

# PARKWOOD PULSE

PARKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Shoeboxes are here! Pick up yours in the Gathering Place and read more about this great ministry opportunity: more details on pages 4-5

November is the last meeting of the Parkwood Book Group for this year. Find out more about this month's book on page 11

"Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known."

- 1 Corinthians 13:12

The Parkwood Youth Group has some fun and interesting events coming up this month! Details on page 7

LOGOS is taking place every Wednesday evening - have a look at some of the fun themes that the kids have enjoyed so far! See page 9

**NOVEMBER 2017**

## Puzzle?

Jigsaw puzzles can be fun to put together. Children often learn the concept of shape by piecing together simple puzzles of two or three wooden pieces, and then progress to puzzles involving a dozen pieces, and thereafter more complicated ones, including some with several hundred pieces. Adults, especially those retired, sometimes enjoy the challenge of recreating a picture puzzle with a thousand or more pieces.

In admiring one of those larger puzzles recently, I was struck by how many of the pieces were very similar in colour. The central feature was a pair of very colourful loons in flight, but the background included large expanses of both sky and water, and it was quite beyond me how all those tiny and very similar (both in colour and shape) pieces could ever be sorted out and fitted back together correctly. Yet the finished result was a beautiful scenic landscape.

Making sense of the puzzle of our lives is somewhat similar to solving a complicated jigsaw puzzle. There are a few bold events that stand out, but there are a great many ordinary days that can seem all-too-familiar, similar, and tedious. Lost in the middle of them, we find it hard to figure out what they represent, or how they fit together in the larger framework. Sometimes the big events seem too big, and we question what else is left. Yet when all the pieces are put together, the result is that we discover that all the parts really do fit together, and do so in a way that contributes toward the creation of a beautiful whole.

We are reminded by the apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 13:12 that, “Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.” (NIV) As we move through the days and years of our lives, we only know in part how things fit together. One day, though, the puzzle will be complete, and the whole canvas will display a beautiful picture that makes sense. We will be able to see how each piece — each event — fits with all the others, and we will realize fully that all the parts what we perhaps thought to be ordinary or “boring” each had its contribution to make to a meaningful and beautiful whole. The big events will be set in their proper perspective.

The prophet Jeremiah reminds us that God is not a haphazard puzzle-designer.

Jeremiah 29:11 - “‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”

In the midst of trying to put together the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle, we are greatly helped by having a picture of the completed puzzle as a guide to assist us. Although this side of heaven we do not have such a picture to make sense of the puzzle of our lives, we do have the promises of God in Psalm 139 who has numbered our days according to His infinite wisdom.

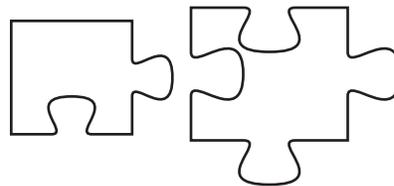
# Puzzle?

We also have the affirmation of Paul in his letter to the Romans that “we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28, NIV)

As we have opportunity to admire puzzles put together, let us remember and be encouraged by God’s handiwork, yet unfinished, as He weaves the tapestry of our lives, and of our life joined together in Jesus Christ, in God’s infinite wisdom and to His eternal praise. One day, the result will be complete, and all who are part of the fabric of His church will see clearly, and admire the whole.



In Christ, grateful for puzzles solved and those yet to be,



Your pastor,  
James T. Hurd

# Happy 35th Anniversary Cake - Pamela and Don Pestaluky

Amanda Veras, who is taking cooking/chef courses at Algonquin College, made an amazing 35th wedding anniversary cake for us. It truly made our 35th (October 9th) special.



- submitted by Don Pestaluky

## Operation Christmas Child - 2017



Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan’s Purse. Samaritan’s Purse is a Christian relief and development organization that takes its name from Jesus Christ’s story in the Bible of the Good Samaritan. Like that Good Samaritan, Samaritan’s Purse provides aid to hurting people – victims of war, disease, disaster, poverty, famine, and persecution.

Through the Operation Christmas Child program, Shoe Boxes are shipped to remote corners of the world in order to bring joy, hope, and the message of God’s love to millions of boys and girls. Following shoe box gift distribution, many children have the opportunity to participate in The Greatest Journey.

Through this voluntary discipleship program, hundreds of thousands of children come to faith in Jesus Christ each year, and experience the eternal impact of Operation Christmas Child.

The Parkwood Mission Team would like to thank our church family for partnering once again with the 2017 Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Programme. Our Collection Day date this year is Sunday, Nov 5th and the Dedication Sunday date is Sunday, Nov 12th. Shoe boxes and literature are available for pickup in the Gathering Place on Sunday mornings.

- submitted by **Stewart Elder,**  
**Mission Team**

“At first we had no idea what (the Etch A Sketch) was. After having it displayed on a shelf for a couple of months, my sister was dusting and she turned the knobs. When she saw the line going up and down on the screen she was so excited.” –Yuliya, Central Asia



“I was always late because I lacked a watch. Opening my shoebox gift, I found one. Now I am always on time for school.”

–Niyonkuru, Burundi



“I absolutely loved the washcloth. As an orphan I had to share a towel with about 20 kids. So when I got the washcloth I actually thought it was my own personal towel.”

–Vladimir, Russia



“The toothbrush meant a lot because before I had to share my toothbrush with 25 other girls.”

–Yuri, Honduras



“My favorite items in my shoebox were school supplies. They were really important to me because it meant I could go to school.”

–Luis, Panama



## Operation Christmas Child - Ukraine



**PACK AN EXTRA SHOEBOX FOR A CHILD IN UKRAINE!**



**20,000  
ADDITIONAL  
SHOEBOXES  
NEEDED!**

For most of us, it is impossible to imagine what it would be like to have our families caught in a war, but for tens of thousands of eastern Ukrainians, war has become a reality.

Operation Christmas Child has committed to send 20,000 shoeboxes to Ukraine again this year to bring hope, comfort, and the Good News of Jesus to the many children hurt by this terrible war. This is in addition to the hundreds of thousands of shoeboxes we already need for our other receiving countries.

In addition to school supplies, hygiene items, toys, a personal note, and a \$10 donation, include items such as gloves, toques, slippers and scarves in your shoebox for Ukraine.

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For more information on the work Samaritan's Purse is doing in Ukraine,  
or for more Ukraine labels, visit [SamaritansPurse.ca/OCCUkraine](http://SamaritansPurse.ca/OCCUkraine).

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**UKRAINE**

Shoeboxes packed for Ukraine MUST have a Ukraine label attached. Please use the label to identify your gift.

## Men's Breakfast - November 25

Rick Ojala spent thirty years in the high skilled manufacturing industry, the first ten years helping run a medium-sized family business. In 2006 he translated his experience, management, and leadership gifts into making a difference in ministry.

Rick's heart has always been to serve the most vulnerable of our society. He successfully graduated from a three-year Bible School program at Ottawa School of the Bible. Rick spent six years serving and helping to build a missional outreach church campus at the right hand of the campus pastor. He has served on two Christian boards and co-directed a local food bank.

In 2015, Rick took the next step towards ministry by accepting an offer to start up and develop a Bibles for Missions Thrift Store and also received his License to Ministry with Open Bible Faith Fellowship (OBFF). This has led Rick to Ottawa Innercity Ministries (OIM). Stepping out of the boat as Peter did is not an unfamiliar thing for Rick - as long as he keeps his eyes on Jesus.

- submitted by Tim Visser



Men's Breakfast this month takes place on Saturday November 25 at 8:00 am at Local Heroes Bar & Grill, 1400 Clyde Ave, Nepean.



### *From the Editor:* December/January Pulse

The next edition of the Parkwood Pulse will be for the months of December and January. Send in your submissions by Sunday, November 26th to

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

## Youth Ministry - Upcoming Events

On Friday, November 3rd, we will be heading out to a trampoline park! The plan as of now is to meet at the church around 6:30PM, and leave no later than 6:45PM to get to the trampoline park. We should return to the church by 9:00PM (ish). Cost will be approximately \$10/person. Please check emails and the Parkwood church and Parkwood youth facebook pages for more details as we get closer to the day. Also, if anyone is available to help out with carpooling that evening, that would be great!

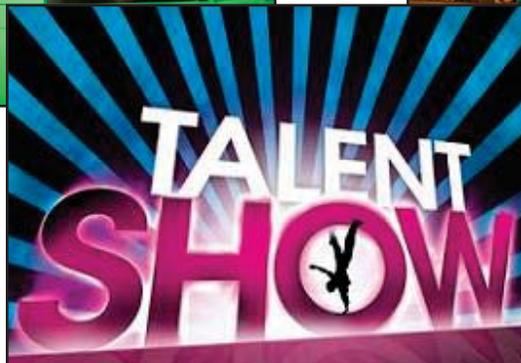
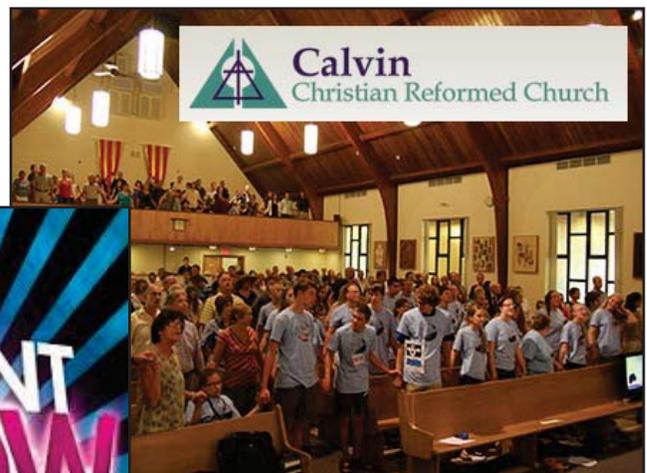
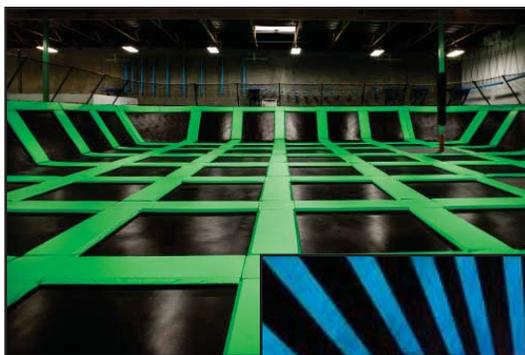
On Tuesday, November 7th, there is a music seminar taking place at Calvin Christian Reformed Church (1475 Merivale Road). Micah Vandijk will be talking about all kinds of music, and sharing about discernment tools in regards to popular music. This will begin at 7:00PM. The cost is \$5 at the door. Parents, grandparents, and friends are also encouraged to come! Here is his website if you'd like to learn more about him: <https://www.micahvandijk.com/about>

Finally, on Saturday, November 18th at 7:00PM at Parkwood Presbyterian Church, we will be having a talent show, featuring Parkwood's kids and youth! They are highly encouraged to come out and share the gifts God has given with us! We can't wait to see the kids/youth perform and hope to see you and your families out as well! Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the talent show.

If anyone is hoping to receive the emails regarding youth group, but is not on the email list as of yet, please email [parkwoodyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:parkwoodyouthministry@gmail.com) to be added to the list.

Thank you everyone for your prayers and support with this ministry.

- submitted by Victoria Mabie,  
Christian Education Support Worker



## A Poem Of Thanksgiving

*In memory of my dear Mom, Betty Jones,  
who moved to heaven just before her 93rd birthday  
and we celebrated her homegoing on her special  
day, Oct. 16, 2015.*

Life's too short – my Mom has gone.  
But sometimes her yesterdays seemed so long.  
You're not the first, Mom, I've lost a few.  
All so precious... but none quite like you!  
You always shared what you had with others.  
The blessings came back through your sisters and  
brothers.  
Whether good times or hard times you knew where  
to turn.  
You just leaned on Jesus and let the fire burn.

Our time together saw joys and tears.  
I don't regret those learning years.  
I'll try to take the good I've learned  
And hold it in my heart that yearns  
To visit with you just one more time,  
Or answer a call when it's you on the line!  
Maybe share a coffee, a chat, or a song.  
Spend time together; tomorrow it's gone.

Many caregivers giving their best  
To lift your days above the rest.  
Your life was long; your years well-spent.  
You needn't wonder how much you meant.  
When handed every challenging task,  
You took God's hand and humbly asked  
For Him to lead you through each day  
With love and patience paving the way.

For the rest of us here who are left behind,  
May God show us all to connect with His kind.  
The kind that are seeking a better way  
A better life or a better day. And  
The kind that are needy, disabled or meek!  
All the while reaching to honestly seek...

What God has planned, what He's already seen,  
What God wants done, what could have been!

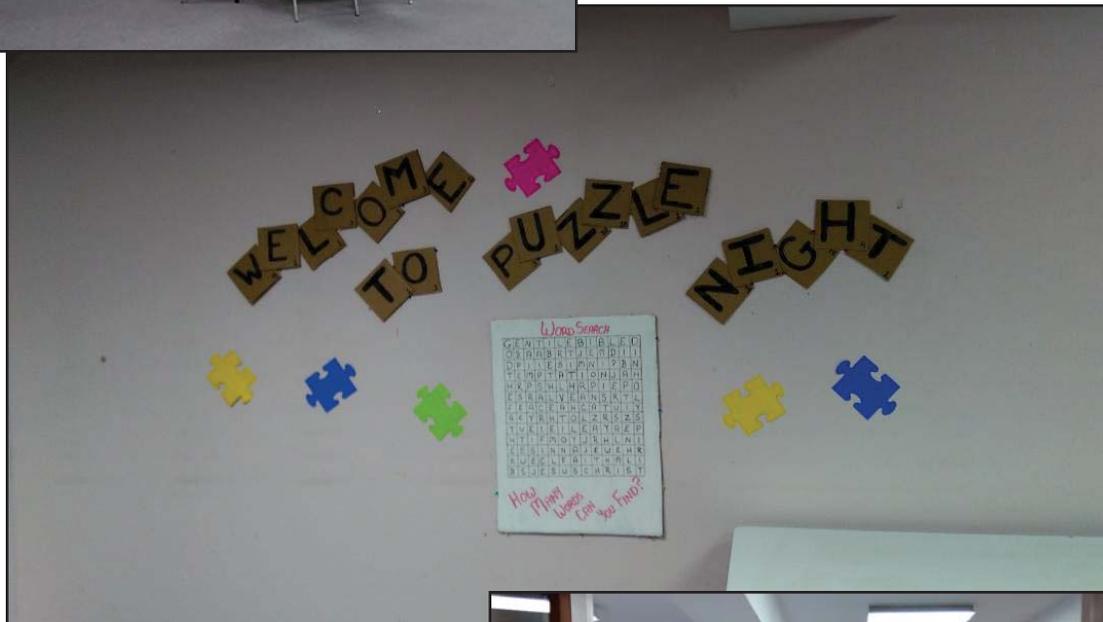
But most of all, how God will provide  
The heart, the home, the will to abide  
In the place He's brought us to at this time.  
We cherish our faith Mom. You taught us real fine.  
My only regret, Lord, is letting Mom go  
To live in the West, though the Rockies do glow.  
My country's so big Lord. I wish it was smaller.  
It's hard to get out there, just not enough dollars.  
Mom lived there two decades, minus a few.  
She chose to be close to her sister and nephews.

When I get to heaven I hope there's still room.  
You have that all planned, right, my Bible says  
soon!  
Lord, help us to live every day with Your touch,  
If with pain or weariness, waiting or such.  
But when I'm done living, then please take me home  
To heav'n with my loved ones, to live near God's  
throne.  
You don't need to remind me "Be fruitful and kind".  
I'll never forget, Mom, it's thanksgiving time!

*(A late birthday present written for my brother Reg  
Jones, who was Mom's primary caregiver, along  
with all those caregivers who worked day in, night  
out at all the homes Mom lived in between Calgary  
and Thunder Bay before she moved to heaven, her  
spirit for now, new body to come later!)*

- submitted by Diane Walford

# LOGOS!



Have a look at some of the interesting themes that the children have enjoyed so far in LOGOS this year!

## Session Summary - September

- Aihua submitted a report for her summer camp. The report will be circulated for review at the October Session meeting. The Minister will ask Justin for a report on the Korean camp held in August.
- Dan Moffet resigned as leader and member of the F&M team on September 5. He will continue to complete some jobs. No team meetings have been scheduled.
- Session has asked P&P to hold an open meeting to obtain views on how the F&M might be restructured, including the option of splitting into two teams. P&P is asked to present a progress report, and if possible a proposed revised terms of reference for F&M, at the October meeting of Session.
- Paper copies of the main reports on the sexuality issue before the Church are available for elders. A précis for each of the two major papers will be circulated to elders. It was agreed to hold a special session meeting to discuss the papers and issues on Monday, October 30 at 7:30 p.m.
- Kris Marion requested and was granted a leave of absence as elder. She will stop participating in some activities immediately, withdraw from others by the end of the year, but continue to teach Sunday school.
- A letter was received from Algonquin College thanking Parkwood for its attendance and assistance there in early September.
- The Saturday Chinese language school has out-grown the facilities available from Parkwood. The school did not renew its rental in September. This will have a negative effect on our rental income.
- A celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation will take place on Sunday, October 29 at 7:30PM at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.
- The idea of renting a bus to take people to and from Gracefield for the Saturday in September was raised. The organizers of the event were encouraged to pursue this idea by obtaining an estimate of the cost of the bus rental.

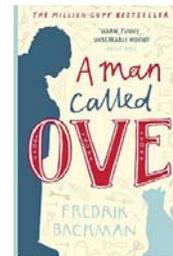
- submitted by **Dennis Featherstone,**  
Clerk of Session



## November Book Group

### 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.



All Welcome!

- submitted by Marcia Harten

## Canada Youth 2018



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**CY2018** July 2-7, 2018

BROCK UNIVERSITY, ST. CATHARINES

### CY2018 TRACKS

#### NEW FOR 2018: THE NEXT TRACK

A track specially designed for congregational leadership.

- 2 half days plus 1 full day (Thursday through Saturday)
- In keeping with the theme, *Stirred Not Shaken*, this new track will offer workshops and keynote presentations from outstanding leadership on the theme of Resiliency.
- Topics will include: strategic planning and visioning, innovative worship design, resource management (all kinds of resources), engaging millennials, and the practice of hospitality.



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# Parkwood Church Activities November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 1:00pm Koffee Klatch 5:00pm LOGOS 6:30pm Parenting Course 7:30pm Barrhaven Bible Study	<b>2</b> 7:30pm Choir Practice	<b>3</b> 6:30pm Youth Group @ Trampoline Park	<b>4</b> Clocks Change Back
<b>5</b> Operation Christmas Child Collection Day Remembrance Sunday 10:00am Worship 10:00am Church School	<b>6</b> 6:30pm ESL Conversation	<b>7</b> 1:00pm Pastoral Care Team 7:00pm Bethel Series Bible Study 7:00pm Mission Team 7:30pm Policy & Planning Meeting	<b>8</b> 5:00pm LOGOS 6:30pm Parenting Course 7:30pm Barrhaven Bible Study	<b>9</b> 7:30pm Choir Practice	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Operation Christmas Child Dedication Day 10:00am Church School 10:00am Worship 3:00pm Bible Study at Lorraine Widdis'	<b>13</b> 6:30pm ESL Conversation 7:30pm Parkwood Book Group	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 1:00pm Koffee Klatch 5:00pm LOGOS 7:30pm Barrhaven Bible Study	<b>16</b> 7:30pm Choir Practice	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:00pm Talent Show
<b>19</b> 10:00am Worship & Mission Appeal 10:00am Church School	<b>20</b> 6:30pm ESL Conversation	<b>21</b> December Calendar Deadline at 9 am 7:00pm Presbytery at St. Andrew's Church, Kars 7:00pm Bethel Series Bible Study	<b>22</b> 1:00pm Koffee Klatch 5:00pm LOGOS 7:30pm Barrhaven Bible Study	<b>23</b> 7:30pm Choir Practice	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Local Heroes 10:00am Renewal Fellowship Prayer Meeting
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