


Dates To Remember

July 29	Community Breakfast 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. (Fleck Hall)
Aug. 7	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.



 **PWS&D** After their summer crop failed and they lost their agricultural loan, Moolo and his wife Babbri, who live in Pakistan, were in financial trouble and were going hungry. Given the gravity of their situation, they managed to receive food assistance from PWS&D's partner in their community. The amount received was sufficient to cover some other basic needs and meant that the elderly couple could use their small savings to provide daily medication to their son Chandan, who has epilepsy. With their remaining savings, Moolo hoped to open a small store, but his eyesight was deteriorating. Babbri stepped up and opened the store herself, remarking, *"It is because of this aid that we are not under debt, or we would have sold our goats to pay for food. But we are not in debt and still have our goats!"*

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/



PCC Daily Prayer – We pray for the grace to use our gifts, whether speaking or serving, to bring glory to God and to minister to others as faithful stewards.



Stewardship Moment: Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. *2 Corinthians 9:7*



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Community



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Waiting for
the Harvest
Sunday



Sunday, July 23, 2023

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.*

Organ Prelude: Old English Organ Voluntaries

various composers

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: **O worship the King**

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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: **The Spirit breathes upon the word**

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Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Genesis 28:10–19a** (pgs. 30-r, 27-w, 22-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **139:1-12**

***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 8:12-25 (pgs. 1212-r, 1096-w, 919-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

St. Matthew 13:24-30, (pgs. 1050-r, 947-w, 794-NRSV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **O God of Bethel, by whose hand**

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Sermon

Solo: So Thou Art to Me

Tenor: Steve O'Neil

K. Lee Scott

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: **Be thou my vision**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude: Voluntary on Merifield

J. Correll



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 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

Vacation: Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton is away July 24 through Aug. 28.

Pastoral Emergencies: July 24 – 30, Rev. Dr. David Clark (New St. James) 519-434-1127, ext. 2 or email: dclark@newstjames.ca

July 31 – Aug. 4, Rev. Andrew Thompson (Chalmers) cell 519-694-2169 or email: andrewthompson3@outlook.com

Aug. 5 – 28, Rev. Keith McKee (St. George's) 519- 455-5760 or email: 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 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!

Please Save Pop Can Tabs Over The Summer - They will be given to the convenor in September. Leave them in the Narthex, drop them off at the church office or give them to Ann Fitchett. *Thank you!*

Fall Food Fare/Bazaar – We are planning for our annual fall fare/bazaar so, while you are enjoying your summer vacation, please remember to work on your knitting, crafts and preserves. *Thank you!*

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.