

PARKWOOD PULSE

PARKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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"I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

- Genesis 9:13

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

**SEPTEMBER
2025**

The rainbow

What we need in this age when man-made gadgets multiply faster than we can learn their names is a fresh sense of the transcendent presence of God.

One enduring God-given gift is designed to impart the peace and the strength that God alone bestows: the rainbow.

On a recent summer's evening, some of us were blessed to see amid the clouds a brilliant heaven-sent rainbow. The accompanying photograph is taken from my back deck.



In our time, the rainbow has been co-opted by people for various purposes, and has become a symbol that instead of universally bringing peace often stirs controversy.

It is necessary and helpful that we recover both the original design and purpose of the rainbow, and the promise of its future appearance, according to God's own word.

Genesis 9:12-16 records the original meaning attached to the rainbow:

And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

God promised Noah that never again would the whole earth be covered with water. The promise and guarantee of God's mercy-tempered judgement was the rainbow. Looking up, the inhabitants of the earth are assured amid the clouds that the sunshine will follow the rain. Looking down, God remembers that the rain falling from the clouds will be followed by the brightness of the shining sun.

Throughout the ages since the time of Noah, God has been faithful to keep His covenant promise.

Yet God also gave John in Revelation 10:1-4 a picture of what the rainbow would one day come to herald:

Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven. He was robed in a cloud, with a rainbow

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above his head; his face was like the sun ... and he gave a loud shout like the roar of a lion. When he shouted, the voices of the seven thunders spoke. And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven say, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said and do not write it down."

The rainbow would accompany the arrival of the angel who at the end of days would announce: "There will be no more delay! ... The mystery of God will be accomplished." (Revelation 10:6-7)

Amid the many clouds which envelop our world in present days, we need to hear Jesus' words:

"Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumours of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains. ... but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. (Matthew 24:4-8, 13-14)

The rainbow is appointed by God. It is a reminder that God is faithful. By God's appointment, the rainbow will remain to accompany the return of both the sun, in our time — and the Son, in God's time.

May we have eyes to see, minds to understand, hearts and wills to believe: Jesus Christ, faithful Lord of all, is coming!

Your pastor, thankful for God's rainbow,
James T. Hurd

Blind Choir - Volunteer Needed

VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO HELP WITH BLIND CHOIR:

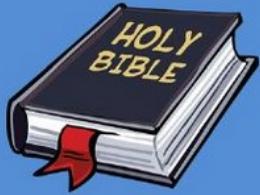
The Letson Hall Chorus is a group of enthusiastic singers and musicians who are visually impaired.
We meet on Tuesday evenings (7:00PM-9:00PM).

This year, an additional volunteer is needed to help choir members on/off ParaTranspo buses, and with refreshments. Volunteers are always welcome to join us for the singing too. :-)

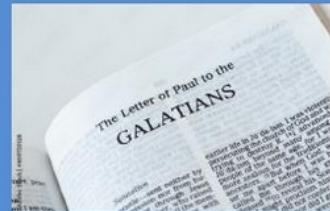
Interested to learn more? Please give us a call. You may meet some people you will never forget.
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- submitted by Peter Paul

Barrhaven Bible Study



Mark Your Calendars! Barrhaven Bible Study



Please join our fall study of 1 John: 3-5,
then a new study of Galatians



- Wednesday evenings via Zoom
- October 22 - December 17, weekly
- 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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

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 28th to

parkwoodpulse@yahoo.ca



60th Anniversary

You are invited to share your memories of “The Parkwood of old”!

The 60th Anniversary Working Group is inviting persons who have been attending Parkwood for over twenty years to share their memories and experiences as part of a project to collect and preserve the church's history.

If you would like to share your memories, please leave your name and contact information with the church office by September 15th. We'd love to hear from you!

Don't miss out on this chance to be part of our history!



60th Anniversary Closing Service

September 28, 2025
At 9:30 AM

Come join us on the church lawn for a special worship service as we celebrate and give thanks to God for all that has been accomplished throughout the year.

- submitted by Viris Williams



Presbytery Youth Event

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GROUNDED
Youth Retreat

FRIDAY OCTOBER 3RD - SUNDAY OCTOBER 5TH
GRACEFIELD CHRISTIAN CAMP AND RETREAT CENTRE
AGES 11-17
COST: \$40/YOUTH
BUS AVAILABLE AT NO ADDITIONAL COST FROM OTTAWA
CONTACT SUNJAY FOR DETAILS AND TO SIGN UP:
PREZMINANIMATOR@gmail.com

Softball MVP - Sunjay Henry



Congratulations to Sunjay Henry for being chosen as the Parkwood team MVP for 2025 in the Ottawa Christian Softball League. His services to the team include valuable pitching, great hitting, rotational umpiring, help with recruiting, positivity in fielding, and phenomenal team spirit.

Parkwood Church Activities September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labour Day - Church office closed	2		3 6:30pm Cold Drinks before Mid-Week Summer Fellowship 7:00pm Mid-Week Summer Fellowship	4 7:30pm Music Rehearsal	5
	7 10:00am Worship & Church School 11:30am Corn Boil 7:00pm Presbytery at Knox Church, Manotick	8 9 1:00pm Pastoral Care Team (Zoom) 7:00pm Mission Team (Zoom) 7:00pm Facility Management Team (Zoom)	10 6:30pm Cold Drinks before Mid-Week Summer Fellowship 7:00pm Mid-Week Summer Fellowship	11	12 7:30pm Music Rehearsal	13
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			21 10:00am Worship & Church School 1:00pm Sunday Bible Study (Zoom)	23 October Calendar Deadline	24	25 7:30pm Music Rehearsal
						26 7:00pm Youth Group
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			28	29	30	
						October Pulse Deadline 10:00am Worship & Church School 1:00pm Sunday Bible Study (Zoom)