

Dates To Remember


Nov. 7	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship meeting – 2:00 p.m. Fleck Hall
8	Religion and Science – 7:00 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
12	Remembrance Sunday & Holy Communion

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

CALLING ALL SENIORS – Thursday, November 23rd, 9:30 am in Fleck Hall. This wellness day event, designed BY Seniors with sight loss FOR Seniors with sight loss. This is part of a community outreach service under the CNIB Foundation. If you are 55 or over, and having any difficulty with your vision, we would like to invite you to this free, one-day information programme to hear a panel of professionals, speaking about: Fraud, Nutrition, Sleeping Problems; Exercise and High and Low Technology. Please join us for a most interesting and informative day. Lunch and door prizes will be provided. **RSVP: by November 17, 2023 to Vera Orsini 1-800-563-2642 x 5144 or Email: vera.orsini@cnib.ca**

Reconciliation to Reconciliation – Saturday, November 25th, 11 am – 3 pm. at Chalmers Pres. Church (342 Pond Mills Rd.). Meet the PCC Moderator, The Reverend Mary Fontaine a Member of the Cree Nation and First Nations Friends from local First Nations Communities. We will share and gain knowledge of our People as People of God. A light lunch will be served. Please register by November 15th to wandamayrobinson@gmail.com All are welcome!



 **Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza** - As Palestine and Israel are mired in violence and suffering, PWS&D is prepared to respond to the humanitarian needs. The ongoing hostilities have created a humanitarian crisis, with homes, schools, medical facilities and crucial infrastructure having been extensively damaged or destroyed. The conflict has led to a significant mass displacement - 1.4 million out of Gaza's 2.2 million residents are currently displaced.

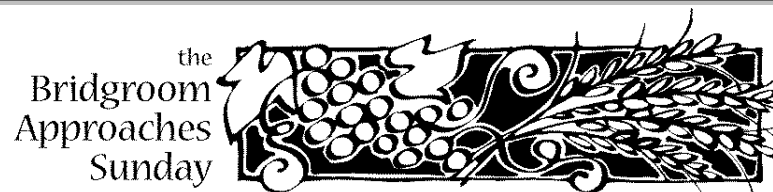
With the church leaders in the area, the PCC condemns all acts that target civilians, regardless of nationality, ethnicity, or faith.

PWS&D's humanitarian response will assist with shelter, food, livelihoods, emergency health, psychosocial and mental health support, as well as cash assistance to allow people to purchase the goods they require.

Donations made to PWS&D are eligible to be matched by the Government of Canada through the Humanitarian Coalition's Gaza Emergency appeal. Donations made between October 7 and November 12 will be matched, up to a total of \$10 million. *Stephanie Chunoo*



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November 5, 2023

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

*Hymn: **Father, we praise thee**

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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: **He leadeth me**

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Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Joshua 3:7-17** (pgs.228 -r, 209-w, 170-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **107:1-9**

***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 Thessalonians 2:9-13 (pgs. 1267-r, 1146-w, 959-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

St. Matthew 23:1-12 (pgs. 1062-r, 958-w, 804-NRSV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **O Master, let me walk with thee**

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Sermon

Anthem: Humble Service

arr. L.L. Fleming

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: **Lead on, O King eternal**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Let All Together Praise Our God

Healey Willan



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



PCC Daily Prayer –We pray for human rights educators and advocates that seek to protect human dignity and work for the flourishing of all people.



Stewardship Moment: Gratitude becomes a quality of our hearts that allows us to live joyfully and peacefully even though our struggles continue.
Rabbi Jonathan Sacks – philosopher, theologian, author.



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



A BIG THANK YOU to all those who volunteered their time to set up, price, sell and clean up at our *Annual Bazaar*. Also, a big thank you to those who donated baking, preserves, deli items and crafts. We couldn't do it without your support!
Dianne Walker & Joan Walsh



Mission Committee - For the months of November and

December, we will continue with our usual collection of hats, mitts and gloves for The Boys & Girls Club and we will also continue to collect men's socks for The Men's Mission. The mitten/sock tree will be up in place after our Remembrance Day service on November 12th. If you have contributions before the 12th, please put them in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you for your generous givings!

ELMWOOD LADIES FELLOWSHIP Meeting Tues. Nov. 7th at 2 p.m.

Speaker: Music Director, Bonnie Neaves. Come and meet Bonnie and also enjoy coffee, tea, goodies and conversation. All ladies welcome!

If possible, would you please bring one of the following for our church food cupboard

- cereal & cereal bars
- peanut butter
- instant coffee
- juice boxes
- canned meats & fish
- crackers
- bus tickets
- chunky, heat & serve soups, pastas & stews
- bathroom tissue
- hand/shower soap
- toothpaste

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for *Christmas in the Village, Dec. 2nd, 12 pm – 4 pm (11 am setup)*. Come join us in Fleck Hall! There will be crafts, cookie decorating and hot apple cider. We expect upwards of 300 of our friends and neighbours to attend. If you can be of assistance for any part of the day, please contact: Andrew McClenaghan at t.andrew.mcclenaghan@gmail.com or call/text: 519-860-9604

Religion and Science: Enemies, Strangers, or Partners? November 8, 15 & 22, 7 pm in Fleck Hall. Dr. Herb Gruning, who regularly worships with us, also teaches in the Faculty of Theology at Huron College. He will offer a series of talks on the relationship between Religion and Science. All are welcome to attend and to invite others who are interested in this important topic.