

Refugees would like to have the
same problems you have.



UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency

Canada

EAST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH



**June 24, 2018
World Refugee Day**

10:00 a.m.

THE PEOPLE GATHER...

...TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

*indicates where we stand in the service
(Feel free to remain seated if that helps you to worship better)

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

(A time of greeting with signs and words of welcome and peace.
When you hear the music start, we invite you to re-gather in the pews
and prepare for worship.)

The Peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.

Choir Introit: This Is the Day by M. Blankenship

EPUC Choir



We extend a special welcome to you today.

We're glad you are here. If you have any questions,
please ask one of the ushers who handed you this
bulletin, or use the yellow/white envelope in the pew.

2.

TO WORSHIP GOD...

Call to Worship:

Grace Boogers

One: In times of wandering

All: You guide us.

One: In times of drought

All: You feed us.

One: In times of weakness

All: You strengthen us.

One: In times of fearfulness

All: You comfort us.

One: For all the ways you care for us

All: We will forever give you thanks and praise.

***Hymn: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

VU #684

Christ Candle is Lit:

Prayer:

Blessed One, who bid all who carry heavy burdens to come to you, renew us in the power of your presence. Quiet our restlessness, and give our hearts peace by bringing us close to love eternal. Open to us, the will of God, the light of God's kingdom. Make us springs of strength and joy to all whom we serve, all of your children we pray. Amen.

Expressions from our Youth

...PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Exodus 3:1-12

Grace Boogers

Reflection

Rev. Alison

Sung Response: If Our God Had Simply Saved Us

(VU #131) v. 1

Scripture Exodus 6:1-9

Grace Boogers

Reflection

Rev. Alison

Sung Response: If Our God Had Simply Saved Us

(VU #131) v. 4

3.

Scripture Exodus 13:21–22

Grace Boogers

Reflection

Rev. Alison

Sung Response: If Our God Had Simply Saved Us

(VU #131) v. 15

Anthem: The Light of the World by D. Besig

EPUC Choir

...GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Life and Work of East Plains
(Announcements, Minute Person(s), Mission Minutes)

Invitation to Offering

Offering Song: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

VU #541

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern

Scripture Luke 11:1–4

Rev. Alison

Sung Refrain

Oh Lord, hear my prayer,

Oh Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me.

Oh Lord, hear my prayer,

Oh Lord, hear my prayer.

Come and listen to me.

Prayers of the People

We pray for the countries and regions that have hosted refugees. Knowing that refugee camps can be overcrowded, we pray for the continued safety of the camps and offer our thanks to those who work toward providing the basics of shelter, food, health care, and education.

Gracious and loving God,

Hear our prayers.

(Candle is lit)

4.

We pray for refugees who have held onto hope while facing death. And we pray for the millions of refugees around the world who have fled their homes in search of basic human needs. For those fleeing

domestic violence and gang violence. We give thanks for their strong faith and pray that they will find the security and stability we all seek.

Gracious and loving God,

Come, hear our prayers.

(Candle is lit)

We pray for the Internally Displaced People of Syria and all of the civilians that feel trapped in a war-torn country. We especially pray for the vulnerable among them.

Gracious and loving God,

Come, hear our prayers.

(Candle is lit)

We pray that all sides who are actively involved in fighting can find paths that lead to a peaceable solution. May their hearts be opened to the suffering of those they fight against.

Gracious and loving God,

Come, hear our prayers.

(Candle is lit)

We pray for the countless humanitarian workers who provide shelter, care, medical aid, and support to those affected by this long war. We give thanks for the work of our partners and the work of local churches that continue to support human rights for everyone through their various contributions. We continue to pray for the families supported and have been supported by East Plains United Church. The financial contributions, the support required to secure medical services, education and welcome into our community.

Gracious and loving God,

Come, hear our prayers.

(Candle is lit)

We pray

OFFICE NEWS

FUNERALS AND PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

July 1 to July 11 ~ Rev. Harold Wells
July 12 to July 19 ~ Rev. Leigh Olson
July 20 to August 11 ~ Rev. Harold Wells
August 12 to August 19 ~ Rev. Leigh Olson
August 20 to August 31 ~ Rev. Harold Wells

Contact Info:

Rev. Harold Wells (905) 639-4125 [Home] (905) 467-4507 [Cell]

Rev. Leigh Olson (416) 545-9712 Rev. Olson is the minister of
West Plains United Church

WORSHIP SERVICES ~ JULY

Worship Services during the month of JULY will be held at
WEST PLAINS UNITED CHURCH ~ Service at 10:30 a.m.
Everyone is welcome! East Plains congregation is looking forward
to worshipping with our Aldershot neighbours!

WORSHIP SERVICES ~ AUGUST

August 05 ~ Rev. David Winsor
August 12 ~ Rev. David Winsor
August 19 ~ Paul Chappel
August 26 ~ Rev. Harold Wells

OFFICE

**The Church Office will be closed during this period,
but telephones, e-mail and regular will be monitored frequently.**

WEEK OF JUNE 25, 2018 AT EAST PLAINS

Mon, June 25 8:30 am Men's Coffee Hour Campbell Room
 8:45 am Badminton Peart Hall

Tues, June 26 8:45 am Badminton Peart Hall

Wed, June 27 7:00 pm AA (Glenhaven Group) Rooms 10/11

Thurs, June 28 7:30 pm N.A. (Steps to Freedom) Rooms 10/11

Fri, June 29 NO EVENTS BOOKED

Sat. June 30 8:30 am Little Kickers Fellowship Hall

Sun, July 01 10:30 am **Worship Service **West Plains United Church****



Orders are Due today. During the summer, we will have only one order date in each July and August. Vista is only open one week each month and fewer folks are around to place orders. Our YTD Rebate is now \$835.25.

If you are unable to be in church on an order date, just call or email your order to me. We can work out payment later. Otherwise hand completed orders to me, Gayle Burnison (cheques payable to East Plains Support Group). Delivery is the following Sunday. Future order dates: July 29, August 19, September 9.

PRAYER CYCLE FOR THE CHURCHES IN HAMILTON CONFERENCE FOR THE COMING WEEK

As a Church, we have a ministry of intercessory prayer, a call to pray for each other and for the mission of the church in the world.

Please pray for...

St. Paul's, Oakville (Halton Presbytery)

ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE

Please pray for...**Kenya, Tanzania**

Welcome to East Plains United Church!

“At East Plains, we like to believe that strangers are friends we have yet to meet.”



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“As a community in Christ, we celebrate God with us and all creation, and commit ourselves to sharing the work of the spirit with our families, our neighbours and our world.”

~ Who Some of Us Are ~

Minister	:	Rev. Alison Nicholson
Chair of the Board	:	Jim McMaster
Music Director	:	Sabatino (Sam) Vacca
Church Custodian	:	Ken Pelletier
Church Administrator	:	Alyson Atkinson

SERVICES AVAILABLE



A nursery is available for your babies and toddlers. The nursery is located in the Christian Education wing of the Church. Please ask for assistance.



An elevator is available for your convenience, and can be accessed from the Plains Road parking lot.



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We would ask if you could avoid using any scents at Church, and thank you for helping others to worship better and breathe more easily.