

## Dates To Remember

<b>Sept. 29</b>	Tai Chi resumes – 10:30 a.m. All welcome!
<b>30</b>	Hospitality Breakfast – 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
<b>Oct. 1</b>	Holy Communion
<b>2</b>	Spirituality Group – 7:30 p.m. (Campbell Room)
<b>3</b>	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship – 2:00 p.m. (Fleck Hall)

### NOTE: FALL BAZAAR - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017

Please remember to work on your knitting, crafts, preserves etc.



On this **Presbyterians Sharing Sunday**, let us give thanks for the faithful generosity of congregations across Canada as we share in mission and ministry together.



**Presbyterians Sharing** is the national church fund that supports the mission and ministries we do together in Canada and around the world.

Presbyterians are sharing in a wide range of ministries from encouraging and equipping congregational renewal and development, to supporting inner city, native, refugee, urban, remote and chaplaincy ministries in Canada, to sending mission personnel to work with international partners.

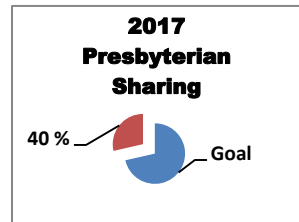
### 2017 Gifts to Presbyterian Sharing

**Goal: \$7,075,000**

Givings from congregations and individuals to July 31: **\$2,869,346 (40%)**

Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church's 2017 Goal: \$10,000

Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church's givings to August 31: \$6,090 (60.9 %)



**Stewardship Moment** – The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world that it leaves to its children.

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945), German Lutheran pastor, theologian*

## 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.

Information concerning the various groups within the congregation may be obtained by calling the church office – 519-438-3492

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

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the Last  
Will Be First  
Sunday



**Sunday, September 24, 2017**

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: Elevation

*Louis Vierne*

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: **Lord, whose love**

# 722

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

M: Lord, have mercy upon us

**P: Christ, have mercy upon us**

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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: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (see insert)

Choir Anthem: Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing

*Gordon Young*

## Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Exodus 16:2-15** (pgs.76-r, 70-w, 53-NRSV)

Responsive Psalm: **105:1-6, 37-45** (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: **Philippians 1:21-30** (pgs.1260-r, 1138-w, 953-NRSV)  
**Matthew 20:1-16** (pgs.1058-r, 954-w, 801-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: By gracious powers**

# 658

Prayers of Intercession

M: Lord, in your mercy

**P: Hear our prayer**

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

Offering of our Gifts in Response

Organ Offertory: Interlude in G Major

*L. Mourlan*

\*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow

# 830

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn: **All my hope on God is founded**

# 462

\*Commissioning and Benediction

\*Choral Amen (congregation)

Organ Postlude: Recessional in C

*Michael Helma*

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The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of Elaine and George Allen's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.



**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](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)

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

**Elmwood Ladies Fellowship Meeting – Tuesday, October 3 at 2:00 p.m.**

Speaker from the Palace Theater. Bring a few cookies. Remember Rotholme gifts. Everyone welcome!

**The Christmas Opera – “Amahl and the Night Visitors”** by Gian-Carlo

Menotti will be presented by Village Opera Company in conjunction with Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church on **Friday November 17** and **Sunday November 19 at 7:30 p.m.** The show is directed by Alistair McGhee with musical direction by Don Clark. Amahl will be played by Will Cramp and Denver Milner; the Mother – Katy Clark; Kaspar – Chris Fischer; Melchoir – Paul Grambo; Balthazar – Chad Louwerse.

Tickets are now on sale – Adults: \$25.00, Student and Children: \$10.00.

Tickets may be purchased in Fleck Hall on Sundays following the worship service; from our church office (Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.); from Tuckey's Home Hardware; or from Attic Books.

**October Is Sockathon Month** – Be ready with men's socks, new or gently used, when the “*Sock Tree*” appears. Bundles of sport socks can be purchased in many stores. Donations will be distributed to the Salvation Army and at our Community Breakfast program. *Elmwood Ladies Fellowship*

**Please put your spare change again into our coffee jar on Sundays.** We will save it to buy bus tickets for the Chaplaincy. Thanks so much!!

*Your Mission Committee*

**Hand in your popcan tabs TODAY** to Ann Fitchett (Box D-10). Thank you!

### 2017 Capital Projects Report:

<u>Projects</u>	<u>Spent to date</u>	<u>Receipts to date</u>
Organ refurbishment	26,360.45	4,180.00
Other projects	1,881.45	8,164.50
Total to date	28,242.10	12,344.50
Net shortfall in funding		15,897.60

Additional donations will be gratefully received and may be made through your offering envelopes. Please mark “Organ Repair” or “Capital Projects”. Thank you!

**Listen Again:** You can hear recordings of the latest sermons on our website. Visit [www.elmwoodchurch.ca/media](http://www.elmwoodchurch.ca/media)

**Here's a chance to get to know our neighbours.** We've been invited to share food and conversation at an ecumenical pot-luck and Agape Meal for Worldwide Communion Sunday at White Oaks United Church (1901 Jalna Boulevard) on **Sunday October 1 at 6:00 p.m.** Our neighbours from Wesley-Knox and Calvary United have also been invited to bring a dish and take part.