

Dates To Remember

Sept. 14	Anniversary Committee Meeting following worship (Campbell)
Re: Silent Prayer	–Will resume in September
Re: Holy Communion	- Pause in August. Will resume September 14
Re: Dew Drop In	- Summer break. Please join us September 10 th at 10:00 a.m. when we resume meeting in Fleck Hall!

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

Fall Bazaar November 8th - Canning this summer? Would you please remember our Bazaar and make extra jars? It would be greatly appreciated! Jars are available. Contact Karen in the church office. Also, please remember to work on your knitting and crafts. Thank you!



London Community Chaplaincy is in need of the following: • bug spray, • sunscreen, and • pantry food items • fresh food for our summer breakfast program (such as eggs, milk, bread/pitas) to be dropped off for a given week.

If you are donating any of the supplies listed above, you may leave them in the basket in the narthex to be delivered. Thank you for helping them out.

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! *Juel Howse-McLean, Mission Committee*



World Humanitarian Day, observed on August 19, is a day to honour and promote the safety of humanitarian workers.

From PWS&D partners delivering food, water and other essential supplies to those working tirelessly to rebuild communities after disasters, humanitarian workers play a crucial role in ensuring the well-being of people in need during crises. But their safety is becoming increasingly threatened. Attacks on humanitarian workers have escalated in recent years. According to the Aid Worker Security Database, 379 humanitarian workers were killed in 2024, with 209 losing their lives in the occupied Palestinian territories alone. On this day, we remember those who have died and reaffirm our commitment to protecting individuals who dedicate their lives to helping others.



Prayer Partnership Daily Prayers - World Humanitarian Day

We pray for those who lost their lives to bring aid and hope. May those who continue be supported, encouraged and protected, despite the challenges.



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PENTECOST Faith's Fire **August 17, 2025**

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
Today's Worship Leader: Rev. Julia Carruthers Morden
Music Director: Bonnie Neaves
Today's Organist: Paul Merritt
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: Psalm 124
Intermezzo
Andantino

*Denis Bédard
Healey Willan
Denis Bédard*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: **Ye watchers and ye holy ones**

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession

L: as we follow in the footsteps of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

All: (singing, Book of Praise #201 Refrain - We come to ask your forgiveness)

**We come to ask your forgiveness, O Lord,
and we seek forgiveness from each other.**

**Sometimes we build up walls instead of bridges to peace,
and we ask your forgiveness, O Lord.**

All: Amen

L: Lord, have mercy upon us
P: Christ, have mercy upon us
L: Lord, have mercy upon us

Prayer for the Day:

All: (spoken, Book of Praise #202 - We lay our broken world in sorrow..)

All: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

L: The Peace of Christ be with you all

P: And also with you

*Hymn: **O matchless beauty of our God**

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Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Psalm: **82**

***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: **Hebrews 11:29-12:2**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: **St. Luke 12:49-56**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **As water to the thirsty**

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Sermon: ***"With the Lord as our Guide Interpreting the Present Time"***

Solo: How Can I Keep From Singing?

arr. Alan Bullard

Tenor: Steve O'Neil

We Respond in Faith and Service

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

L: Lord, in your mercy

P: (spoken at the end of each stanza, Book of Praise #449)

Lord, listen to your children praying;

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Send us love; send us power; send us grace!

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

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

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Allegro Giocoso

Denis Bédard



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



Thank you to Paul Merritt, for his music direction while Bonnie Neaves enjoys her much deserved vacation.



Stewardship Moment: God has given us two hands – one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels; made for sharing.

Billy Graham (1918 – 2018), evangelist, minister, civil rights advocate

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



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

This morning leading our worship service, we welcome back and thank Rev. Julia Carruthers Morden. Rev Julia is a mother of three daughters. A life-long Presbyterian she has served as a Diaconal Minister and as a Word and Sacrament Minister in both the United and Presbyterian Churches.

Vacation: Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton will be away July 28 through September 1. **Pastoral Emergencies:** August 11 – Sept. 1, Rev. Dr. David Clark (New St. James) phone: 519- 434-1127, email: dclark@newstjames.ca. Or, contact your Elder. Thank you.

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

Resource Centre - New Arrivals! Some new books have been added to the library which is located to the left of the church sanctuary. The new books are on display along with a few older ones, on the index card cabinet in the library. Please feel free to sign them out.

COMING SOON October 18th 2025, mark your calendars! Amazing concert, dinner and silent auction. Please reach out to all previous members and friends from the past and invite them along! Donations for a silent auction item are now being accepted. Tickets will go on sale in September. Any questions, contact Darlene tenHaaf (548-688-1115 or email tenhaaf3743@rogers.com).