

Dates To Remember

June 29	Hospitality Breakfast 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
July 1-7	Church office will be closed
14	Holy Communion
<i>Dew Drop In - coffee/tea and conversation every Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. in Fleck Hall through to the end of June. Join us! Summer break July and August. Will resume meeting again in September.</i>	

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



PWS&D Am Salama reflects on her life in Sudan before the outbreak of war. Following a political crisis in 2023, she and her family, once prosperous farmers and restaurant owners, were forced to flee their bustling town in East Darfur due to escalating tensions. The war separated Am Salama from her husband, who stayed behind to care for his blind mother. Facing numerous challenges during their journey to South Sudan, including being robbed of the little money and clothing she had managed to bring with her and frequent illness, Am Salama and her children found refuge at the Wedwil Refugee Camp. The safety and food assistance they received at the camp, supported by PWS&D, played a critical role in their survival.

Stand Against Child Marriage in India - In Bihar, India, an alarming 80 per cent of girls are forced into early marriages. Not only does this reduce the likelihood that they will complete school, but it makes young girls—married as early as 12 years old—more susceptible to trafficking for child labour and sexual exploitation. Bihar region also ranks among the states with the highest rates of domestic violence, with 58 per cent of married women reporting instances of violence.

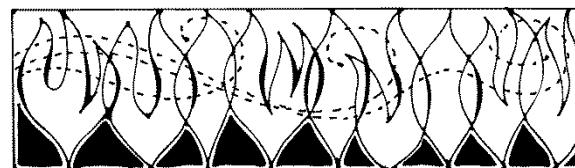
The Karuna Project at the Duncan Hospital aims to empower and protect girls through raising awareness about their rights among decision-makers in households and villages, and local government workers. Since poverty is one of the root causes of neglect for girls' rights, the project also provides livelihood and income-generating opportunities for marginalized families.

Stephanie Chunoo, PCC Communications Assistant

Together we can change lives, one gift at a time. Donate to *Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D)*. Mark your donation on your offering envelope with PWS&D.



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**Growth in
God's Garden
Sunday**

June 16, 2024

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: Psalm Meditations

Douglas Wagner

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

Choral Introit

*Hymn: **New every morning is the love**

815

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, thou joy of loving hearts**

Solo: Here is love

Tenor: Steve O'Neil

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Rees/Lowry

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **1 Samuel 15:34-16:13**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **20**

***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 Reading: **2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: **St. Mark 4:26-34**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine**

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Sermon

Anthem: With songs of rejoicing

J.S. Bach, arr. Hopson

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: **Lord, whose love**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Allegro

Thomas Arne

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



Stewardship Moment: Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

1 Peter 4:10



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



PCC Prayer – National Indigenous Peoples Sunday We pray for the NIMC (National Indigenous Ministries Council) and the leaders and ministers of the eight Indigenous ministries of the PCC. We pray for blessings and healing of the leaders and communities they serve across Canada.

Happy Father's Day!



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Today is Food Bank Sunday - If you would keep in mind that we are in need of some of the following items, it would be very much appreciated.

- canned meats
- heat & serve pastas, brown beans, chili, soups & stews
- coffee
- cereal & cereal bars
- crackers
- peanut butter
- soap
- deodorant
- toothpaste & toothbrushes
- toilet tissue

Please leave your donations in the basket located in the Narthex. Thank you!



For the month of June, your Mission Committee would like to collect the following items for the Southdale 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!

Please save pop can tabs over the summer. They will be given to the convenor in September. Leave them in mailbox D-10, drop them off at the church office or give them to Ann Fitchett. Thank you!

Do you have an older (working) TV that needs a home? Looking for roughly a 21 inch with a cable outlet. Will pay! If so, please call Kathy Pearson at: 519-438-2888. Thank you!