

## Dates To Remember


<b>Aug. 7</b>	Civic Holiday – church office closed
	Re: Holy Communion - Pause in August. Will resume Sept.10
	Re: Silent Prayer – Pause from July 26 to Aug.30. Resumes Sept. 6
	Re: Dew Drop In – Pause for July & August. Resumes Sept 13

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

### Fall Bazaar / Food Fare – Scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 2023


While you are enjoying your summer vacation, please remember to work on your knitting, crafts and preserves etc. If you need jars...a large selection of sizes stored downstairs in the church's youth room. Help yourself!



 **PWS&D** In Malawi, Alifonsina Banda, a 26-year-old mother, took part in vocational skills training through the PWS&D-supported Every Girl Empowered project. Despite the long-standing perception in her community that electronics courses are not for girls, Alifonsina challenged herself and enrolled in the electronics course. Since completing the class, she has repaired phones, installed satellite dishes, and worked as an electrician, earning a sustainable income from her business. "After the course, I had the most wonderful festive season in my life. I may not be able to remember how much money I made, but I had a client almost every day," she shares. In the future, Alifonsina plans to open an electronics shop to sell spare parts and is thankful that the Every Girl Empowered project has given her a lifelong opportunity to improve the financial opportunities for herself and her family.

**JOIN THE JOURNEY OF HOPE** - On September 23, PWS&D is encouraging supporters to walk, run, ride or do another activity they love to raise money for the vital work we do around the world. Currently, the world is experiencing a food crisis triggered by climate change, the COVID-19 pandemic and conflicts such as the one in Ukraine - and it's only getting worse. This year, funds raised will support PWS&D food security projects around the world.

For six years, PWS&D supporters have laced up their shoes to get moving and support the work of PWS&D. Previously, this was organized as Ride for Refuge by the Blue Sea Foundation. This year, join us for PWS&D's annual Journey for Hope! For more info. go to [www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd/get-involved/upcoming-initiatives/journeyforhope/](http://www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd/get-involved/upcoming-initiatives/journeyforhope/)

 **PCC Daily Prayer - (Anniversary of the 1945 bombing of Hiroshima)** We remember the victims of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan and we pray for a world without nuclear weapons.



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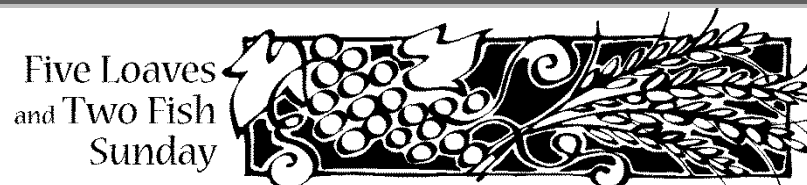
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**Community**  
**Caring**  
**Christ**



Five Loaves  
and Two Fish  
Sunday

**Sunday, August 6, 2023**

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton

Today's Worship Leader: Anita Evans

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.*

Organ Prelude: Choral and Prayer from Suite Gothique  
Various arrangements of Hymn Tunes

*L. Boëllmann*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

### **We Gather To Worship God**

Lighting of the Worship Candle

\*Call to Worship

\*Hymn: **Holy, holy, holy**

**# 299**

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: **You thirsty ones**

# 190

## Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Genesis 32:22-31** (pgs. 36-r, 33-w, 26-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

Responsive Psalm: **145:8-9, 14-21**

\***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.*

**Romans 9:1-8** (pgs. 1213-r, 1097-w, 920-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

**St. Matthew 14:13-21**, (pgs. 1051-r, 948-w, 796-NRSV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

**P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

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

# 688

Sermon

Solo: The Prayer

*C.B. Sage and D. Foster*

Soloist: Alistair McGhee

## 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: **Come, know my joy, the Maker says**

# 788

\*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude: Flourish for Organ

*J. Nixon*



**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 on the front lawn, weather permitting 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)



Our thanks to Lorraine Clark for leading the music portion of our worship service this morning!



**Stewardship Moment:** Stewardship begins with love – not giving.

*Unknown*



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

***This morning, we welcome back Anita Evans and thank her for leading us in worship.*** Anita decided to realize a long-term calling to ordained ministry. She has completed studies at Huron University College and Knox College, has been certified to seek ordination, and at this time is actively seeking a call to a congregation. As an accomplished flutist and musician, she can also be heard on several CDs produced by the choir of Oakridge Presbyterian Church.

**Vacation:** Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton is currently away until August 29.

**Pastoral Emergencies:** August 5 – 28, Rev. Keith McKee (St. George's) 519- 455-5760 or email: [stgeorge@execulink.com](mailto:stgeorge@execulink.com)



**For the London Chaplaincy** - It's that time of year again when the children are eagerly looking forward to outdoor activities. The intensity of the sun can be injurious to our skin so we are asking for donations of children's sunscreen. This is SPF 30 or higher.

**London Chaplaincy** works hard to curate high-quality summer programs for low-income children and youth and create equitable access to enriching summer opportunities. To run these programs, our fundraising goal is \$20,000. You can support this critical summer season by:

- Donating through your offering envelope marked London Chaplaincy
- Donating online via Canada Helps at [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org) and search "London Community Chaplaincy"
- Donating a gift-in-kind of breakfast foods (i.e. cereal, peanut butter, jam)
- Volunteering as a camp driver, please call our office: 519-685-2771

*Thank you!*

**Early Warning** - the next issue of *Hark The Herald* is scheduled for mid-October. While enjoying the 'lazy, hazy days of summer', please think of a contribution you might make - story, joke, announcement, photograph etc. Please send items to church office or put in mailbox E15. Thanks!

**2024 Calendar Now Available to Order** - The PCC wall calendar for 2024 features wonderful photos of church doors, crossings, thresholds and other places that we think of as liminal spaces. The photos, submitted by congregations, ministries and individuals, evoke a powerful sense of the possibilities that beckon if we learn to wait and listen. **Cost:** \$5.00 each. If interested, contact the church office to place your order.