


Dates To Remember

Apr. 8 - 22	Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton will be on study leave Note: No Session in April. Resumes May 10 at 11:00 a.m.
15, 17 & 19	Kiwanis Music Festival - woodwind competition (sanctuary) For times, check bulletin board across from church office.
21	Food Bank Sunday

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

 **A Conversation on Health in Malawi** - Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world. Hunger, climate change and health issues, including high rates of maternal and neonatal deaths, malaria and the pandemic spread of HIV and AIDS, continue to undermine development and efforts to escape poverty.

Join us for one of three opportunities to hear from PWS&D global partner, Mphatso Nguluwe-Chikhwaza. Mphatso is the Director of the Synod of Livingstonia Health Department in northern Malawi. In this role, she oversees the management and coordination of synod health services, which includes three hospitals and 12 health centres.

Mphatso will share about health challenges in Malawi, which are being worsened by ongoing economic challenges and the climate crisis. She will also share how PWS&D programs are helping address these challenges. There will be three opportunities to engage with Mphatso – two in-person and one online. (The presentation will be similar at each event.) For more information go to the website <https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/a-conversation-on-malawi/>

Stephanie Chunoo, PCC Communications Assistant

Democratic Republic of Congo - In the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), ongoing military engagements between government forces and rebel groups have been causing terror for nearly two years. This has resulted in the ongoing displacement of people. The influx of refugees from the DRC into Uganda has put pressure on water, education, health care, and livelihoods opportunities. Those displaced within the DRC are also facing challenges accessing essentials like food, clean water, and hygiene and sanitation services. PWS&D, through ACT Alliance, will be supporting efforts to address the urgent needs. *PWS&D News, April Edition*



PCC Prayer – We pray for PWS&D partners who are compassionately walking alongside those suffering from tuberculosis, HIV, leprosy and malaria. May their collective journey toward health and prosperity be filled with strength, support and positive outcomes.

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Second
Sunday of
Easter

April 7, 2024

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
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: That Easter day with joy was bright
Now let the vault of heaven resound
Awake, my heart, with gladness

arr. Dale Wood
arr. Charles Callahan
arr. Robert Hobby

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

Choral Introit

*Hymn: **Come, ye faithful, raise the strain**

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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: **Jesus is risen from the grave**

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Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Acts 4:32-35**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **133**

***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.*

1 John 1:1 – 2:2

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

St. John 20:19-31

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **We are God's people**

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Sermon

Anthem: Alleluia

Boyce arr. Bullard

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: **Thine be the glory**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Carillon

Gordon Young

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

 **Stewardship Moment:** And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. *2 Corinthians 9:8*



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.

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

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE - St. Leonard's Society of Canada is inviting everyone to join them in their April presentation, **Understanding Our Truth in Reconciliation Virtual Workshop**. Anyone interested, must email Juel Howse-McLean (juelisfinally@gmail.com) and she will provide you with the link to this Zoom video conference as well as some information on what topics will be discussed. This event takes place on **Thursday, April 11th, 1-3 p.m.**

On April 22 and 23, there will be an Earth Week clean-up event at Oneida of the Thames. We have been invited to participate and assist with this project. This is a great opportunity to connect with our Indigenous neighbours. Please let me know if you are interested and available to help out. More specific details will follow soon. *Steve O'Neil*

Mark *Reconciliation Project* on one of the designation lines on your offering envelope and record the amount you would like to contribute to our journey on the road to reconciliation. *Your Truth & Reconciliation Committee*

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.



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.