

## Dates To Remember

Oct. 1	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship meeting – 2:00 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
11	Session – 11 a.m. (Campbell Room)
13	Holy Communion
14	Happy Thanksgiving! – church office closed
20	Anniversary Sunday - <i>Celebrating 99 years!</i>
<i>Dew Drop In</i> - coffee/tea and conversation every Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Fleck Hall. Join us!	

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

**Are you canning?** – Please remember our **Fall Bazaar** scheduled for **November 2<sup>nd</sup>** and make some extra jars. It would be greatly appreciated! Jars are available. Your help is also needed with supplying our bake table with cakes, loaves, cookies, squares, pies and any other mouth-watering treats. Requesting gluten-free baking too.

**Also, requesting cookies for the Tea Room. Thank you!**



**For the months of September and October**, please consider donating school lunch items which will be delivered to Rotholme. This can include:

❖ **paper lunch bags**, ❖ **juice boxes** ❖ **snacks - individually wrapped**  
**EVERYTHING MUST BE PEANUT FREE. Thank you!**



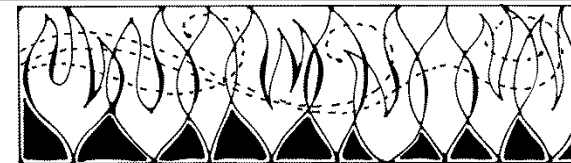
**September 30th is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada**, which began as Orange Shirt Day, a Survivor-led movement lifting up the need for reconciliation and honouring all the Indigenous children who were taken to residential schools.

Though the residential school system was in operation for over a hundred years, the roots of Orange Shirt Day began in 1973, when six-year-old Phyllis Webstad entered the St. Joseph Mission Residential School in B.C. Young Phyllis was wearing a brand-new and beloved orange shirt for her first day of school, but those running the school took her shirt and replaced it with the school's institutional uniform. The loss of an orange shirt has become symbolic of all that was taken from children at the schools—their language, culture, family and community relationships, safety, security, identity, and sometimes even their lives.

As Canadians and as members and employees of a church that ran 12 residential schools, we bear a collective responsibility to work for truth, for healing from the harms of intergenerational trauma and racism that we helped cause, and to seek justice for Indigenous peoples.



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**Don't Get  
in the Way!  
Sunday**

**September 29, 2024**

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.*

Organ Prelude: When morning gilds the skies

*arr. M. Sobaje*

Gentle Spirit

*Charles Callahan*

Improvisation on This little light of mine

*Charles Callahan*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

## **We Gather To Worship God**

Lighting of the Worship Candle

\*Call to Worship

Choral Introit

\*Hymn: **When morning gilds the skies**

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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: **To show by touch and word**

Solo: I lift my eyes to the quiet hills  
Mezzo Soprano: Kathy Pearson

## **Hear the Word of God**

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20--22**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

Responsive Psalm: **124**

**\*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: **James 5:13-20**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Lesson: **St. Mark 9:38-50**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

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

\*Hymn: **Lord, speak to me**

Sermon

Anthem: With Songs of Rejoicing

## **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: **Lord of light, whose name and splendour**

\*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Exultation on Holy Manna

*Gordon Young*



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



**Prayer Partnership** – We honour Survivors of Residential Schools, children who died because of Residential Schools and members of their families. Having rejected the doctrine of Discovery, we commit to walk in ways that will end anti-Indigenous racism.



**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:** There can be no deep discipleship without stewardship that changes our relationship to wealth and possessions.

*Rev. Rob Blezard, Lutheran minister*



## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**



**Today, following the worship service is the Reconciliation Luncheon. The Truth and Reconciliation Committee** is pleased

to announce that Grant Usher, of *The Imagine Build*, and two young brothers from the Oneida community, Walker John and Orion John, will be speaking at the luncheon. This is true reconciliation in action. We have responded to invitations to events at the Oneida Nation of the Thames and now they are reciprocating. It is an opportunity to hear directly how our donations have been used and are helping to bring positive change to the housing situation at Oneida. We encourage you to attend, to meet our neighbours, to contribute to the cause if you are able, and to enjoy the fellowship of having a meal together. See you there!

**Elmwood Ladies Fellowship** - looking forward to meeting again starting Tuesday, October 1 at 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact Marjorie Howell (519-457-3839).

**Early Warning** - The next issue of *Hark The Herald* is scheduled for mid-October. Contributions gratefully accepted - stories, jokes, photos, etc. Please put hard copies in mailbox E15 or drop off at the church office. Thank you! Deadline is Oct. 3, 2024

**Chance to win London Knights tickets!** As part of our 99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, A Millard George Funeral Home has kindly donated four tickets to the London Knights vs. Windsor Spitfires game on January 10, 2025. Draw will be held Anniversary Sunday, October 20, 2024. Stay tuned for more details!

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** - *Would like to donate flowers, or give cash donation for the purchase of flowers to beautify our sanctuary?* Forms on the bulletin board outside the office or contact Karen in the office. You may also contact Darlene ten Haaf (519-471-9354) should you require more information.