

## Dates To Remember

Apr. 7	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship meeting – 2:00 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
10	Session – 11:00 a.m. (Campbell Room)
12	Holy Communion
19	Food Bank Sunday
<i>Prayer Meetings – Mondays at 1 – 2 p.m. in the Campbell Room. All welcome.</i>	
<i>Dew Drop In - coffee/tea and conversation every Wednesday, 10 a.m. -12:00 p.m. in Fleck Hall. Join us!</i>	

**RUMMAGE SALE – Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> - 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> and for sales on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The sign-up sheet is on the servery bulletin board. Your support is always appreciated.

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



**MISSION** The Men's Mission is in dire need of the following items: underwear, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, deodorant. For the month of April, please consider donating any or all of the above items to the laundry basket in the narthex and they will be delivered to the head office at York and Rectory streets.

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 from the Mission Committee.*



**PWS&D** In Malawi, Debora was raised by her grandparents after her father died and her mother left due to mental health struggles. Unsure how to afford secondary school, she received support to fund her studies and to pay for meals and accommodations at university. "What I've learned is to be kind—to be kind not just to people so close to you, because you guys never knew about me. You never knew I existed, but you still had a heart to give," Debora shares. She hopes her experience motivates girls in her village: "And me, being a girl, when they look at me, they get inspired and some are even going back to school." PWS&D supports the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian's Ekwendeni Hospital AIDS Program in Malawi in this initiative.

**PCC Prayer – Easter Sunday** - God of new life and of hope, fill us with peace, joy and the desire to be new people and to live in the new life Christ gives, guided by your Spirit. Give us, we pray, a renewed and growing awareness of what it means to live as Christ lived, to love as Christ loved and to serve as he served.

**Stewardship Moment:** Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service. *Mother Teresa (1910-1997) nun, missionary*



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### 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: Marche de Fête  
Gelobt Sei Gott  
Gaudeamus Pariter  
Easter Hymn

*Henri Büsser  
arr. David Schelat  
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Healey Willan*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

### We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

\*Call to Worship

Choral Introit

\*Hymn: **Jesus Christ is risen today**

**# 243**

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: **We know that Christ is raised and dies no more**

# 522

The Sacrament of Baptism  
Preamble  
Questions for Jasmine Allen and Congregation  
The Apostles' Creed (*inside front cover of The Book of Praise*)  
Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water  
The Baptism  
The Aaronic Blessing (*Choir*)  
Prayer

Choir Anthem: Alleluia, Christ is Risen

Gordon Young

### **Hear the Word of God**

Prayer of Illumination  
First Scripture Reading: **Acts 10:34-43**  
L: This is the Word of the Lord  
**P: Thanks be to God**

Responsive Psalm: **118:14-25**

**\*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 Lesson: **Colossians 3:1-4**  
L: This is the Word of the Lord  
**P: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Lesson: **St. Matthew 28:1-10**  
L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,  
**P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

\*Hymn: **Now the green blade rises**

# 256

Sermon

Choir Anthem: When it was yet dark

Stephen Hatfield

### **We Respond in Faith and Service**

Prayers of Intercession  
L: Lord, in your mercy  
**P: Hear our prayer**

### **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

# 564

**Sanctus, Mystery of Faith** (sung, see back cover of the Book of Praise)

The Lord's Prayer (debts)  
Breaking of the Bread & Elevation of the Cup  
**Lamb of God** (sung, see back cover of the Book of Praise)

Distribution of the Elements  
Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn: **Now let the vault of heaven resound**

# 255

\*Commissioning and Benediction


Choral Amen

Postlude: Toccata

*Théodore Dubois*



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

 **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](http://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.

**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](mailto:afullerton@elmwoodchurch.ca)



### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Today we baptize Jasmine Allen.** To help us celebrate this happy occasion, please join us in Fleck Hall following the worship service for light refreshments and fellowship.

**Sacrament of Holy Communion - Please sign in** – All those baptized into Christ's Church are invited to the Lord's Table. We ask that you sign the attendance cards handed to you upon entering. Please leave completed cards in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. Session relies on these cards to maintain accurate records. Thank you.

**Communion Wine:** Wine is available in the inner rings of the trays. Grape juice is the outer ring. Note: Gluten-free communion wafers are available in the muffin cup.

**Elmwood Ladies Fellowship meeting Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m.** A speaker is coming from the VON to tell us what services they provide in our community. All ladies welcome! We hope to see you there.

**PRAYER MEETING every Monday starting April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 2 p.m.** meeting in the Campbell Room until the June 29. Use front house ramp to enter. Prayer requests may be sent to Sharon B. at [sharonlambeth70@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonlambeth70@yahoo.com), text or call, leave a message at 519-282-6369 or leave your requests in the box on the servery shelf in Fleck Hall. All welcome!

**Dew Drop In** - Collecting donations to purchase grocery cards for two families in our community. Donations can be made through your regular offering envelope by stating the amount you wish to go to **Dew Drop In** (receiptable). Cheques must be made payable to Elmwood Church. Thank you!