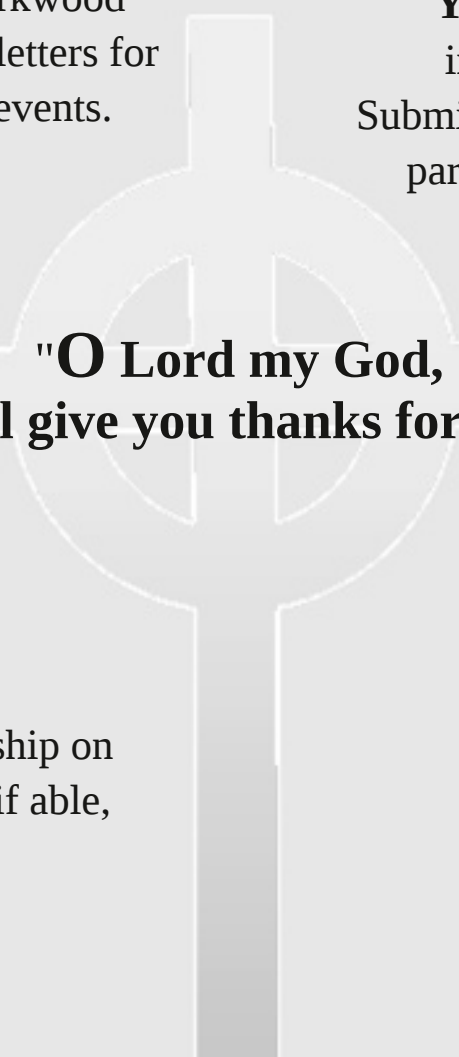


PARKWOOD PULSE

PARKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**"O Lord my God,
I will give you thanks forever."**

- Psalm 30:12

Join us online for worship on Sundays at 10AM, or, if able, join us in person!

OCTOBER 2023

Thanksgiving

Psalm 30:12 - “O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.” (NIV)

Can we echo the words of the psalmist?

Depending on which English version one uses, the word “thanks” or “thankful” or “thanksgiving” appears about 140 times in the Bible.



From the book of Leviticus in the law (Torah) of the Old Testament right through to the book of Revelation at the end of the New Testament, the giving of thanks is held up as both our calling and the source of blessing. Almost all the references refer to God as the one to whom thanks is expressed. To be truly thankful, one is in truth expressing thanks to God, and is thus in a personal relationship with God.

To be thankful is to be blessed. To express thanks is to celebrate. The directions in Leviticus 7 for presenting an offering of thanksgiving make plain that the offering is to be eaten on the day of its presentation:

“If he offers it as an expression of thankfulness, then along with this thank offering he is to offer cakes of bread made without yeast and mixed with oil, wafers made without yeast and spread with oil, and cakes of fine flour well-kneaded and mixed with oil. Along with his fellowship offering of thanksgiving he is to present an offering with cakes of bread made with yeast. He is to bring one of each kind as an offering, a contribution to the Lord; it belongs to the priest who sprinkles the blood of the fellowship offerings. The meat of his fellowship offering of thanksgiving must be eaten on the day it is offered; he must leave none of it till morning.” (Revelation 7:11-15, NIV)

Jesus, when responding to the leper who was one of ten cleansed and healed of that disease, notes that it was one, a Samaritan — who was afar off and often thought to be and treated as unwelcome in Israel — who returned to express thanks to Jesus for the gift of his healing. Jesus asks the pointed question, “Where are the other nine?” (Luke 17:17, NIV)

Paul in writing to the church at Thessalonica says, “Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV) Clearly thankfulness is a state of being, and the giving of thanks is a continual series of actions, not a once-a-year or once-a-lifetime observance.

In announcing the final judgement and the eternal reign of Christ, the twenty-four elders around the throne of heaven worship God with these words: “We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was ...” (Revelation 11:17, NIV)

Clearly, there is no end to the giving of thanks!

The Greek root from which we translate “thanks” is also the root from which we get the word “eucharist”, which is another name for the Lord’s Supper. Early Christians celebrated the Lord’s Supper “in remembrance” of his death, but equally “in thanksgiving” for his atoning life and death given by Jesus as the foundation for the gift of the forgiveness of our sins. We cannot rightly share in the Lord’s Supper without being thankful!

Thanksgiving

It is therefore appropriate that we should celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Lord's Day of October, one week in advance of our annual celebration of Thanksgiving.

Let us use the occasion that we mark as "Thanksgiving" here in Canada as a challenge to examine ourselves in the light of God's mirror, i.e. the Scriptures of both testaments. Am I thankful? Do I give thanks? Do I continue to express thanks in the way I address God, and in the way I live?

Your pastor, grateful for a Saviour for Whom to be thankful, and challenged to live thankfully in all things,

James T. Hurd

Christian Education Announcements

Parkwood Elves Craft Group



Are you between the ages of 12 and 99? Do you crochet, make jewelry, quilt, knit, or just love making cool things with a glue gun?



If so, come and join us in the Fellowship Hall here at Parkwood this fall, on Saturday afternoons, for some fun and creativity! Holly MacDonald and Pamela Pestaluky are hosting this weekly get-together from 2:00PM-4:00 PM beginning October 14th until December 16th.

Bring your project to work on or we will have a group project that anyone can participate in.

This is an informal, fun activity, so come when you can! It will be interesting to see what everyone is working on and the conversation is sure to be lively!

Gym Night for Children and Youth

This Fall, the Christian Education Team will be hosting weekly Friday Gym Nights for children and youth ages 6 -18, beginning October 20th until December 8th.

For children and youth ages 10 and above: we will meet at Sir Winston Churchill PS (49 Mulvagh Ave) at 6:00PM for gym activities. At 8:00PM, we will walk back to the church for snacks and drinks. Pick up is at the church at 9:00PM.

For younger children: we will meet at 6:30PM at the church for games, activities and snacks in the Fellowship Hall. Pick up is at 8:00PM.



If you are older than 18 and still enjoy gym activities, you are welcome to come out! We hope that many young people (and those young at heart) will be able to join us!

Contact Pamela at pamelapestaluky@live.ca (613-226-3089) or Holly at hollyamacdonald@live.ca (613-592-8893) if you want more information. We hope to see many of you there!

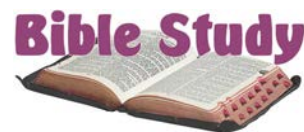
- submitted by Holly MacDonald

Ongoing Bible Studies

Barrhaven Bible Study



- Wednesday evenings, via Zoom
- October 18th – December 20th, weekly
- 7:30PM – 8:30PM



The book of John is one of the most unique and beautiful books of the New Testament. John puts his emphasis on the person and works of Jesus Christ – in particular, his life, death, and resurrection.

The book has a two-fold purpose:

- 1) evangelistic e.g., “believe” occurs over 100 times in the book; and
- 2) apologetic e.g., he wrote to convince readers of Jesus’ true identity

There are many great truths that can be found as we dig into this gospel. Please join our study of the Gospel according to John. For more information or to register, contact John Fair at fairmj@magma.ca or 613-823-9970.

- submitted by John & Martha Fair



Sunday Afternoon Bible Study

- Sunday afternoons, via Zoom
- 1:00PM - 2:30PM



Join us next Sunday to study the Scriptures basic to the Christian Life. Our study book gives us 30 different topics and six Bible verses for each topic. We discuss each topic and Bible verse and how we apply them to our lives. Contact Dora Brown at debrwb@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

- submitted by Dora Brown

From the Editor: November Pulse

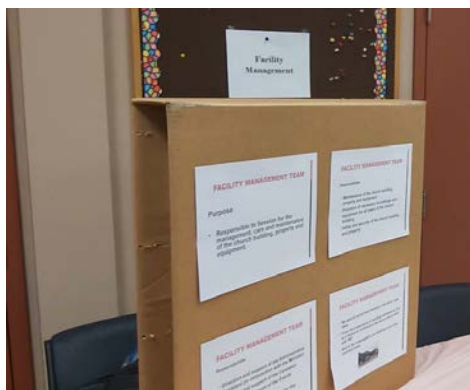
The next edition of the Parkwood Pulse will be for the month of November. Send in your submissions by Friday, October 27th to

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Volunteer Kiosks and Corn Boil - Sept 10th



VOLUNTEER FAIR



Corn Boil - September 10th



**CORN
BOIL!**



New AED (Automated External Defibrillator) at Parkwood



Parkwood has had an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for many years. Thankfully, it has never been used. But it is important to have one available ... just in case.

A new AED (ZollPlus) has been purchased. It is stored in a box on the wall outside the office.

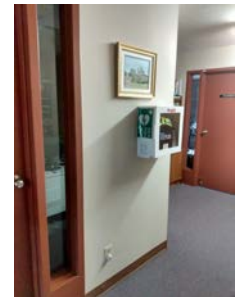
AEDs are designed for easy use by anyone. While it is ideal to have CPR training, it is not necessary in order to use this device. The AED machine guides the responder with step-by-step instructions on administering immediate aid in an emergency.

The ZollPlus AED can be used on anyone 8 years old and older. In addition to the standard AED, pediatric pads have been purchased. Pediatric pads are to be used on individuals under 8 years of age. These are also stored in the wall box outside the office.

For a brief guide on how to use the Zoll Plus AED, please watch the short (4 minutes) YouTube video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xouPVQgqrSk>

If you are interested in taking a First Aid and CPR course, please let the office know. There may be an opportunity to offer the course this winter or spring at Parkwood.

If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact me at marcia.harten@gmail.com.



- submitted by Marcia Harten

Dr. Peter Bryce Scholarship - OttawaU

Dr. Peter Bryce Indigenous Scholarship in Medicine... The Presbytery of Ottawa has endorsed an initiative of Knox Church, Ottawa: a scholarship in honour of the public health pioneer Dr. Peter Bryce and his efforts to address medical conditions in residential schools. Dr. Bryce was a member of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, which was responsible for a number of these schools. The scholarship will provide \$2,000 annually to an indigenous student in the Undergraduate Medical Education Program (UGME) in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Ottawa. Presbytery has committed to donate \$2,000 per year until the scholarship fund's principal goal of \$60,000 is reached. The Synod of Quebec & Eastern Ontario will also be supporting the scholarship fund financially.

(source: <https://www.presbyterian.ca/qeosynod/presbyott/news.html>)

- submitted by Gord Walford

Parkwood Church Activities October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00am Worship, Communion & Church School 1:00pm Sunday Bible Study (Zoom)	2	3 1:30pm Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study @ Stirling Park 7:00pm Mission Team (Zoom) 7:30pm Facility Management Team	4	5 7:30pm Music Rehearsal	6	7
8 Thanksgiving Sunday 10:00am Worship & Church School 1:00pm Sunday Bible Study (Zoom)	9 Thanksgiving Monday - Church office closed	10	11 7:30pm Policy & Planning Team Meeting	12 7:30pm Music Rehearsal	13 7:00pm Youth Group	14 10:00am Renewal Fellowship Prayer Meeting (Zoom) 1:00pm Parkwood Elves Craft Group
15 10:00am Worship & Church School 1:00pm Sunday Bible Study (Zoom)	16	17 1:30pm Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study @ Stirling Park	18 7:30pm Barrhaven Bible Study (Zoom)	19 7:30pm Music Rehearsal	20 7:00pm Youth Group	21 1:00pm Parkwood Elves Craft Group
22 10:00am Worship & Church School 1:00pm Sunday Bible Study (Zoom)	23 7:30pm Session	24 November Calendar Deadline	25 7:30pm Barrhaven Bible Study (Zoom)	26 7:30pm Music Rehearsal	27 November Pulse Deadline	28 1:00pm Parkwood Elves Craft Group
29 Reformation Sunday 10:00am Worship & Church School 11:45am Virtual Fellowship Hour (Zoom) 1:00pm Sunday Bible Study (Zoom) 7:00pm Interactive Worship Service	30	31 1:30pm Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study @ Stirling Park				