


Dates To Remember

Mondays , Prayer Meeting - break for July & August. Will resume Sept. 14
Wednesdays , Dew Drop In - break for July & August. Will resume Sept. 9
Silent Prayer – break for July & August. Will resume in Sept.
July 12 Holy Communion

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



 **The Ng'ambi Family's Journey to Food Security and Resilience** - In rural Malawi, in Mwanyesha Village, 30-year-old Vincent Ng'ambi lives with his wife and five children. Until recently, the family shared a small, dilapidated house that offered little shelter from the weather, "leaving us with an unbearable life," he shared.

The effects of climate change meant that the farming methods the family had traditionally relied on were no longer enough to provide enough food, leading to shortages that had to be endured until the next harvest.

Their situation started to change when the family participated in the Lupembe food security project, implemented by PWS&D's partner, the Synod of Livingstonia Development Department (SOLDEV).

The program introduced and trained Vincent in climate-smart agriculture technologies, self-help groups and household visioning as a way to fight climate change.

Referring back to the family's household visioning plans and the goals they set out, including constructing a safe home, Vincent moulded 6,000 bricks for the construction of the three-bedroom house with a seating room. With the money from crop production, more materials were bought to finish the house.

"We are so grateful and proud of what we have achieved today. Thanks to the household visioning training we were able to dream bigger and set goals for our family. Our new house, made with strong bricks and covered with iron sheets, is a symbol of our hard work and determination. It is not just a place to live, but a sign of the better future we are building for ourselves. We shall be living in it and finish next year with cement flooring and windows," he explained with tears of joy.

Today, the family plans to expand their climate-smart agriculture practice to 0.8 hectares and is exploring opportunities to secure loans from the Tikolerane self-help group to start a small business.

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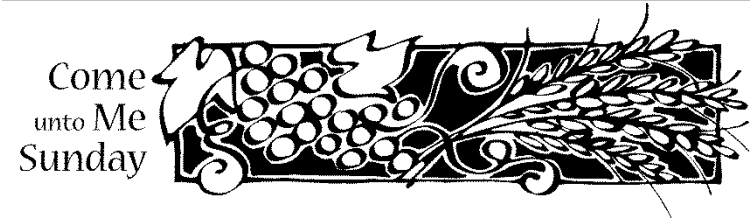
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**Community
Caring
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July 5, 2026

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.*

Prelude: Old English Voluntaries *William Goodwin & William Boyce*
 Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: **How clear is our vocation, Lord**

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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: **Jesus, lover of my soul**

Solo: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Flute: Dan Lenart

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Genesis 24:58-67**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **45:10-17**

***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 7:15-25a**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: **St. Matthew 11:16-30**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **I heard the voice of Jesus say**

Sermon

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: **Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go**

*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: A Festive March

G.F. Handel



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



PCC Prayer – *We pray for camp staff and campers as they prepare for another season of fun and faith formation.*



Stewardship Moment – Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above. *James 1:17a*



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 the choir for their contribution to our worship service every Sunday and for their dedication and commitment to our church. They will be enjoying a well-deserved break through July and August and will return again in September.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Twelve new books have been installed in the Christian Resource Centre. Many of them are on display atop the card catalogue drawers. The Resource Centre can be found to the left of the sanctuary, as approached from the street. Sign all books out at the desk. Happy reading!

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If you are canning this summer, please remember our Fall Bazaar and make a few extra jars. It would be greatly appreciated! We are running low on the small 8 oz. (255 ml) glass canning jars. Help us rebuild our stockpile. Thank you!

Sunday, July 19 is Food Bank Sunday - Please leave your donations in the basket located in the Narthex. Thank you!



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 the Mission Committee.*