

Dates To Remember

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.

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!*



Mission Moment - Nadhifa, a single mother of seven in Somalia, had to relocate with her two oldest daughters and one-year-old son, Hamza, to a camp for internally displaced people after the drought caused her to lose her livelihood. She left her other four children behind with relatives, fearing for their survival. Nadhifa and her three children journeyed to the Dollow district to seek humanitarian assistance. During screening at the camp, Hamza was diagnosed with severe acute malnutrition. With the support of PWS&D, Hamza received treatment and recovered after a few weeks. In addition, Nadhifa participated in the infant and young child feeding community information session, where she gained valuable nutrition knowledge. "I feel relieved that my son's health has improved, and I can now search for work to provide food for my children," she shared.

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 - World Day Against Trafficking in Persons)

We pray for the millions of people around the world who are victims of human trafficking.



Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Monday – Thursday
111 Elmwood Avenue E., London, Ontario N6C 1J4

Phone: 519-438-3492 Hall: 519-438-3491

Email: contact@elmwoodchurch.ca

Website: www.elmwoodchurch.ca



**Community
Caring
Christ**



Kingdom
Treasures
Revealed
Sunday



Sunday, July 30, 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: Three Meditations for Worship *Paxton, Hegarty & Peeters*
Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: **All people that on earth do dwell**

65

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: **How firm a foundation**

685

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **1 Kings 3:5-12** (pgs. 357-r, 326-w, 266-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **119:1-129-136**

***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 8:26-39 (pgs. 1212-r, 1097-w, 919-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

St. Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52, (pgs. 1050-r, 947-w, 795-NRSV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **Spirit of God, descend upon my heart**

382

Sermon

Solo: But the Lord is Mindful

F. Mendelssohn

Baritone: Bill Neaves

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: **Will you come and follow me**

634

*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude How Firm a Foundation

arr. G. Martin



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



Stewardship Moment: Everyone can be great because everyone can serve.
Martin Luther King Jr. – minister, civil rights activist



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

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.