Dates To Remember

Wednesdays, Dew Drop In - 10 a.m. to noon (Fleck Hall)		
Thursdays, Ladies Bible Study - 10 a.m. (Campbell Room)		
Mar.	**3**	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship meeting 2:00 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
	8	Holy Communion
	13	Session – 11 a.m. (Campbell Room)
	15	Food Bank Sunday
	18	Memorial service for Dorothy Woolley – 11 a.m.

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

The Men's Mission is in dire need of the following items: underwear, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, deodorant. For the months of March and April, please consider donating any or all of the above items to the laundry basket in the narthex and they will be delivered to the head office at York and Rectory streets. Thank you from the Mission Committee.

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.

PWS&D After Susheela Devi's husband died from a chronic illness, she struggled to support her four daughters while running a small cosmetic shop. To ease her financial burdens, two of her daughters were forced into early marriage, and one tragically died during childbirth, leaving Susheela to care for the newborn. With insufficient government aid, her remaining daughters dropped out of school. Through the Karuna Project in India, PWS&D provided resources to help Susheela revive her cosmetic business, enabling her to support her family. The project also educated her on the dangers of child marriage, prompting her to re-enroll her daughters in school and invest in their futures. Determined, she says, "I will make them study well so they are capable of taking care of themselves."

February 24 marked the 4th anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. A statement entitled, ***Ukraine, Canada and the Church – Calls to Action and Prayer***, has been prepared by an ecumenical coalition consisting of the Canadian Council of Churches, The World Evangelical Alliance Peace & Reconciliation Network, and The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada. Congregations and individuals are encouraged to read the statement and to engage in the calls to action and prayers contained therein. https://presbyterian.ca/2026/02/13/ukraine-canada-and-the-church-calls-to-action-and-prayer/

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ELMWOOD AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Community Caring Christ

March 1, 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: Romanza on the hymn tune 'Faith' *C. Callahan*
Meditation on 'This Little Light' *C. Callahan*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

*Choral Introit

*Hymn: **As when the Hebrew prophet raised** **# 189**

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, life of all the world** **# 776**

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament: **Genesis 12:1-4a**
L: This is the Word of the Lord
P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **121**

***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 4:1-5, 13-17**
L: This is the Word of the Lord
P: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: **St. John 3:1-17**
L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,
P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **Forgive our sins as we forgive** **# 751**

Sermon

Choir Anthem: Lenten Prayer *G.V. Pergolesi*

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: **Lift high the cross** **# 643**

*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour *enchiridion 1524*

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

Stewardship Moment: You can't have a perfect day without doing something for someone who'll never be able to repay you.
John Wooden (1910 – 2010), basketball player and coach

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

Prayer Partnership (**2nd Sunday in Lent)** We pray for people who have taken on a lenten discipline as they come by the Holy Spirit to know God more clearly, love God more dearly, and follow Christ more nearly.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Elmwood Ladies Fellowship – **meeting March 3, 2:00 p.m.** in Fleck Hall. All ladies welcome. Please join us for an afternoon of games! Reminder, please bring 4 treats for our afternoon *"tea"* and if you like, your favourite game. Thank you!

Dew Drop In - We are collecting money to purchase grocery cards for two families in our community. Please consider helping us do this by either donating cash or cheque. <u>You can do this through your regular offering envelope by stating the amount you wish to go to ***Dew Drop In*** (receiptable).</u> If you donate actual grocery cards, these are <u>not</u> receiptable. Cheques must be made payable to Elmwood Church. Making regular or intermittent donations are always welcomed and appreciated. Thank you!

Sunday March 15th at 3:00 p.m. **- A concert honouring the career and music of our Organist Emeritus, Bert Van der Hoek, ARCCO.** Metropolitan United Church (468 Wellington St., London) is hosting the concert and celebratory reception. See poster on bulletin board across from church office.

London RCCO - Mark your calendars for the RCCO London Centre's Annual Student Recital, taking place on **Sunday, March 22 at 2:30 p.m.** at Metropolitan United Church. The program will feature several talented young performers. We hope you will be able to join us for the afternoon and support this wonderful group of young organists. Thank you!

Worship Services:
† Palm Sunday – March 29th, 10:30 a.m.
† Good Friday Worship – April 3rd, 10:30 a.m.
† Easter Sunday Worship – April 5th, 10:30 a.m.