

Dates To Remember

Apr. 8 - 22	Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton is on study leave
27	Memorial service for Norma Goodson at Millard George 10:00 a.m. visitation, 11:00 a.m. service
May 7	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship meeting at 2:00 p.m.
10	Drop off you Rummage Sale items 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
11	Rummage Sale 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
12	Holy Communion

NOTE: Some of these dates and times are subject to change.

Sister Church Events

New St. James Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society

Help us welcome our guests from India, Dr. Priya John, Director of the Christian Medical Assoc. and Shimy Mathew Secretary, Nurses League CMAI on **Friday, May 10th**. For more information, see poster on bulletin board across from church office.



For the months of April, May and June, your Mission Committee would like to collect the following items for the Southdale Chaplaincy: Food (cereal, rice, snacks, non-perishables), Diapers, Personal Hygiene Products (deodorant, dental products, feminine hygiene products, etc.). Clothing for children and adults (socks, underwear, gently used or new clothing). Sunscreen, at least 30 SPF or higher. If you prefer to donate cash or cheque, please feel free to do so. Cheques are to be made payable to Elmwood Ave. Presbyterian Church Mission Project, please and thank you.



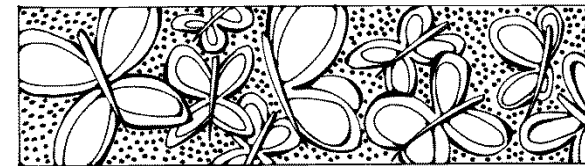
In the Kushkak village in Afghanistan, 42-year-old Guljan lived a simple life with her husband and four children until one day in October 2023, when an earthquake struck their village. Guljan lost her husband and 11-year-old son. After the disaster, she encountered significant challenges in getting assistance due to the gender disparities present in her village. However, PWS&D's partner recognized her needs and provided Guljan's family with a winterized tent to help endure the harsh weather conditions. PWS&D provided food assistance, as well as other support after the earthquake to help people survive the winter challenges.



PCC Prayer – April 22nd is Earth Day. We pray for the healing of the earth and for PWS&D projects promoting environmental stewardship and sustainability while helping communities break cycles of hunger and poverty.



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Fourth
Sunday of
Easter

April 21, 2024

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
Today's Worship Leader: The Rev. Dr. David McKane
Music Director: Bonnie Neaves
Organist Emeritus: Bert Van der Hoek, ARCCO

Welcome!

Our mission as a congregation, with the Holy Spirit as our guide, is to share the good news of Jesus Christ in the world, and to fulfill our responsibilities to God and our neighbours.

An offering can be made in one of the offering plates upon entering or leaving.

*If able, please stand where indicated with an * asterisk.*

Prelude: Songs of the Shepherd

arr. John Carter

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

Choral Introit

*Hymn: **My shepherd is the King of Love**

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession

L: Lord, have mercy upon us

P: Christ, have mercy upon us

L: Lord, have mercy upon us

Prayer for the Day

P: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

L: The Peace of Christ be with you all

P: And also with you

*Hymn: **The hands that first held Mary's child**

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Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Acts 4:5-12**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **23**

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:16–24

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: St. John 10:11-18

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **Put peace into each other's hands**

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Sermon: **"A Shepherding God"**

Anthem: All in the April Evening

Hugh S. Robertson

We Respond in Faith and Service

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

L: Lord, in your mercy

P: Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

*Hymn: **Will you come and follow me**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: With Trumpets and Horns

G.F. Handel



Please note: *No photos or filming permitted without the express permission of the participants involved. Thank you.*



Stewardship Moment: Gratitude flows from the recognition that who we are and what we have are gifts to be received and shared.

Rev. Henri Nouwen – priest, professor, writer, theologian



Welcome Visitors! - Thank you for worshipping with us today, at *Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church*. You have enriched our community and we hope the service held meaning and beauty for you. Please feel free to remain after the worship service and join us in Fleck Hall for refreshments. You may wish to visit us on the web at www.elmwoodchurch.ca to learn more about us and what opportunities are available for personal spiritual growth and service to others. If you are not an involved member of a faith community, but seeking one, we invite you to return here any Sunday for worship and fellowship.



This morning, we warmly welcome back The Rev. Dr. David McKane. He is a retired United Church minister from First St. Andrew's United Church. David is a former Board member and Past President of L'Arche London. We thank him for leading us in worship today.

If you would like to speak to the minister, or have him visit, you are very welcome to be in touch with him. Please contact the church office 519-438-3492 or email afullerton@elmwoodchurch.ca



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

TODAY IS FOOD BANK SUNDAY – The need is great so, if you would keep in mind that we are in need of following items for our food cupboard it would be appreciated.

- **canned meats**
- **heat & serve soups, pastas, stews & chili**
- **cereal & cereal bars**
- **hand & shower soap**
- **shampoo**

Please leave your donations in the basket located in the Narthex. Thank you!

RUMMAGE SALE – Saturday, May 11 - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Spring is here and it is time to clean out our closets, cupboards, drawers and garages. Please donate any clean, re-sellable items you no longer use to the Elmwood Rummage Sale. **Items will be accepted on Friday, May 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.** If you need to bring items in earlier, please talk to Joan Walsh. **Volunteers are needed** for set up and pricing on Friday, May 10 and for sales on May 11. The sign-up sheet is on the servery bulletin board. Your support is always appreciated.

ELMWOOD LADIES FELLOWSHIP meeting Tuesday, May 7th, 2:00 p.m. Ellen Fisher will be demonstrating the art form of Zentangle. An easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images. All ladies welcome! Donations to our church food cupboard for the less fortunate would be appreciated. **We are in need of:**

- **hand & shower soap, shampoo** (not conditioner),
- **cereal and cereal bars**
- **canned meat, (chicken, turkey, ham, cornbeef)**
- **canned ready to serve pastas, soups, stews, chili**

Thank you!