

Dates To Remember

Mondays , Prayer Meeting - break for July & August. Will resume Sept. 14
Wednesdays , Dew Drop In - break for July & August. Will resume Sept. 9
Thursdays , Silent Prayer – break for July & August. Will resume Sept. 10

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



For the month of August, your Mission Committee would like to collect the following items for the Limberlost 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 from the Mission Committee.*



Food Vouchers Provide Support in Syria - Amyan is a music teacher who lives in Latakia, Syria. For many years, he earned his living teaching at a private institute where he was proud to shape young talents. But for over a year now, Amyan has been without stable work. Amyan's family home was destroyed in the earthquake that shook Syria in 2023. Two years later, factions found and destroyed his violin and oud: the treasured instruments that he used for his career. Amyan's income now comes from a small number of students. Meeting his family's basic needs, such as for food and medicine, is a challenge.

PWS&D's work in Amyan's community of Latakia, which wrapped up in early 2026, supported 1,044 vulnerable households (about 4,260 people). The project focused on helping earthquake-affected families, displaced people, female-headed households and those with little or no income by providing electronic food vouchers. Using the food vouchers, Amyan and his peers could purchase items according to their preferences and needs, from selected vendors in their own community.

The vouchers Amyan received through the project changed his life. *"The voucher helped us tremendously,"* Ayman explained with heartfelt appreciation. *"It saved us a significant amount of money, allowing me to get the medication me and my sister need. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this project."* Please donate to PWS&D.



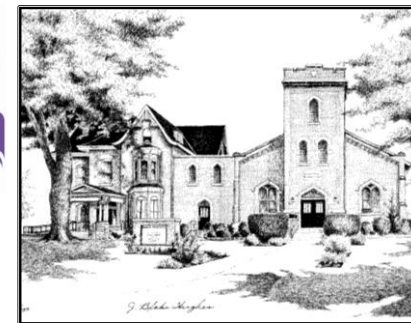
Stewardship Moment – There is always, always, always something to be grateful for. *Unknown*



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**Community
Caring
Christ**



August 16, 2026

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
Today's Worship Leader: Rev. Herb Hilder
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: Selections from Pater Noster *Denis Bédard*
O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end *arr. E.L. Diemer*
Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

Choral Introit

*Hymn: **Praise, my soul, the King of heaven**

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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: **Your hand, O God, has guided**

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Solo: Acquaint now thyself with Him

Tenor: Eric Neaves

Michael Head

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: **Genesis 28:10-22**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **36**

***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.

Gospel Lesson: **St. John 1:43-51**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **Far across the burning desert**

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Sermon: ***"How awesome is this place"***

Choir Anthem: The King of love

David Barton

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: **God of grace and God of glory**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Alla Marcia

Denis Bédard

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



**PCC Prayer – August 19 is World Humanitarian Day.** We pray for courageous aid workers and give thanks for those who deliver important aid and serve communities affected by crises.



**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)

***We want to warmly welcome back and thank Rev. Herb Hilder for kindly leading us in worship this morning.*** Rev. Herb comes from Welland, Ontario. He holds academic degrees from Brock, the University of Western Ontario, and Knox College (University of Toronto), and a Certificate in Spiritual Formation from Columbia University in Decatur, Georgia

Beginning in 1980, he served congregations in Guelph, Sackville and Port Elgin New Brunswick, Chilliwack and Prince George, British Columbia. Rev. Herb stepped away from full time active parish ministry in December 2019. He and his wife Katharine (also an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in Canada) moved to London in 2022. They have two adult daughters - Ruth and Jane and a delightful granddaughter, Nora.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Join us in Fleck Hall following the worship service today for cake and fellowship. Extend your thanks and warm wishes to our Music Director, Bonnie Neaves as this will be her last Sunday playing at Elmwood. We wish her Godspeed and many years of peace and happiness as she and Bill start their well-deserved retirement together in September.

Vacation: Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton will not be available July 27 through September 1. **Pastoral Emergencies:** Today through Sept. 1, contact Rev. Dr. David Clark (New St. James) phone: 519- 434-1127, email: david.clark.pcc@gmail.com. Or, contact your Elder. Thank you.

Today is Food Bank Sunday - Please leave your donations in the basket located in the Narthex. Thank you!

Fall Bazaar November 7th - Canning this summer? Would you please remember our Bazaar and make extra jars? It would be greatly appreciated! Jars are available. We are running low on the quart glass canning jars. Please help us restock. Contact Karen in the church office. Thank you!

Please save pop can tabs over the summer. Leave them in mailbox D-10, drop them off at the church office or give them to Ann Fitchett. Thank you!