Dates To Remember

Jan. 9	Dream Group – 4:00 p.m. (Campbell Room)
14	Baptism of the Lord - Holy Communion
15	Spirituality Group – 7:30 p.m. (Campbell Room)
17	Session – 7:30 p.m.
19	Tai Chi resumes – 10:30 a.m. (Fleck Hall)
21	Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton – vacation Jan. 20 - 31, 2018
	Guest Minister: Rev. David McKane - Jan. 21 & 28, 2018
	Food Bank Sunday

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

PWS&D **New Ways to Nourish Families -** Who better to learn new farming methods from than a farmer in your community? Through a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported farmer-to-farmer agroecology project in Malawi, farmers selected for training are able to share their agricultural knowledge with other families in their village. Techniques like composting and intercropping are helping women and men transform plots of land into thriving sources of nourishment. Since learning to plant groundnuts and pigeon peas together on one plot of land, farmer Abel has seen his soil's fertility improve and his yields double. He and his wife Mercy are incorporating the food they grow into new recipes. "Life has greatly changed for us," shares Abel.

PWS&D supports food security for smallholder farmers

We thank God for the many blessings we received and for God's unfailing love.

Information concerning the various groups within the congregation may be obtained by calling the church office.

*Bible Study * Board of Managers * Centering Prayer * Choir*
*Christian Education * Dream Group * Elmwood Ladies Fellowship*
*Library Committee * Men's Fellowship * Mission*
*Pastoral Care * Quilters * Session * Spirituality Group*
*Stewardship and Outreach * Work & Worship*

OUR PURPOSE

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.

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Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Monday – Friday

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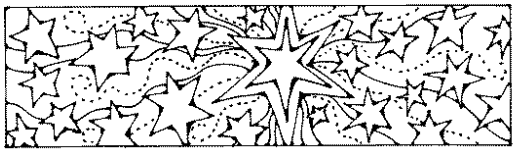
ELMWOOD AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Community Caring Christ

Sunday, January 7, 2018



Minister: Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
Director of Music: Lorraine Clark, A. Mus., B.Mus., B.Ed.
Organist Emeritus: Bert Van der Hoek, ARCCO

*If able, please stand where indicated with an * asterisk.*

Organ Prelude: Noel Huron *Denis Bédard*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Congregational Introit: Holy, holy, holy (verse 1) # 299

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: **As with gladness men of old** **# 172**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession
M: Lord, have mercy upon us
P: Christ, have mercy upon us
M: Lord, have mercy upon us

Prayer for the Day

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace
M: The Peace of Christ be with you all
P: And also with you

Children's Time

*Hymn: **What star is this** **# 170**

Choir Anthem: The Three Kings *Peter Cornelius*

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Isaiah 60:1-6** (pgs. 800-r, 723-w, 602-NRSV)

Responsive Psalm: **72:1-14** (Refrain I)

***Gloria Patri Hymn** # 594

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.
Amen

Scripture Readings: **Ephesians 3:1-12** (pgs. 1254-r, 1134-w, 950-NRSV)
St. Matthew 2:1-12 (pgs. 1036-r, 934-w, 783-NRSV)

M: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,
P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

We Respond in Faith and Service

*Hymn: **What child is this** **# 161**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
M: Lord, in your mercy
P: Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

Offering of our Gifts in Response

Offertory Solo: Mary, Did You Know? *Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene*
Soloist: Alistair McGhee

*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow # 830

*Prayer of Dedication

*****Hymn: **Songs of thankfulness and praise** **# 176**

*Commissioning and Benediction

*Choral Amen (congregation)

Organ Postlude: Noël *Louis-Claude Daquin*

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 for Coffee Hour in Fleck Hall.*** *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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

❖**Play Area** for children aged 0 – 7 during the worship service. It is currently unsupervised. An usher can direct you there.

❖**Holy Communion** – In 2018, Communion will be celebrated on the second Sunday of every month. The next occasion will be **January 14, 2018**.

❖**Bible Study** – has resumed and meets every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Campbell Room. All welcome.

❖**Elmwood Ladies Fellowship** – No meetings in January & February. Will resume March 6th.

❖**London Chaplaincy Update** – Thanks to the generous donations of groceries and cash, the Chaplaincy was able to fill and distribute 100 hampers to deserving families. The Chaplaincy was overwhelmed and delighted with the amount of groceries we collected here at Elmwood. We were also able to provide them with 16 strips of adult bus tickets, purchased with the money collected through the coin jar at our coffee hour. Thank you to everyone for their contributions. *Your Mission Committee.*

❖**Pop Can Tabs** – Please continue to save pop can tabs. The current project is a wheelchair for Brandon Postma. He is an 11 year old London boy with Cerebral Palsy. He is a fraternal twin with Justin and has two younger siblings. He attends Jean Vanier Separate School and is in grade seven this year. Brandon enjoys watching major league sports on TV, especially "The Toronto Maple Leafs". He also likes video games, swimming, camping and books. Every summer he spends the mornings at St. Thomas Conductive Camp, five days a week in August developing his particular skills and interests. So save your aluminum tabs and help Brandon acquire his new manual wheelchair!

❖**Annual Report** time is fast approaching. The 2017 written and financial forms are in your committees' mailbox. **Completion date is January 15, 2018….or earlier please!**

❖**Listen Again:** You can hear recordings of the latest sermons on our website. Visit www.elmwoodchurch.ca/media

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning have been placed by Carol Rayner and family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barry Rayner.

Stewardship Moment – Every time I take a step in the direction of generosity, I know I am moving from fear to love.

Henri Nouwen (1932-1996), theologian