

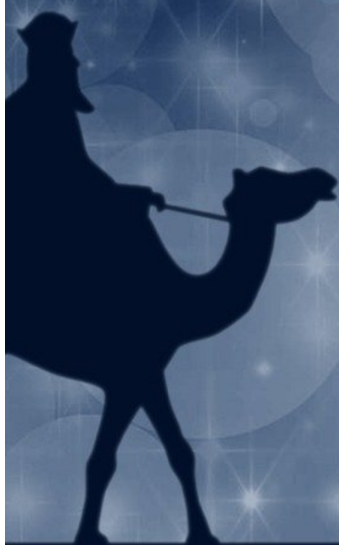
1st Advent - The Magi
November 29 @ 10am

2nd Advent - Mary & Joseph
December 6 @ 10am

3rd Advent - Mary & Elizabeth
December 13 @ 10am

4th Advent - Shepherds
December 20 @ 10am

Christmas Eve Service
December 24 @ 6pm



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**PORTAGE
AVENUE
CHURCH**

Christmas 2020



BIBLE READING PLAN

Sunday	Nov	6	2 Chronicles 7	2 John
Monday	Nov	7	2 Chronicles 8	3 John
Tuesday	Dec	8	2 Chronicles 9	Jude
Wednesday	Dec	9	2 Chronicles 10	Revelation 1
Thursday	Dec	10	2 Chronicles 11-12	Revelation 2
Friday	Dec	11	2 Chronicles 13	Revelation 3
Saturday	Dec	12	2 Chronicles 14-15	Revelation 4
Sunday	Dec	13	2 Chronicles 16	Revelation 5
Monday	Dec	14	2 Chronicles 17	Revelation 6
Tuesday	Dec	15	2 Chronicles 18	Revelation 7
Wednesday	Dec	16	2 Chronicles 19-20	Revelation 8
Thursday	Dec	17	2 Chronicles 21	Revelation 9
Friday	Dec	18	2 Chronicles 22-23	Revelation 10
Saturday	Dec	19	2 Chronicles 24	Revelation 11
Sunday	Dec	20	2 Chronicles 25	Revelation 12
Monday	Dec	21	2 Chronicles 26	Revelation 13
Tuesday	Dec	22	2 Chronicles 27-28	Revelation 14
Wednesday	Dec	23	2 Chronicles 29	Revelation 15
Thursday	Dec	24	2 Chronicles 30	Revelation 16
Friday	Dec	25	2 Chronicles 31	Revelation 17
Saturday	Dec	26	2 Chronicles 32	Revelation 18



How To Journal

- S** Scripture - write out the key thought, phrase or word that stands out to you
- O** Observations - write down your observations
- A** Applications - write out the application to your life
- P** Prayer - write a short prayer

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Care Giver of the Week: Dorothy Huebert & Heather Peters

Passing of our Church Family Member

Our prayers and condolences go out to the family and friends of Mary Unger who went to be with Jesus on Thursday, December 10. A private graveside service will be held on Thursday, December 17.

Save the Date - Christmas at Portage Avenue Church

This year we will be pre-recording our Christmas Eve service and it will be available for viewing on our website on Christmas Eve in the early evening. Please remember to set aside this time and join us in worshipping "God With Us."

Furniture Wanted - Praise Report

The Refugee Committee is happy to report that all needs were abundantly met for the request presented last week. Praise God and thank you for your generosity.

Office Closed

Our office will be closed on Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25. The office will also be closed on Friday, January 1.

PAC 2020 Dry Bean Update

For many years now, PAC has been purchasing dry beans or peas in bulk, and donating them to Winnipeg Harvest to help feed Manitoba's hungry. This year, due to pandemic restrictions, Harvest Manitoba (formerly Winnipeg Harvest) is unable to accept a bulk donation of dry beans or peas. As a result, PAC will not be purchasing dry beans or peas this year, but will instead seek to raise money to be forwarded to Harvest Manitoba.

Donations for this cause will be accepted by PAC until December 31, 2020, and must be designated for 'Harvest Manitoba.' These donations may be made either physically (i.e. cheques) or electronically (i.e. e-transfer or online.) Please ensure also that your donation is above-budget.

While COVID-19 has severely restricted Manitobans' ability to help the province's needy, the need itself has not decreased. In fact, it has only increased.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Christmas Jelly Bean drive

We want to make sure our church family is connecting and reaching out this Christmas even though we can't visit in person. We encourage you to contact at least 5 people this Christmas season with a phone call or by sending an encouraging card. They can be people you know in our church family or people in your community. Please call Pastor Scott and let him know who you contacted. For each person you contact we will put a jelly bean in our jar and you can watch it fill up with joy!

Thank You from Olive Branch Ministries

George and Bettie Teichrieb would like to thank the church family for letting them store the Olive Branch Ministries material in the church's choir room. After many years of ministry, they will be distributing the last of their material this year.

Donation Receipts & Giving Statements

Mailed donations must be postmarked December 31st to be included in 2020 receipts. Normally by this time you could expect a giving statement in your mailbox - for this year please sign in and check Church Connect to see what you have given in 2020. You may also call Melanie at the church office and she can let you know.

Financial Position **projected** to December 31, 2020

\$474,112 \$476,215 \$500,445



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\$2,104

YTD
Expenses

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This includes \$98,819 received from CEWS federal government subsidy plus \$5000 from Manitoba government Bridge grant. \$10,000 transferred to Major Repair Fund.

MISSION UPDATE - Rudi Plett (ICOMB)

Dear friends,

A high ranking politician once said to me: “I have learned to watch for whether other politicians want to be important or to be useful. It determines how they will work.”

Is this true only in politics? Is this not true in almost all areas where we work and serve? Is this not something very real also among pastors and leaders in the church? Am I driven by my desire for recognition, or by a desire to be useful to people and families for the life of the church, to spread the Gospel, and to be useful to my community and my country?

You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God’s temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor. 1 Peter 2:4 NLT

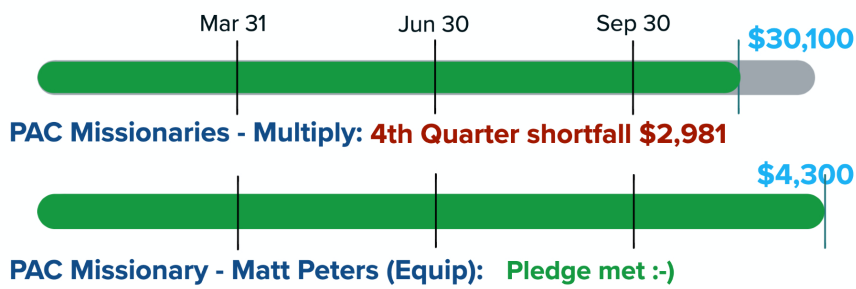
Jesus our Lord was meant for great honor, but that was not what he was looking for. He wanted to be part of the Father’s plan for us. By so being, he was rejected and despised, but God used him and honored him. Many recognized how important he is and honor him. And in eternity, every soul will recognize his importance.

We are celebrating Christmas: the coming of the Son of God, the King of Kings. His purpose from the beginning was to be useful in the will of the Father, not to be recognized as important.

Let us come to this King and follow his example. Let’s make this Christmas a time where we dedicate ourselves firstly to be useful, led by Jesus. Let’s let Jesus determine how and where we are celebrated for it. We are so important to him that he left heaven and gave his life for us. This is a great reason to celebrate on Christmas!

United in Christ, Rudi

Missionary Support As at December 10, 2020



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

Total Mission Income Received \$154,054

PRAYER ALERT

Pray for those who are in the hospital

Anne Kroeker - Victoria Hospital

Pray for those who are shut-in

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

Bethania - Jake & Betty Suderman, Mary Unger

Bethel Place - Agnes Pauls

Concordia Place - John E. Friesen

Concordia Village - Margaret Pospishell, Martha Tielmann

Deer Lodge Centre - Charlotte Liebig

Donwood Personal Care - Louise (Lois) Peters, Martha Reimer,
Helen Wiens

Donwood Manor Apartments - George Petkau

Pembina Place - Helen Doerksen

Riverwood Square - John W. Sawatzky

Riverwood Square (Harmony Court) - Mary Bergen

Sturgeon Creek Retirement Residence - Bertha Toews

Pray for UGM Students

This year, we as a church family are sponsoring two students from the inner-city to attend UGM's Faith Academy. Please pray that God continues to work in the lives of these students, and their families. Pray that parents would make responsible decisions in family matters. If you have questions about our students please call Gilbert Plante, the Family Ministries Manager at UGM at 204.586.7790 ext 306.

Sara - grade 12, birthday: May 27, 2003

- Pray for my Grandma. She isn't doing the greatest at the moment. Pray that she gets better. Pray that God would help provide money for Bible College. Pray for a good last school year!

Hannah - grade 6, birthday: November 1, 2009

- Pray for the school year that we will be cheerful and we will stay safe.

Prayer Night via Zoom

Please join us! You can call in to 204.272.7920 and enter the meeting ID 859 5515 4680, then wait and you will be connected.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85955154680>

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Use these questions for personal reflection or with your small group.

- 1.) When you make daily decisions, how can you respond with faith in God as opposed to worldly logical reasoning?
- 2.) How did you meet and experience the Grace of God?
- 3.) Thinking about your life situation right now, how can you step out in faith today?
- 4.) What stood out to you from the Word of God today?



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THIS WEEK

Sun. Dec 13	10:00 am	Worship Service (Advent #3) Speaker: Jennifer Choi
	11:15 am	Fellowship Café (Zoom)
	2:00 pm	PAC Korean Bible Study (Zoom)
Wed. Dec 16	7:30 pm	PAC Korean Praise & Worship (Zoom)
Fri. Dec 18	12:30 pm	Dads Zoom Meeting
	7:30 pm	Prayer Night (Zoom)
	8:00 pm	PAC YAY Zoom + Online Game

NEXT WEEK

Sun. Dec 20	10:00 am	Worship Service (Advent #4) Speaker: Jedidiah Carpentier
	11:15 am	Fellowship Café (Zoom)
	2:00 pm	PAC Korean Bible Study (Zoom) Melanie on vacation Dec 22-23
Wed. Dec 23	7:30 pm	PAC Korean Praise & Worship (Zoom)
Thurs. Dec 24	Office Closed	
	6:00pm	Christmas Eve Service Online
Fri. Dec 25	Office Closed	

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