

PARKWOOD PULSE

PARKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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"I am the resurrection and the life."

- John 11:25

Join us for worship on Sundays at 10:00AM, or, if not able to come in person, join us online!

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Life

Spring is the season of new life. It is a happy coincidence — but also a God-ordained providence — that for those of us who live in this part of the world our observation and celebration of Easter comes at the same time as the dawning of the season of spring!

Today, I have seen for the first time this year a robin light on the fence in our back yard, and for the first time this spring a rabbit chewing at green grass. Yesterday, I came across flocks of both geese and gulls on the edge of now-open water on the canal in the place where days previous only ice was to be found. Water is running, and wildlife is stirring, and returning!

All of these signs, along with (at least slightly) warmer winds and some sunshine, herald the promise of more and vibrant life to come.



In a wider circle of extended family and friends, I have also learned of the conception of new life, and with other parents and grandparents await news of the pending arrival of another child.

All such instances serve to lift one's spirits, and rightly suggest that God, Who is the Breath of life, is blowing upon and among us.

In attending to the realm of the spiritual, we mark at Easter the raising of Jesus from death to life, heralding the promise of new things to come. Death is not the last word, any more than winter is the final season! Jesus lives!

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." (John 11:25)

Jesus also said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

Jesus also said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." (John 14:6)



Life resides in organic, growing things, and especially in people. Each of us alive! This is true emphatically in the physical sense. If you are reading these words, or hearing them read, you are physically alive. Yet God designs and plans and offers and brings more than just physical life. He is a Spirit, and brings us life in the deepest spiritual sense.

Paul reminded the residents of Athens that in God, "we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28).

He also tells us: "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved. (Ephesians 2:1-5, NIV)

Life

It is in Jesus Christ that we really come to life — and really live! The same Spirit Who raised Christ from the grave is the One Who lives in all who believe and receive the grace of new life.

Let us rejoice in the arrival of spring. Let us also rejoice in the new life which is given us through the resurrection of Jesus, and in Whom we are born again by the Holy Spirit to live! Let us look for the signs of new life, in the plant and animal kingdoms around us, but even more within ourselves and in the lives of fellow believers around us.

Your pastor, alive, and seeing and rejoicing in signs of new life,
James T. Hurd



From the Editor: May Pulse

The next edition of the Parkwood Pulse will be for the month of May. Send in your submissions by Sunday, April 26th to parkwoodpulse@yahoo.ca



Pause Table - April 21st

On April 21st from 10AM-12PM, Parkwood will be participating in the Algonquin College Pause Table event once again, which takes place at the front entrance of the Student Commons Building. Donations can be dropped off at the church on April 20th from 2:00PM-4:00PM. Gratefully accepted items: pre-packaged foods (eg. granola bars, crackers, cookies etc) with listed ingredients; juice boxes or bottled water; fruit (apples, bananas, oranges etc). Contact John & Martha Fair - 613-823-9970 or fairmj@magma.ca if you can donate or assist at the Pause Table event on April 21st.

- submitted by John & Martha Fair

Lunch and Learn - April 13th

Speaker: Jasmine MacGowan, Managing Director, Save Your Skin Foundation

Topic: Skin Cancer Awareness: Prevention, Early Detection & Patient Empowerment. Skin cancer is one of the most common cancers in Canada, with 1 in 6 Canadians born in the 1990s expected to be diagnosed in their lifetime. This engaging Lunch & Learn will explore the importance of sun safety, early detection, and recognizing the ABCDEs of melanoma. We'll discuss practical prevention strategies, what melanoma looks like, and how education and support empower patients in their healthcare journey. Learn how small actions can make a life-saving difference in your community.

Lunch at 12:00 noon, followed by the guest speaker. Freewill offering for lunch. For more information contact the Parkwood church office 613-225-6648. Everyone welcome!

- submitted by Dora Brown

