Paul Mkandawire, whose home country of Malawi was a stark contrast to that of Korea. Paul shared about the history of the country first visited by Scottish missionaries in the late 1800s, then colonized by Britain. In the early 1900s, the two main churches joined together and became strong, joining up from both north and south. Today, around 90% of the population identifies as Christian, with the Catholic denomination the majority, followed closely by Presbyterians. Talking about faith issues in everyday life is commonplace - leading up to the present day, the church has remained a powerful aid to and collaborator with the government: creating and sustaining a vast array of social services for the country, such as education facilities and hospitals (40% of health care is administered by the church, 60% by the government), and creating economic opportunities so that people have jobs available and can support their families. Paul pointed out that here in Canada, while we don't see such overt examples of Christianity affecting society, we often fail to recognize the foundational Christian values that underpin many aspects of our Western world because it's our idea of normal.

In Malawi, unlike in Korea, the pursuit of wealth is not viewed very positively in society, so megachurches do not have the same issues with corrupted teaching. The church's heavy involvement in social programs does not mean there are no poor, but there are far fewer than there would be without the church's work. Malawi's church members fund most of their own work, but still engage with and draw on parachurch organizations and partner churches in other countries. Comparing Malawi with Canada, Paul suggested that we are in different stages of development in our societies, so we shouldn't compare directly as "apples to apples" but should be heartened that God is growing followers in other countries around the world.

Gendi Rizk was the last speaker from abroad, speaking about his home country of Egypt. He outlined a bit of the history of the country to start, with a major rift forming between different types of churches back in 451 AD that continues on in the bitterness between the Coptic Orthodox church and other denominations, such that they do not recognize things such as marriage and baptism if not performed internally. In more modern history, missionaries came from the United States in 1854 and began to do some good works throughout the 1900s - opening a seminary and hospitals, allowing girls to go to school, improving literacy for both men and women, and translating the Bible into Arabic.

The most serious challenge in Egypt today is the state religion of Islam, which took over the country in 642 AD. Like Malawi, Egypt has a 90% faith majority, but in this case it is Islam outnumbering all others, and it is hostile to Christians especially. Gendi stated a number of restrictions and threats imposed by Muslim governments, such as Christians being barred from holding positions in ruling or teaching, and having to pay a monetary tribute or convert to Islam - or else be killed. It is very easy to identify which religion people follow because certain things are readily apparent - first names (John versus Mohammad), type of women's dress, and the colour of your wedding ring are all examples. Because of the violence against Christians, such as the recent bombings by the Muslim Brotherhood, many have chosen to flee, and the unemployment rate around 28% is very high and makes remaining in the country difficult. Wars have also been frequent over the last 70 years, and Egypt has been overrun with arms supplied by Russia. Furthermore, with only 5% of the land mass of the country inhabited, scarcity of water has been a

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longstanding problem.

After describing how Christianity is present in their home countries, the speakers were asked to comment on what they saw as strengths, weaknesses, or differences when it comes to how Christianity is present here in Canada. Joshua praised Canada for its people's authenticity and truth in teaching within the various churches. Paul was pleased with Canada's openness to refugees, saying that it is something to be proud of on the world stage. And Gendi praised Canada for its religious freedom and our ability to be open in evangelism through TV and radio, inviting friends to church, and educating those who come here from other countries.

Each week, there were upwards of 20 attendees who came out to hear the speakers and ask them questions about what they had shared. We were thankful that we were able to attend these very interesting evenings, to learn about other countries and the backgrounds of some of those people we share our church with. It was also interesting to step back and consider their stories against the backdrop of our own Canadian culture, and see the greater picture of what today's world looks like and how variable our experiences can be.

- submitted by Carrie Morris

## Koffee Klatch - Join Us!

Koffee Klatch welcomes all Parkwood ladies to join us beginning Wednesday, September 13th at 1:30PM in the Garden Room. For the first hour of our meeting we enjoy a social hour of tea and conversation, followed by an hour of Bible Study.

- submitted by Lorraine Widdis

### *From the Editor: October Pulse*

The next edition of the Parkwood Pulse will be for the month of October. Send in your submissions by Sunday, September 24th 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: \_\_\_\_\_

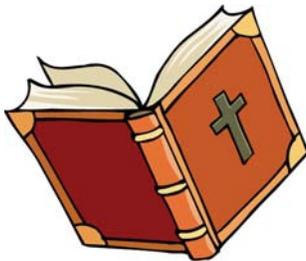
I/We need a ride:  Yes  No

I have room in my car for \_\_\_\_\_ people

Total fee enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please make cheques payable to Kathy Newton)

## Barrhaven Bible Study



Want to join a small group and participate in lifelong learning of the Christian faith? Come join us in a study of the Book of Romans.

The book of Romans has had an impact on countless lives and 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. On October 31st, 2017, we celebrate the 500th

anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

The fall session of this weekly study, starting at Romans 10, begins on Wednesday, September 27th 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, December 13th. Mark your calendars! For more information call 613-823-9970.

- submitted by John and Martha Fair

## Welcome Victoria!

The Christian Education Team would like to welcome Victoria Mabie as our new Christian Education Support Worker. She will be starting her position at Parkwood at the beginning of September.

Victoria has a M.Div. in Christian Education and Formation as well as an Honours BA Major in Music, Minor in Arts Administration. She also has experience working with children and youth in a Christian setting. Victoria's duties will include helping with the set up and programming of the Logos program, as well as involvement in the Sunday school and youth activities.



- submitted by Pamela Pestaluky,  
Christian Education Team

## Events at Parkwood

### Could you be a Parkwood host?

From time to time, we rent rooms in our building to outside groups and sometimes it's helpful to have someone from Parkwood at their event to provide guidance and answer questions. It may involve unlocking the building, orientation in showing organizers around the rooms they will be using, operating the lift, or providing guidance on clean-up. If this type of hosting interests you, please consider adding your name to a list of potential volunteer hosts.

### Are you planning an event?

- Don't forget to book your room(s) in advance to ensure that you reserve the space(s) you want.
- Book the kitchen - it's handy even if you are only having light refreshments.
- Ensure that there is someone from your group who has been trained to operate the lift, if needed.
- If you need A/V equipment, make arrangements to ensure someone can operate it.

Please report any issues with the building or equipment to the church office. To contact the events coordinator about hosting: [parkwoodevents@yahoo.ca](mailto:parkwoodevents@yahoo.ca) or leave a message at 613-225-6648 x 414.

- submitted by **Brenda Creighton**

## Corn Boil - September 10th

On Sunday, September 10th, come on down to the Fellowship Hall after the worship service to enjoy some delicious corn on the cob!

Parkwood's Fellowship Team is looking forward to welcoming you back after the summer at our annual Corn Boil.

Bring the whole family and invite a friend to take part in this tradition, as we celebrate the upcoming change in the seasons and the bountiful harvest in our local community.

All are welcome!



- submitted by **Don Pestaluky,**  
**Fellowship Team**

## Caring for Parents of Prodigals

A child, whether adolescent or adult, is living out their worst nightmare by charting a course away from God. They may be a people-pleasing prodigal, whose good appearance masks a godless heart, or a protesting prodigal, who blithely flips the bird to expectations and feels victimized by every consequence. Yet there is one common denominator that unites most of their parents: as Christians, they bear a unique burden of shame.

It sounds counter-intuitive, doesn't it? We believe Christ bore our shame (Hebrews 12:2). The gospel unshackles us from sinful disgrace (Romans 5:5) and "everyone who believes in Christ will not be put to shame" (Romans 10:11). So why do Christian parents bear such a heavy burden of shame? The problem isn't God. It's his people.

### **What Can the Church Do?**

We know the church is uniquely qualified to help suffering parents. Just look at our assets — the gospel, community, prayer. But when a parent bleeds for their wayward son or daughter, the church can be quick to judge and slow to bind wounds. We can dish out shame rather than demolish it. As a result, parents gravitate elsewhere for help, intuitively sensing their church is not a place of grace.

To be fair, it's not easy for Christians to know what to do. We're confused about how to care, what to say, whom to involve, and when (or if) to explore parental culpability. We're often well-intentioned but poorly-informed. We want to lift burdens and inspire hope, but we lack the skill. So how do we speak to shame? What can churches do to become a place where families can heal and prodigals can return? Here are four thoughts.

### ***Face Our Fear***

Rebellious kids trigger serious anxieties for Christians. We respond by playing the comparison game — examining prodigals and their parents to find differences between us and them, our kids and their kids. But comparison creates a callous culture where suspicion trumps compassion, speculation replaces intercession, and judgment supplants long-suffering. All Christians are called to suffer. For some, the pain comes through a prodigal. We must normalize this if the church is truly going to be a place of grace.

### ***Offer Safe Space***

Don't misunderstand. Safe space doesn't mean unaccountable, godless venting, or assuming every wayward sufferer is a victim. The story of a Pharisaical father with a runaway teen is timeless. But most parents of wanderers come to church assuming, at least on some level, they're at fault. And that floating blame is a huge distraction to finding real hope. When you hear the words *wayward* or *rebellious* tumble from parents' lips, hear grief. Grieve with them (Romans 12:15). Entrust any discovery of culpability to God and time.

### ***Label the Legalism***

One of the less detected strains of legalism in the church today is the false hope of "deterministic parenting." This unspoken but deeply felt dogma assumes the parents' faithfulness determines the

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spiritual health of their kids. Such legalism smuggles in a confidence that God rewards faithful parents with obedient, converted kids and does so proportionally to what we deserve. We also flip it. If the gospel of determinism is true, a wayward child reveals parental failure. If a kid is spinning out of control, parents are just reaping what they've sowed.

I'm not suggesting our parenting doesn't matter. Godly parenting influences children positively and bad parenting influences them negatively. But the key word is influence. Too many Christians unconsciously confuse influence with determinative power. This assumption takes God, the world's brokenness, and the human will out of the equation. We're not masters of our own destiny or our children's.

### *Celebrate the Shame-Bearer*

When parents of prodigals appear at a church event, shame tags along. If you love a prodigal, you must learn shame-hating. Christ nailed our shame to the cross. In its place, he imputed to us his record of perfect righteousness. When God looks at us, he doesn't see our parenting failures. He doesn't scroll through an unfiltered feed of ugly accusations and regrets. God sees his Son instead of us. We must look to Christ as well. For the one who loves a wayward soul, a shift in gaze is the only link to present sanity and future hope.

### **Who Can the Church Be?**

The church has an opportunity. Parents of prodigals come to us with tender wounds. What would happen if they received a warm invitation to a group led by a couple who has walked their path? What if they heard sermons with applications for wayward souls? What if the church identified with their shame so they left saying, "I'm not an outlier. They get me. Jesus can help." What if, for them, the church became a place of grace?

- condensed from an article by Dave Harvey, "Lift the Heavy Burden of Shame: How to Care for Parents of Prodigals" posted on [desiringgod.org](http://desiringgod.org), August 21, 2017

### *Prayer as a Parent* (by James Dobson)

Lord, You know my inadequacies. You know my weaknesses, not only in parenting, but in every area of my life. I did the best I could, but it wasn't good enough. As You broke the fishes and the loaves to feed the five thousand, now take my meagre effort and use it to bless my family. Make up for the things I did wrong. Satisfy the needs that I have not satisfied. Wrap Your great arms around my children and then draw them close to You. And be there when they stand at the great crossroads between right and wrong. All I can give is my best, and I've done that. Therefore, I submit to You my children and myself, and the job I did as a parent.

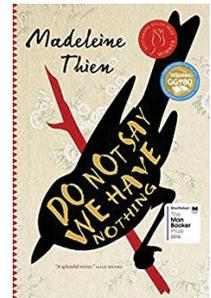
- submitted by Carolyn Herbert

## 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!

### 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.



- submitted by Marcia Harten

## Algonquin College Orientation Day

The Chaplaincy and staff of the Spiritual Centre at Algonquin College is preparing to greet new and returning students on Orientation Day, September 5th . Parkwood is preparing to support their endeavour by providing refreshments between 10:00AM and 2:00PM.

All volunteers will be welcomed but if you can't be in attendance, perhaps you could contribute to the following needs: muffins, cookies, baked goods (homemade baking; please include a list of ingredients, to help those students with allergies); fruit (apples, bananas, oranges); juice (jugs or boxes); help with shopping/delivering supplies (vehicle required).

Contact Linda Robinson at 819-205-4649 if you can volunteer in any way. Food contributions can be left in the church kitchen in a bag or box marked "Pause Table."

- submitted by Linda Robinson,  
Outreach Team



**ALGONQUIN**  
COLLEGE

## Session Summaries - April, May, June

### April Session Meeting Summary

- The garage sale for Parkwood has been re-scheduled to June 3 as part of the Centerpointe Garage Sale. Individuals are responsible for setting up their own table in Alta MacFie's driveway.
- Parkwood received approval for a grant to hire a summer student but the government has sharply reduced the number of hours available through the grant. It was agreed to form a working group with Dianne Nickerson, Alta MacFie, Dale Tuck, and the Minister to co-ordinate the hiring of a student, to deal with the new circumstances of the grant, and to discuss supervisory and other issues with F&M.
- It was agreed to add the Garden Room, Sunshine Room, and CE Resources Closet to the list of rooms to remain unlocked.
- Keys to the Music Storage Room are to be issued to Holly MacDonald, Alta MacFie, Pam Pestaluky, Diane Walford, and Gord Walford.
- It was agreed to ask F&M to study and report to Session on whether there are acceptable ways to ensure access to the parking spots in the gravel "parking lot".
- Marcia Harten, Holly MacDonald, and Asuquo Eniang have agreed to be Parkwood's representatives at Stewards by Design in November.
- There is an urgent need for more people to join the F&M team. After discussion, four people were determined to be possible new members of F&M. Their elders will ask them whether they would be willing to join the team.
- There is an upcoming Family Day at Gracefield.
- The Furnishings Group is to propose a better location for the guest book than the current Sunday use of the memorial stand.
- It was agreed to ask Michael and Carrie Morris if they would be willing to contact Trinity Kanata to determine how they ran their "Scrip" program.
- Those who volunteered at the Annual Meeting to help with fundraising do not yet have an appointed leader. Also, it was agreed that a fundraising group would be free to undertake typical fundraising activities but should seek Session approval for new, major activities.

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- Session received an offer of one or two new, free picnic tables. The Furnishings Group was asked to help determine their location, with an appropriate chain for security.
- It was agreed to ask the Mission Team to look with favour on financial assistance for Don MacMillan to help with expenses to attend a conference on reaching Muslims.
- It was agreed to allow Amir Torfeh to park his school bus on the property during the week. The bus will be off the property by 6:00AM. He should not park on the property on Thursday night due to the large number of cars on the lot for the AA meeting.
- A proposal to paint a large mural on the wall facing the entrance to the building was approved in principal. The total cost to do the painting is estimated at \$3,000. It was agreed to communicate the need for special-project donations from the congregation. It was also agreed to use up to \$2,000 of Memorial Funds if insufficient donations are received.
- It was agreed that Session or a team has the right to ignore any unsigned correspondence it receives. This has been the practice for Session for at least the past six years.

### May Session Meeting Summary

- Daniel Akat has agreed to join the F&M team. He will be the alternate representative to Session.
- The Minister reported that the terms of the government grant for the summer student are that the student will work seven weeks at 30 hours per week. The hiring group has met and set a deadline for applications of June 7.
- Various representatives to Presbytery committees for the year commencing September 1 were named: Gord Walford, Dianne Nickerson, Dale Tuck, John Fair, and Dennis Featherstone.
- The Christian Education team reported that the parenting course was deemed a positive experience and consideration should be given to holding it again. The team intends to schedule another session of the marriage course.
- Work continues on how to find a replacement(s) for our current Treasurer.

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### June Session Meeting Summary

- Dale Tuck provided an update on possible ways to restructure the work of the Treasurer starting in 2018.
- Olivia Ellens was hired as the summer student for the period June 19 to August 4, as per terms of the government grant. As well, it was agreed to ask Olivia if she would be available to work three hours each morning for four days of the weeks of August 7, 14 and 21, providing sufficient funds are determined to be available.
- On June 18, the following were baptized: Hailey Ren, Robert Racine, Naela Renard and Keila Renard. Hailey made a Confession of Faith.
- A letter from Dan Moffet was received indicating his intention to resign as the Leader of the F&M team and member of F&M in September of 2017.
- The Facility Planning team has been renamed the Facility Coordination Group. As well, the membership of the team has been expanded to include representation from the main users of Fellowship Hall. The initial focus of the group will be the proposals in the email circulated by Michael Morris with suggestions for renovations to the Fellowship Hall.
- The Christian Education team has prepared a revised job description for a Christian Education Support Worker, requiring 13 hours per week and paying \$8,000 per year.
- Gord Walford reported on his attendance at General Assembly. There are four important papers from GA which will be circulated electronically or made available as hard copies for elders in preparation for the September Session meeting. A paper from the recent PSALT conference will also be circulated.
- John Moores has moved from Belleville to Ottawa and is attending worship at Parkwood. Please welcome John.

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

# Parkwood Church Activities September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> Labour Day Sunday 10:00am Worship 10:00am Summer Church School	<b>4</b> Labour Day - Church office closed	<b>5</b> Algonquin Orientation Pause Table 10 am - 2 pm. 1:00pm Pastoral Care Team. 7:00pm Mission Team 7:30pm Finance & Maintenance Team	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:30pm Choir Practice.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Parkwood Family Day Trip to Gracefield Registration Deadline 10:00am Church School 10:00am Worship. 11:30am Corn Boil after Worship	<b>11</b> 2:00pm Presbytery Hospital Visitors Meeting 6:30pm ESL Conversation 7:30pm Parkwood Book Group. 7:30pm Policy & Planning Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 1:30pm Koffee Klatch.	<b>14</b> 7:30pm Choir Practice.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Parkwood Family Day Trip to Gracefield - 8 am to 9 pm
<b>17</b> 10:00am Church School 10:00am Worship	<b>18</b> 6:30pm ESL Conversation	<b>19</b> October Calendar Deadline 9 am 5:00pm Presbytery at St. Paul's Church, Ottawa	<b>20</b> 1:30pm Koffee Klatch 7:00pm CANHAVE Board Meeting	<b>21</b> 7:30pm Choir Practice	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10:00am Renewal Fellowship Prayer Meeting
<b>24</b> October Pulse Deadline. 10:00am Church School 10:00am Worship & Mission Appeal 11:30am Outreach Team Meeting	<b>25</b> 6:30pm ESL Conversation 7:30pm Session.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 1:30pm Koffee Klatch. 5:00pm LOGOS 7:30pm Barrhaven Bible Study	<b>28</b> 7:30pm Choir Practice.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Local Heroes