

Dates To Remember

Sept. 13	Session 11:00 a.m. (Campbell Room)
15	Food Bank Sunday
22	Anniversary Committee meeting following worship (Campbell Rm)
29	Truth & Reconciliation Luncheon following worship (Fleck Hall)

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



On behalf of the Southdale Chaplaincy, the Mission Committee thanks everyone who donated so generously and delivered the items requested to their location on Southdale Drive. This particular location distributes the items to their Southdale site as well as their site at Limberlost. Their needs are great and so is their thankfulness!

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!



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 **Reconciliation Luncheon following the worship service on September 29**. 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. It would be great to have a strong turnout from the congregation. See you there!



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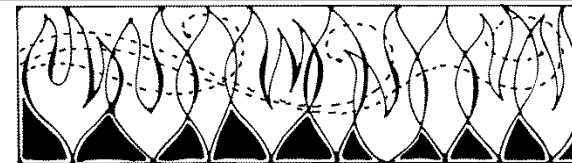
At Samuel House, a ministry of the Reformed Church in Romania, vulnerable children receive nutritious food and homework tutoring so that their potential can be realized in a caring Christian environment. Responding to God's call, Csilla Bertalan first opened the doors in June 2003 to welcome underprivileged children living in difficult circumstances. Csilla is grateful to God and partners for their support in transforming so many young lives. She shares, "I am grateful that the PCC has been standing beside us in this mission. Thank you!" Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing have been supporting Samuel House since 2014.



PCC Prayer - We pray for Samuel House, a ministry of the Reformed Church in Romania, and Csilla Bertalan, Director, as they serve underprivileged children in Romania.



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Ephphatha!
be Opened!
Sunday

September 8, 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: Three Gregorian Paraphrases
 Words of Welcome and Announcements

Denis Bédard

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

Choral Introit

*Hymn: **Christians, lift your hearts and voices**

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

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Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **125**

***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 2:1-10, 14-17**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: **St. Mark 7:24-37**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **Where cross the crowded ways of life**

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Sermon

Anthem: Let all the world in every corner sing

Bert Van der Hoek

We Respond in Faith and Service

*The Apostles' Creed (see front cover of the Book of Praise)

Prayers of Intercession

L: Lord, in your mercy

P: Hear our prayer

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Sanctus, Mystery of Faith (sung, see back cover of the Book of Praise)

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

Breaking of the Bread & Elevation of the Cup

Lamb of God (sung, see back cover of the Book of Praise)

Distribution of the Elements

Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn: **God of grace and God of glory**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Alla Marcia

Denis Bédard



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



Stewardship Moment: *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*
Matthew 6:21



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



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Sacrament of Holy Communion - Please sign in. All those baptized into Christ's Church are invited to the Lord's Table. We ask that you sign the attendance cards located in the pews. Session relies on these cards to maintain accurate records. Thank you. **Communion Wine:** Wine is available in the inner rings of the trays. Grape juice is the outer ring.

A big welcome back to our choir this morning! New members are welcome in every section. If you are interested in singing and warm fellowship, contact Music Director, Bonnie Neaves (519-685-6324) or meet her after the worship service.

Sunday, September 15 is Food Bank Sunday - If you would keep in mind that we are in need of some of the following items, it would be very much appreciated.

• chunky, heat & serve soups • canned meats & fish • peanut butter
• canned pastas & stews • cereal & cereal bars • juice boxes
• canned fruit & puddings cups • coffee • crackers • soaps
Leave your donations in the basket located in the Narthex. Thank you!

Are you canning? – Please remember our **Fall Bazaar** and make some extra jars. It would be greatly appreciated! Jars are available, but **small jars are needed** – Please leave small jars only in the servery. Also, please remember to work on your knitting and crafts. Thank you!

Don't forget to advise the church office of any changes of dates and/or times in your group or committee's meetings. Thank you!