



Dates To Remember

Mondays , Prayer Meeting - 1 p.m. (Campbell Room)	
Wednesdays , Dew Drop In - 10 a.m. -12 p.m. Coffee & fellowship Silent Prayer – 3 p.m. (Campbell Room)	
May 31	Congregational Meeting & Potluck Dinner 5:30 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
June 2	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship's Indoor Picnic – 1 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
14	Holy Communion
21	Truth & Reconciliation Luncheon following worship

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

Healing and Reconciliation Sunday - Healing and Reconciliation Sunday (May 24) was designated by the 2006 General Assembly, recognizing the need for healing and relationship building between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Canada. This recognition comes with the difficult but necessary acknowledgment that The Presbyterian Church in Canada is complicit in colonial racism, especially through the church's participation in the residential school system which took generations of Indigenous children from their homes and families. The intergenerational trauma the schools created continues to cause significant harm to Indigenous people today. The work of truth, healing and reconciliation is a collective responsibility across all parts of the church and Canadian society.

 **PCC Prayer - Sunday, May 24 (Day of Pentecost; Healing & Reconciliation Sunday)** We pray for the healing and wellbeing of all people harmed by residential schools. We pray for Indigenous organizations and nations supporting healing work for Survivors, intergenerational Survivors, their families and communities.

 **PWS&D** Yemen has been devastated by over a decade of conflict, disrupting food systems and causing hunger. Yahya, a father of four with a disability that makes walking difficult, worries about his malnourished daughter. "We strive to obtain food, but the situation remains tough," he shares. "When you entered our village with the food basket distribution, it changed my life significantly. Thanks to your support, my situation began to improve. I was able to save some money through the food basket and decided to buy a water tank. This step was important for my family, as we finally have clean water." PWS&D works together with Canadian Foodgrains Bank and local partners to deliver vital food assistance to families like Yahya's who are facing worsening food insecurity.

Please donate to these efforts. Mark your offering envelopes PWS&D. Thank you!

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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: In Babilone
Down Ampney
Veni Creator

*arr. C. Callahan
arr. P. Stearns
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Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

Choral Introit

*Hymn: **Come down, O Love divine**

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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: **Breathe on me, breath of God**

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Choir Anthem: Come, Holy Spirit, Creator Blest

arr. Bullard

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Acts 2:1-21**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **104:24-34**

***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: **1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: **St. John 20:19-23**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

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Sermon

Choir Anthem: Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Bert Van der Hoek

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: **O Breath of life, come sweeping through us**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Toccata et Grand Choeur sur 'Veni Creator'

Denis Bédard



Historical Roots of Pentecost - The seasons of the Christian church are organized around two major celebrations – Christmas and Easter. The long period of time (33 or 34 Sundays) between Pentecost Sunday and Advent have long been referred to as Pentecost Season or Ordinary Time. The original meaning of Ordinary Time seems not to have the meaning of mundane or common. Rather, it meant “counted time” – the time counted between Pentecost and Advent. Traditionally, this time focused on the mission of the church to the world.



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

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



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

May 31st at 5:30 pm - Congregational meeting and a nut & shellfish free potluck dinner. Representatives from the Presbytery of London will be conducting an exit review meeting with our congregation on Sunday May 31st. Please plan to attend to demonstrate your interest and commitment to the future of Elmwood.

Cathy Cornhill, Clerk of Session

Elmwood Ladies Fellowship - Potluck on Tuesday, June 2 at 1:00

p.m. All ladies are invited to an **Indoor Picnic Party** in Fleck Hall to help usher in the summer break. Note: oven not working, so any hot dishes must be kept warm in their containers. Please also bring your own plates and cutlery. Join us!

Sunday, June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. You are invited to mark this occasion by enjoying a cold plate luncheon after the worship service hosted by the Truth and Reconciliation Committee. We will be screening an episode of the CBC series Still Standing which is all about our neighbours at the Oneida Nation of the Thames. An open discussion will follow. Donations will be accepted in support of the re-housing initiatives at Oneida through the Imagine Build.

Steve O'Neil, Truth & Reconciliation Committee



For the months of May and June, 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.*