

## Dates To Remember

June 4-7	149th General Assembly, Halifax, Nova Scotia
2	Rummage Sale set-up 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
3	Rummage Sale – 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.
6	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship picnic 1:15 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
11	Holy Communion

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



When Esther was 13 years old, she got her period for the first time just one day before the Malawi national primary school examinations, which would determine whether she would be admitted to secondary school. Esther was instructed by the older women in her village to not leave home and remain indoors for the next seven days in adherence with village customs. Caroline, an outreach volunteer for girls' rights, learned about Esther's situation and enlisted the help of the village's chief to speak with Esther's parents about letting her leave home isolation to write the exam. Esther was permitted to write her exam, allowing her to advance to secondary school. **With Presbyterian World Service & Development's support, local partners are raising awareness about the importance of girls' education for a successful future.**

For over 75 years, PWS&D has been working with partners overseas and Canadians here at home to make positive changes in our global village. PWS&D has a wide variety of programs that work to help communities around the globe

PWS&D works with churches and organizations seeking to transform their communities by promoting justice, peace and the integrity of creation. PWS&D supports people and communities, according to their need and regardless of faith.

With the generous support of Presbyterians in Canada we are working with local partners around the world to address the root causes of poverty and create new futures of hope and opportunity through programs in our three area of focus: sustainable development, emergency relief and refugee sponsorship.



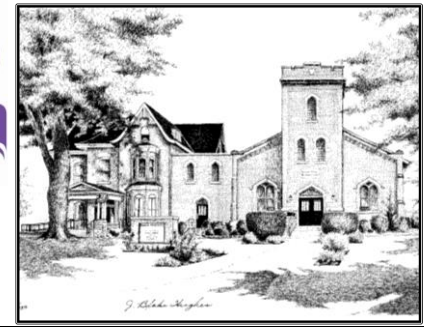
**PCC Daily Prayer – Healing & Reconciliation Sunday** We pray for healing for Indigenous families and communities, who are struggling with intergenerational trauma from Residential Schools and other forms of colonial violence. Guide our church and congregations in ways that uphold Indigenous rights and reject anti-Indigenous racism.



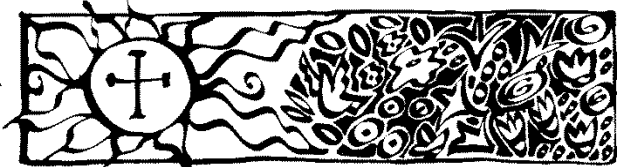
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**Community**  
**Caring**  
**Christ**



Seventh  
 Sunday of  
 Easter



**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton  
 Music directed by Lorraine Clark, A. Mus., B.Mus., B.Ed.  
 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: Aria  
 Interlude  
 Hymn

G.A. Paganelli  
 G. Young  
 D. Wagner

Words of Welcome and Announcements

## **We Gather To Worship God**

Lighting of the Worship Candle

\*Call to Worship

\*Hymn: **Jesus shall reign where'er the sun**

**# 275**

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: **When in our music God is glorified**

# 439

Choir Anthem: Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

*K. Bissell*

## **Hear the Word of God**

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Acts 1:1-11** (pgs. 1167-r, 1055-w, 884-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

Responsive Psalm: **68:32-35**

\***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.*

**1 Peter 4:12-14: 5:6-11** (pgs. 1309-r, 1179-w, 986-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

**St. John 17:1-11** (pgs. 1160-r, 1048-w, 879-NRSV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

**P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

\*Hymn: **Sometimes a healing word is comfort**

# 768

Sermon

Solo: We Rise Again

*L. Dubinsky*

Soloist: Alistair McGhee

## **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: **Rejoice, the Lord is King**

# 267

\*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude: Toccata Festivo

*D. Janzer*



**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 Coffee Hour. You may wish to visit us on the web at [www.elmwoodchurch.ca](http://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](mailto:afullerton@elmwoodchurch.ca)



## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**TODAY IS FOOD BANK SUNDAY** - Please leave your donations in the basket located in the Narthex. Thank you!

**ELMWOOD LADIES FELLOWSHIP - Tuesday, June 6 at 1:15 p.m.**

All ladies are invited to an **Indoor Picnic Party** in Fleck Hall to help usher in the summer break. Please bring your own plates and cutlery but lunch and refreshments will be provided. Join us!



**May and June is 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. The chaplaincy is always in need of cereal, peanut butter and jam so we welcome donations of this, as well. Thank you!

**RUMMAGE SALE** - Now that spring is finally here and you've had time to clean out your closets, cupboards, basements, attics, sheds, and garages, is there something you don't need any more that could be a treasure to someone else and may bring in some revenue for Elmwood.

Our annual **RUMMAGE SALE** will be held on **Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 until 11:00 a.m.**

We will be accepting donations on Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Alternate times for drop offs can be arranged by contacting Joan Walsh or Steve O'Neil in advance. Donations of clothing, footwear, household and yard items, electronics, books, music, toys and games, sports equipment and holiday decor all in clean, presentable, working condition are welcome. Items of furniture small enough to be carried out easily by one person will also be accepted.

Volunteers will be needed for set up, sales floor, and clean up. We will also need vehicles with good cargo capacity and drivers to help deliver the surplus items to Goodwill after the sale. Contact Joan Walsh (519)-268-0941 or Steve O'Neil (519) 679-6277 or sign up on sheet in the servery.

**LONDON GARDEN CLUB would like help collecting 213 g empty, washed salmon tins.** They guide floral therapy at Parkwood and will also be the guest speaker(s) at the Elmwood Ladies Fellowship meeting in October. E.L.F. will need at least 24 tins for their meeting. Please put your tins in the marked box in the servery. Thank you!

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** – Karen Russo, Office Administrator will be on vacation May 23 - 26. The church office will be closed. Messages will be picked up daily. **Pastoral Care: contact Dr. Fullerton at 519-266-9123.** Office will re-open Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.