

## Dates To Remember

Monday Prayer meetings will break for July & August. Will resume Sept. 14	
Wednesdays Dew Drop In will break for July & August. Will resume Sept. 9	
Silent Prayer will break for July & August. Will resume in Sept.	
<b>July 19</b>	Food Bank Sunday
<b>Aug. 3</b>	Civic Holiday – church office closed

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



For the months of July and 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 your Mission Committee.*

## Urgent Appeal for Prayers and Support for Malawians in South Africa

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We write to you with a heavy heart to share the painful situation facing many Malawians living in South Africa. At this time, the conditions are extremely difficult and distressing. Many of our people have been rounded up and placed in camps without access to basic necessities such as food, shelter, clean water, and proper medical care.

As a result, many Malawians, including our fellow Christians, have lost their jobs because employers are afraid of being attacked or fined by the government. Families are being torn apart, and many are living in fear, uncertainty, and deep hardship. Houses belonging to foreigners are being set on fire either with people inside or their belongings.

We kindly ask you to join us in prayer for all affected Malawians, especially those in South Africa, and for wisdom and discernment as we as a Synod consider how best to respond.

Your prayers, encouragement, and any support you may be able to extend in this difficult time will be deeply appreciated. We believe that through God's mercy and the body of Christ, hope and help can reach those who are suffering. Thank you for standing with us in prayer and compassion.

Yours in Christ,

*Rev Dr William Tembo, Church of Central Africa Presbyterian*



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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: Three Voluntaries

*Denis Bédard*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

## We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

\*Call to Worship

\*Hymn: **The heavens declare your glory, Lord**

**# 495**

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: **O Christ, the Word, incarnate**

# 505

## Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Genesis 25:19-34**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

Responsive Psalm: **119:105-112**

**\*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: **Romans 8:1-11**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Lesson: **St. Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

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

\*Hymn: **Draw us in the Spirit's tether**

# 531

Sermon

Solo: Shall we gather at the river

*Aaron Copeland*

Baritone: Bill Neaves

## We Respond in Faith and Service

\*The Apostles' Creed (see front cover of the Book of Praise)

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: **O Breath of life, come sweeping through us**

# 384

\*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Fanfare on Marion

*Robert Hobby*



**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)



**Stewardship Moment:** The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord. *James L. Kraft (1874-1953), entrepreneur, inventor*



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Sacrament of Holy Communion** - All those baptized into Christ's Church are invited to the Lord's Table.

**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.

**Givings Update** - Year to date, the congregation has generously given \$75,485 toward our **General Givings Budget**, putting us at 88.81% of the **pace needed** to reach our **\$170,000 annual goal**. We have also given \$3,603 toward our **Presbyterian Sharing goal**, putting us at **72.1% of the pace needed** to reach our **\$10,000 annual goal**.

**Sunday, July 19 is Food Bank Sunday** – The need is great. Donations are very much appreciated! Donation basket located in the Narthex. Thank you!

**Notice from your Truth and Reconciliation Committee:** There will be an open air vendors' market at the Oneida Nation of the Thames community centre on **Thursday, July 30 from 2 - 7 p.m.** This is a fundraising event sponsored by the Oneida Fall Fair organizers. The **Oneida Fall Fair is scheduled for September 25 - 27**. Here are two opportunities to take "reconcili-action" by visiting our neighbours and supporting their cultural events. *Steve O'Neil*

**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!