



## You Are Invited

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**THE DALE**  
MINISTRIES



## Where We Are:

**MON** Drop-In  
250 Dunn Avenue  
Bonar Parkdale Presbyterian  
10 am to 3 pm  
Lunch served at 1 pm

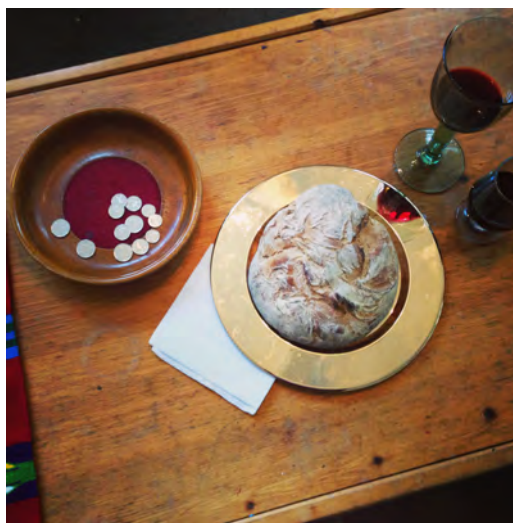
**TUES** Drop-In  
1447 Queen St W  
Salvation Army Thrift Store  
1 pm to 3 pm

Bible Study  
1322 Queen St W  
St. Clare Centre/St. Francis  
Table  
7 pm

**WED** Drop-In  
Breakfast & Art  
201 Cowan Ave  
Jeremiah Community  
10 am to 12 pm

Street Outreach  
Meet at 201 Cowan  
8 pm

**SUN** Worship Service  
201 Cowan Ave  
2 pm  
1<sup>st</sup> SUN of Month:  
Potluck Meal follows



## Voices of the Community

Well it's 12:45 and I'm  
glad that I know  
where to go, 'cuz it's  
the grooviest place-  
they call it The Dale.

-Doug

## The Dale is a Team

by Erinn Oxford, Director & Pastor

On any given day at The Dale it is easy to see how we are community that does things together. Mondays are a good example, where each week there is a large group of people who prepare lunch. The kitchen is always a bustle of activity with people chopping vegetables, roasting meat, cleaning dishes, seasoning and taste-testing the food. In an opposite corner of the space there are people

playing music: usually a combination of guitars, a keyboard and occasionally a conga. Some people make sure the tables are set. Others quietly wander in wanting to sit, maybe read a newspaper and grab a coffee. A few people who are good at dishwashing arrive just before the meal is served at 1 pm.

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## Introducing Mike Bailey

Mike is a beloved member of the Dale community. He has been coming to The Dale for a few years now, and was initially drawn in by our Monday lunch program. He was walking by 250 Dunn Ave (Bonar Parkdale Presbyterian Church), noticed something going on, decided to check it out, and has been coming ever since. Mike is now a community volunteer, doing dishes on Mondays and helping with set-up and clean-up for our breakfast and art program on Wednesdays. He says that his favourite thing about The Dale is the love and respect that he sees and experiences in the community.

## Resurrection Life

by Joanna Moon, Community Worker

I am so thankful for the spring and summer. After a long, tough winter, the trees have budded and blossomed, new grass has sprouted, flowers have popped up, and there is a renewed sense of hope in the air. We enjoyed some spring-y things at The Dale too: we have planted things in our plot in one of Parkdale's community gardens, we've held a Yard Sale as a fundraiser for our annual trip to camp, we participated in a street festival called "Spring into Parkdale", we've booked another trip up to an off-the-grid organic farm, and

as you can learn more about in this newsletter, we've hatched plans for a photo exhibit of life in Parkdale!

While these seasons don't melt away all of our struggles, it's a beautiful reminder of the hope of the resurrection. Madeleine L'Engle put it best: "I believe in the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth as Jesus the Christ, and the resurrection of the body of all creatures great and small, not the literal resurrection of this tired body, this broken self, but the body as it was meant to be, the

fragmented self made new; so that at the end of time all Creation will be One."

These seasons remind me to look out for glimpses of this resurrection hope: a very anxious friend has a good day of volunteering and leaves smiling; a bunch of us belt out "Stand by Me" in the kitchen while doing dishes; a friend tells us that when he thinks about what it means to "belong", he thinks "The Dale".

Follow Joanna's Blog at [joannacatherinemoon.wordpress.com](http://joannacatherinemoon.wordpress.com)

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The Jeremiah Community, Not Far from the Tree,  
Parkdale Community Health Centre, The Salvation Army Thrift Store,  
St. Clare Centre/St. Francis Table



# through the lens

## A Photography Exhibit in Black and White

Meet the faces and places of people who  
call The Dale home.

GALLERY 1313

1313 Queen Street West

July 22<sup>nd</sup> - August 2<sup>nd</sup>

Gallery hours:

Wednesday – Sunday 1 pm to 6 pm

Some of my favourite moments are when I find myself in an adjacent room to the drop-in and can hear the hum of activity going on and the occasional burst of laughter. For me Mondays tend to be a blur of activity, something that is made easier because I absolutely know that so many people have not only my back, but in a broad sense the back of The Dale.

This is also evident in the support that happens much more behind the scenes. The Dale has a Board of Directors, comprised of six people with a large skill set and even larger hearts for this work. This year we welcomed two new members: Genevieve Barber and Jordan Lim. They, along with Gregory Kay, Benjamin Klinck, Matthew Rivard and Nate Vawser meet regularly to provide financial oversight, ensure proper governance, monitor programs and offer accountability and support to me and by extension, Joanna.

Over the last number of years The Dale has rallied to make being a "community-without-our-own-walls" work. Countless people have stood in all the gaps to bring us to the present. I often describe The Dale's team as a wonderful motley crew. We each bring our unique selves in order to support a common goal.

Today we inhabit our neighbourhood in a special way and are excited to imagine how much more is possible as we journey alongside one another, learning more of the resurrection hope that Joanna writes of on page 2.

On behalf of our team I want to say two things: 1) Thank you! And 2) Please come! "Thank you" to everyone who contributes to The Dale financially and prayerfully. And "please come", to those wondering about us or looking for a place to belong.

All are welcome. Come as you are.



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