

## Dates To Remember

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| <b>Mondays</b> , Prayer Meeting - 1 p.m. (Campbell Room)   |  |
| <b>Wednesdays</b> , Dew Drop In - 10 a.m. -12 p.m. Coffee & fellowship<br>Silent Prayer – 3 p.m. (Campbell Room) |  |
| <b>May 5</b>   | Elmwood Ladies Fellowship meeting – 2 p.m. (Fleck Hall)  |
| <b>8</b>   | Rummage Sale set-up/donations 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Fleck Hall)<br>Session – 11 a.m. (Campbell Room) |
| <b>9</b>   | Rummage Sale 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Fleck Hall)   |

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



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.*



**A Journey to Healing in Haiti** - Dona Antoine was afraid when her baby daughter, Doriana, started to show alarming systems - swelling (edema), diarrhea, vomiting and trouble urinating. Doriana's health deteriorated quickly.

Feeling like it was her last resort, Dona followed the advice of a community health worker and brought Doriana to a hospital run by PWS&D's partner, Zanmi Lasante. Doriana was immediately admitted into the malnutrition treatment program.

For almost a decade, Haiti has experienced an ever-deepening food security crisis, driven by violence related to armed groups, political upheaval and economic crisis. Additionally, the country is extremely vulnerable to the devastating effects of the climate crisis. Roughly 52 per cent of the population are facing crisis levels of food insecurity, over half of these are children. Malnutrition is currently the leading cause of death for children under five in Haiti.

Because of the care she received, Doriana has now fully recovered from her malnutrition. Given the ongoing food crisis in Haiti, and its devastating effect on children, this project is more essential than ever. To support the project, mark your donation "*Haiti malnutrition project.*"

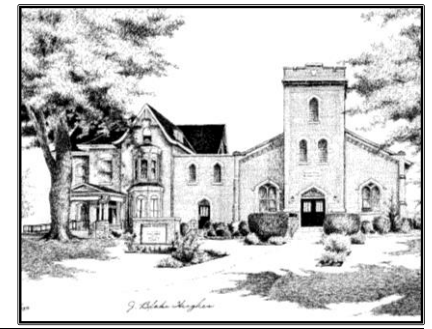
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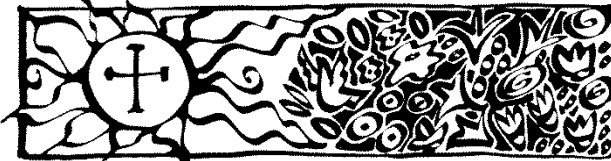
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fifth  
Sunday of  
Easter



**May 3, 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: Three meditations for Organ  
Words of Welcome and Announcements

*David Barton*

### **We Gather To Worship God**

Lighting of the Worship Candle

\*Call to Worship

Choral Introit

\*Hymn: **How firm a foundation**

**# 685**

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: **Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life**

# 565

### Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Acts 7:55-60**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

Responsive Psalm: **31:1-5**

**\*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 Peter 2:2-10**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Lesson: **St. John 14:1-14**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

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

\*Hymn: **The clay-stained hands of love**

# 296

Sermon

Choir Anthem: With songs of rejoicing

*Bach/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: **You that know the Lord is gracious**

# 470

\*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.*



The tulips in sanctuary this morning are placed by Trudy and Bert Van der Hoek to the glory of God and in memory of the Canadian soldiers who fought and gave their lives when liberating Holland eighty one years ago so we could be free.



**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](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)



**Stewardship Moment:** We are surrounded by God's benefits. The best use of these benefits is an unceasing expression of gratitude.  
*John Calvin (1509–1564), theologian, pastor, reformer*



**PCC Prayer** - We pray for Knox College and those graduating in 2026 as they prepare for the Convocation ceremony and events on May 13. We ask for a joyful celebration of academic inquiry and an affirmation of a call to serve.



### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Elmwood Ladies Fellowship - Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m.**  
Guest speaker will be Public Educator, Melanie Howard from CMHA Thames Valley Addiction & Mental Health Services representing My Sister's Place. Donations of personal hygiene products (soaps, dental products, lotions, hair care products, etc.), laundry detergent, paper products as well as children activity supplies (colouring and puzzle books, markers, etc.) would be appreciated. A full *Spring Wishlist* is posted on the bulletin board across from church office. All ladies welcome! We hope to see you there.

**Dew Drop In** - Collecting donations to purchase grocery cards for two families in need in our community. Donations can be made through your regular offering envelope by stating the amount you wish to go to **Dew Drop In** (receiptable). Cheques must be made payable to Elmwood Church. Thank you!

**RUMMAGE SALE – Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Spring is here and it is time to clean out our closets, cupboards, drawers and garages. Please donate any clean, re-sellable items you no longer use to the Elmwood Rummage Sale. Items will be accepted on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you need to bring items in earlier, please talk to Joan Walsh. Volunteers are needed for set up and pricing on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and for sales on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The sign-up sheet is on the servery bulletin board. Your support is always appreciated.