

PARKWOOD PULSE

PARKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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"Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.

They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn — for he has done it."

Psalm 22:30-31

Join us for worship on Sundays at 10AM, or connect with us online through our livestream!

SEPTEMBER 2024

Remembering...

Why celebrate an anniversary? Why remember something long past?

Children look forward to celebrating their birthdays. Perhaps the reason is that often there are parties and presents, or at least a cake with icing and or ice cream! There is often a deeper reason, though, as parents and friends affirm that son or daughter has grown another year, and has big things to look forward to in the year ahead. The emphasis is on the future!

Older folks, however, often become less enthusiastic about birthdays. As the number gets bigger (and maybe larger than some want to admit), the emphasis is often more on survival. "I made it to ..." and if we count the years, it is best with a sense of gratitude for what has been — that is, what is past.

An anniversary, though, is intended to be an occasion or an opportunity to remember and reflect. We remember the past, but reflect on its relevance for the present, and reconsider what both past and present mean for the future.

Parkwood Church is marking our 60th anniversary this year, beginning on September 15th. It was in 1964 that a group of residents in Parkwood Hills gathered in a school on a Sunday in the name of Jesus Christ to worship God, share in fellowship, and consider service to God and neighbour.

None of those who gathered on that first Sunday will be present on September 15th this year. Yet God calls those of us who are able to remember the past, reflect on the present, and reconsider what the past and present might mean for the future.

God calls to us in Psalm 78:

O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old—
what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us.
We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.

God's call to the church, His people, to study and survey the present and to share what we see and know with each other and with our children is well commanded in Psalm 48:12-14:

Walk about Zion, go around her, count her towers, consider well her ramparts,
view her citadels, that you may tell of them to the next generation.
For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.

Let Psalm 71:17-18 be our guide and counsel:

Since my youth, O God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.
Even when I am old and grey, do not forsake me, O God,
till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come.

Remembering...

Let the sad tale told in Judges 2:10-13 after the death of Joshua not be told of us one day: “After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel. Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord and served the Baals. They forsook the Lord, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed and worshipped various gods of the peoples around them. They provoked the Lord to anger because they forsook him and served Baal ...”

Rather, let us heed God’s call in Psalm 78:

He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel,
which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children,
so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born,
and they in turn would tell their children.
Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds
but would keep his commands.

Jesus, when dying on the cross, called out in the opening words of Psalm 22, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Yet that psalm ends with this promise:

"Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn — for he has done it." (Psalm 22:30-31)

May we live to fulfil God’s promise.

Your pastor, remembering, reflecting, and reconsidering, at Parkwood’s 60th anniversary,

James T. Hurd

From the Editor: **October Pulse**

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

parkwoodpulse@yahoo.ca

An Interview with God

I dreamed I had an interview with God.

"Come in," God said. "So, you would like to interview Me?"

"If you have the time," I said.

God smiled, "My time is eternity and is enough to do everything; What questions do you have in mind?"



"What surprises you most about mankind?"

God answered: "Many things. That they get bored of being children, are in a rush to grow up, and then long to be children again. That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health. That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live neither for the present nor the future. That they live as if they will never die, and they die as if they had never lived..."

God's hands took mine, and we were silent for while. Then I asked...

"As a parent, what are some of life's lessons you want your children to learn?"

God replied with a smile.

"To learn that they cannot make anyone love them, just let themselves be loved.

To learn that what is most valuable is not what they have in their lives, but who they have.

To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others,
that all will be judged individually on their own merits.

That a rich person is not the one who has the most, but the one who needs the least.

That it takes only a few seconds to open profound wounds in persons we love, and
many years to heal.

To learn to forgive by practising forgiveness.

To learn there are some people who love them dearly,
but simply do not know how to express or show their feelings.

To learn that money can buy everything but happiness.

To understand that two people can look at the same thing and see it totally differently.

To appreciate that a true friend is someone who knows everything about them, and likes them
anyway.

To learn that it is not always enough that they be forgiven by others, but that they have to
forgive themselves."

I sat there for a while enjoying the moment. I thanked God for this time and for all that He has done for me and my family.

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Then God replied, "Anytime, I'm here twenty-four hours a day.
All you have to do is ask and I'll answer.
People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did.
But people will never forget how you made them feel."



- James Lachard

About the Author:

James J. Lachard (1923-2002) was the pen name for John James Brown, an English writer. He served in the British Army in Burma during World War II, worked as a newspaper editor in the Bahamas, and then moved to Toronto where he joined the newly-formed organization World Vision Canada in the 1960s. He eventually became their Director. He married and had three children and three grandchildren.

Writing had started as a hobby, but Lachard soon became an accomplished, published writer of short stories including *Beauty for Ashes*, *A Handful of God*, *Treasure in the Sand*, *Flowers for the Living*, and *A Message from the Trees*.

An Interview With God had been submitted to publishers along with several other short stories, but it was never published.

In 2001, the story somehow found its way onto the internet. Since Lachard was in poor health at that point, and didn't have the strength to pursue why the story was leaked from the publishers, he concluded: "If God can use it, then so be it."

- submitted by Peter Paul & Grace Sample

(this story once hung on the stairwell wall in the old Mulvagh Wing)



Bible Studies at Parkwood - Zoom Studies

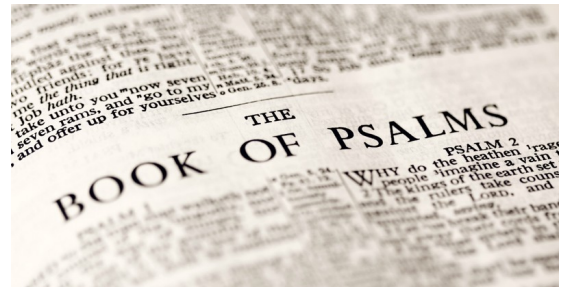
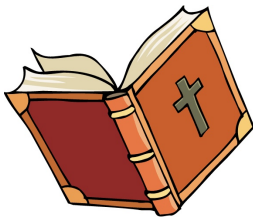
Sunday Bible Study

We will read, think about, and discuss the Psalms chosen by the study guide. The Psalms are poetry, prayers, and God's word to us. They were the centre of worship for thousands of years and were sung in early Christian worship. Through the writers of the psalms, God addresses many of our human problems and situations in life.

Starting September 22nd, 2024 1:00PM-2:00 PM on Zoom

Contact Dora Brown for further information!

Debrwb@gmail.com, 613-224-9110 or 613-232-9100.



Barrhaven Bible Study

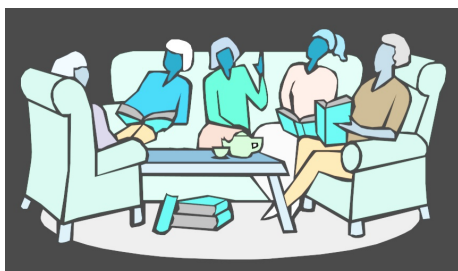
Please join our ongoing study of the Gospel According to John – starting at John 11.

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.

There are many great truths that can be found as we continue our study at John 11.

- Wednesday evenings via Zoom
- October 23rd – December 11th, weekly
- 7:30PM – 8:30PM

For more information or to register, contact John Fair at 613-823-9970 or fairmj@magma.ca, or contact the church office.



Mission Team Special Appeal

About Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D)

Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) is the international development and emergency relief agency of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Founded in 1947, PWS&D aims to reduce poverty, oppression, and injustice, particularly in nations of the Global South.

PWS&D's work is guided by key values such as compassion, justice, and partnership. They focus on sustainable development, emergency relief, and refugee sponsorship. Their projects often involve collaboration with international partners to address issues like health, education, agriculture, and income generation.

PWS&D has been actively involved in several impactful projects recently. Here are a few notable ones:

1. **Gaza Relief:** PWS&D is providing critical aid in Gaza, including food, shelter, water, and psychosocial support through partnerships with the Middle East Council of Churches and ACT Alliance.
2. **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC):** In response to the mass displacement caused by conflict, PWS&D is supporting access to water, sanitation, livelihood activities, and shelter for the most marginalized.
3. **Somalia:** Following extreme weather conditions and flooding, PWS&D is ensuring access to food, water, sanitation, and education support for children.
4. **Sudan:** Amidst ongoing conflict, PWS&D is providing integrated health and nutrition support, focusing on children under five and pregnant and lactating mothers.
5. **Myanmar:** After Cyclone Mocha, PWS&D is aiding internally displaced persons, particularly in Rohingya camps, with shelter construction, learning kits for children, and cash-for-work activities.
6. **Syria:** In the aftermath of a devastating earthquake and prolonged civil conflict, PWS&D is assisting food-insecure families with e-vouchers for essential food items.

These projects highlight PWS&D's commitment to addressing urgent humanitarian needs and supporting sustainable development in vulnerable communities. They also work with organizations like the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and ACT Alliance to maximize their impact.

Mission Team Special Appeal

As we celebrate our 60th anniversary beginning in September 2024, let's take a moment to reflect on how our generosity helps spread the gospel worldwide. Let's also consider how we can contribute to the mission team's upcoming third special appeal on September 29. God promises to replenish our resources as we give our time and material support to help others.

Here are some uplifting verses that inspire us to support those in need:

Proverbs 19:17 - He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done.

Acts 20:35 - In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'.

Hebrews 13:16 - And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Proverbs 21:13 - If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered.

1 John 3:17 - If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?

Mission Team

Parkwood Presbyterian Church



Presbyterian World Service & Development

Upcoming Events



Come out for an evening of musical entertainment featuring a variety of styles including pop, country, musical theatre, R&B, and music from the 1950s through the 1990s. Hope to see you there!

ANNUAL CORN BOIL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE



Parkwood's 60th Anniversary



The 60th Anniversary worship service will be held on Sunday, September 15th, 2024.
The service will be held outdoors on the church lawn starting at 9:30AM.

The service will **not** be live-streamed, so we encourage persons who can attend in person to come and join us.

Please invite your family and friends to come share with us a morning of praise and worship in thanksgiving to God for His goodness over these 60 years.

The 60th anniversary working group is looking for the following items on loan for use at the anniversary service on September 15th:

- 2-3 open-sided tents (10ft x10ft or larger)
- 3- 5 large outdoor plants (synthetic or natural)

Persons who have any of these items and can loan them to us for the day, please contact the church office by Wednesday, September 4th, 2024.

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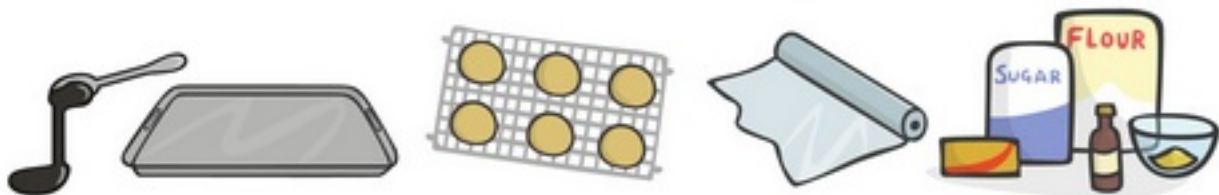
RECIPES

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of Parkwood, we are putting together a cookbook of our favourite recipes.

If you have any recipes that you would like to submit, please put them in the box in the Gathering Place, either typed or neatly written, and include your name and phone number.

Also, if there are any special ingredients, please list where they can be purchased.

If you have any questions or would like to help out with this project, please contact Laura Game or Victoria Henry.



Parkwood Church Activities September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Labour Day Sunday 10:00am Summer Church School 10:00am Worship	2 Labour Day - Church office closed	3	4 6:30pm Cold Drinks before Mid-Week Fellowship 7:00pm Mid-Week Fellowship	5 7:30pm Music Rehearsal	6	7
8 10:00am Worship & Church School 11:30am Corn Boil	9	10 1:00pm Pastoral Care Team (Zoom) 7:30pm Facility Management Team	11 6:30pm Cold Drinks before Mid-Week Fellowship 7:00pm Mid-Week Fellowship	12 7:30pm Music Rehearsal	13 7:00pm Youth Group	14 10:00am Renewal Fellowship Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
15 Parkwood 60th Anniversary Sunday 9:30am Worship & Church School (worship starts @ 10am)	16	17 7:00pm Presbytery @ Trinity Church, Carp	18 6:30pm Cold Drinks before Mid-Week Fellowship 7:00pm Policy & Planning Team Meeting 7:00pm Mid-Week Fellowship	19 7:30pm Music Rehearsal	20	21
22 10:00am Worship & Church School 1:00pm Sunday Bible Study (Zoom)	23 7:30pm Session	24 October Calendar Deadline 7:00pm Mission Team (Zoom)	25	26 7:30pm Music Rehearsal	27 October Pulse Deadline 7:00pm Youth Group	28 7:00pm Savannah Fundraising Concert
29 10:00am Worship & Mission Appeal & Church School 1:00pm Sunday Bible Study (Zoom)	30					revised Sept. 13/24