

FREEDOM AT LAST!



**PORTAGE
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CHURCH**

10:00 AM – WORSHIPPING TOGETHER ONLINE

Praise & Worship

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2 : 6

6 And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.

Nothing But the Blood

Man of Sorrows

This is Amazing Grace

My Saviour's Love

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12 : 1- 2

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

2 We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honour beside God's throne.

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

Because He Lives

Church Life Prayer

Sermon — Freedom at Last!

Sermon Text — Hebrews 10 : 1- 10

Benediction

11:00 AM – FELLOWSHIP CAFÉ ONLINE VIA ZOOM



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April 12, 2020

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Care Givers of the Week: Dorothy Huebert & Heather Peters

Congratulations!!!

Ken and Dorothy Duerksen are pleased to announce the birth of their grandson—born April 6, 2020. Proud parents are Kevin and Staci Duerksen and big sister Emily Grace. They are welcoming Ethan Henry Anders Duerksen into their family. Thanking God for this precious child.

Prayer Update from ICOMB

Dear Friends,

COVID-19 is occupying us all to some extent, though the experience is not the same everywhere. But step by step all countries are joining together to isolate and prevent further spread of this disease. Will it be possible not only to stop it temporarily, but to eliminate the virus? Humanly speaking, it seems impossible. And if it is possible to achieve it, no one knows how long it will take.

National and world economies are suffering and millions of people will suffer. For many, financial ruin or hunger is already at the door. And who knows if tomorrow another virus with the same risk of infection will appear? Human nature invites us to be afraid, to take refuge in human strategies, to eagerly seek our own salvation, to worry and to blame others for our condition. But these thoughts and feelings are not good counselors.

Let us fix our eyes on the one who is above all threats. He tells us: "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love." (John 15:9) As the Father loves his son Jesus, so Jesus loves us. It is an indescribable love. The challenge is to remain in his love, in his presence. To remind us that he hears and sees our restlessness and wants to give us what our soul needs most: peace.

"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind has stayed on you, because it trusts you." (Isa 26:3). There is a peace that only God can offer. Let us set our eyes on Him and this peace will accompany us in this time. A peace that will make it possible for us to wait in God, make wise decisions, and take action guided by him.

Rudi Plett

Note: ICOMB is the International Community of Mennonite Brethren churches and a ministry we support as a church.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Need Help?

During this time of social distancing we would like to reach out to our church family. If you are elderly, have a pre-existing health condition making you vulnerable to illness, or are under self-quarantine, we would like to offer you help in this time of need. We have individuals who are looking to serve by helping to pick up groceries or prescriptions, run errands, or assist in other tasks you may not currently be able to do yourself. Please email or call the office if you need help or can offer help. We, as a church family, are committed to serving each other during these times.

Giving Options

1. mail in cheques
2. contact the office to set up a Pre-Authorized Withdrawal from your bank account
3. e-transfer to payments@pachurch.ca
4. go to pachurch.ca/donate and donate online via credit card

Thank you for your faithful giving!

"Hello From Home" video series

Did you get a chance to check out The Hub on our website and see videos posted in our "Hello From Home" section? We invite everyone from our church family to take a quick video of you and your family at home during this time on your phone to share with our church family. Please email videos to Jeremy@pachurch.ca.

Bible Reading Plan

Now is a great time to start or catch up on our church reading plan. For more information please go to www.pachurch.ca/bible/

Missionary Support As at April 8, 2020



NB: Quarterly support payments are sent only once pledge has been met.

Other Mission Income Received \$30,019

BIBLE READING PLAN

Sunday	April	5	Leviticus 9	Psalms 10
Monday	April	6	Leviticus 10	Psalms 11-12
Tuesday	April	7	Leviticus 11-12	Psalms 13-14
Wednesday	April	8	Leviticus 13	Psalms 15-16
Thursday	April	9	Leviticus 14	Psalms 17
Friday	April	10	Leviticus 15	Psalms 18
Saturday	April	11	Leviticus 16	Psalms 19
Sunday	April	12	Leviticus 17	Psalms 20-21
Monday	April	13	Leviticus 18	Psalms 22
Tuesday	April	14	Leviticus 19	Psalms 23-24
Wednesday	April	15	Leviticus 20	Psalms 25
Thursday	April	16	Leviticus 21	Psalms 26-27
Friday	April	17	Leviticus 22	Psalms 28-29
Saturday	April	18	Leviticus 23	Psalms 30
Sunday	April	19	Leviticus 24	Psalms 31
Monday	April	20	Leviticus 25	Psalms 32
Tuesday	April	21	Leviticus 26	Psalms 33
Wednesday	April	22	Leviticus 27	Psalms 34
Thursday	April	23	Numbers 1	Psalms 35
Friday	April	24	Numbers 2	Psalms 36
Saturday	April	25	Numbers 3	Psalms 37

Weekly Prayer Night

Fridays at 7:30pm

PRAYER ALERT

Pray for those who are shut-in

At home – Peter Brown, Erna Friesen, Rudy & Susanne Thiessen

Bethania – Jake & Betty Suderman, Mary Unger

Bethel Place – George Petkau, Agnes Pauls

Concordia Place – John E. Friesen

Concordia Village – Margaret Pospishell, Martha Thielman

Donwood Personal Care – Elvira Loewen, Louise (Lois) Peters, Martha Reimer, Helen Wiens, Peter Klassen

Donwood Manor Apartments – Arnold Teichrieb

Pembina Place – Helen Doerksen

Poseidon Personal Care – George Schmidt

Riverwood Square – John W. Sawatzky

Riverwood Square (Harmony Court) – Mary Bergen

Sturgeon Creek Retirement Residence – Bertha Toews

Tuxedo Villa Extended Care – Cornie Schroeder

Daily Bread, Bulletins & Library Books

Please let us know if you need a paper copy of the Daily Bread, bulletins or library books and we will do our best to drop those off for you at your home.

Donwood 50th Anniversary Fundraising Banquet—UPDATED

We sincerely hope you will join us from the comfort of your own home for a 45-minute online event revolving around the theme “A village without the elderly is like a well without water” (African proverb), featuring live music from Steve Bell, a message from Carolyn Klassen, and sharing from family members of Donwood residents.

Now, more than ever, we invite you to partner with us to provide financial support for the continuation of spiritual care and other key Donwood Foundation services during this challenging time for our most vulnerable population.

Please join us for a live event on Monday, April 27, 7pm. Simply go to <https://donwoodmanor.org/events>. Can't make it that night? No problem! Donations can be made directly on our website or you can mail in a cheque to the Donwood Foundation, 171 Donwood Dr, Wpg, MB, R2G 0V9. A charitable tax receipt will be issued for the full amount of your donation. A recording of the event will be made available on our website after the event.

