

DO YOU SEE  
WHAT I SEE?



December 25, 2022

# BIBLE READING PLAN

December

8	Hosea 10 - 14	Jude 1	Ps 127	Pr 29:15-17
9	Joel 1 - 3	Rev 1	Ps 128	Pr 29:18
10	Amos 1 - 3	Rev 2:1-17	Ps 129	Pr 29:19-20
11	Amos 4 - 6	Rev 2:18-3:6	Ps 130	Pr 29:21-22
12	Amos 7 - 9	Rev 3:7-22	Ps 131	Pr 29:23
13	Obadiah 1	Rev 4	Ps 132	Pr 29:24-25
14	Jonah 1 - 4	Rev 5	Ps 133	Pr 29:26-27
15	Micah 1- 4	Rev 6	Ps 134	Pr 30:1-4
16	Micah 5 - 7	Rev 7	Ps 135	Pr 30:5-6
17	Nahum 1 - 3	Rev 8	Ps 136	Pr 30:7-9
18	Habakkuk 1 - 3	Rev 9	Ps 137	Pr 30:10
19	Zeph 1 - 3	Rev 10	Ps 138	Pr 30:11-14
20	Haggai 1 - 2	Rev 11	Ps 139	Pr 30:15-16
21	Zechariah 1	Rev 12	Ps 140	Pr 30:17
22	Zech 2 - 3	Rev 13	Ps 141	Pr 30:18-20
23	Zech 4 - 5	Rev 14	Ps 142	Pr 30:21-23
24	Zech 6 - 7	Rev 15	Ps 143	Pr 30:24-28
25	Zech 8	Rev 16	Ps 144	Pr 30:29-31
26	Zech 9	Rev 17	Ps 145	Pr 30:32
27	Zech 10 - 11	Rev 18	Ps 146	Pr 30:33
28	Zech 12 - 13	Rev 19	Ps 147	Pr 31:1-7
29	Zech 14	Rev 20	Ps 148	Pr 31:8-9
30	Malachi 1 - 2	Rev 21	Ps 149	Pr 31:10-24
31	Malachi 3 - 4	Rev 22	Ps 150	Pr 31:25-31

## 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

## **Christmas Break for Ministries**

Most of our ministries are pausing for Christmas. The Seniors Exercise class will restart on January 10. The Conversational English class will restart on January 13. Other ministries will be setting their restart dates soon so keep an eye out for them in January.

## **Condolences**

Our condolences to Jean Jun and Phillip Kim on the loss of Jean's father, Phillip's grandfather. Let's keep their family in our prayers as they travel in Korea.

## **Bean Drive for Harvest Manitoba**

Thank you for your support for the bean drive for Harvest Manitoba which will be feeding hungry families in soup kitchens by providing a split yellow peas, an important source of nutrition. A reminder that we have until January 8th to donate towards this important cause. And in case you're curious what can be made with these split peas, you can find a delicious pea soup recipe in our weekly update email.

**Did You Know?** - We send out a weekly email with all sorts of helpful information. Contact [jeremy@pachurch.ca](mailto:jeremy@pachurch.ca) to be added to the weekly update email if you aren't currently receiving it.



## **BEAN DRIVE FOR HARVEST MANITOBA**

*Help provide nutritious beans for Manitoba's soup kitchens. Designate your donation to "Bean Drive" before January 8 to help feed families in need.*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Refugee Committee Update

An Afghan refugee family - mother, father and four daughters - have arrived in Winnipeg. We have been reviewing our donations and there are a few things that we need:

- An area rug
- An iron
- An infant's cot
- An infant's high chair
- A winter jacket, size M
- A winter jacket, to suit 9-10 years
- A winter jacket, to suit 2-3 years

If you can provide any of these, please contact Norman Cameron

**Last Sunday for 2022 donations** - A reminder that this is the last Sunday to make a donation that will count towards the 2022 tax donation receipts.

**Library News** - parents, there are lots of Christmas books on the table in the foyer for you to sign out for your children, so come and have a look! And there are some items for adults as well.

**Office Closed** - Please note that the office will be closed December 27 & 28. Melanie is on vacation December 21 - January 9.



*Stepping Up*

**FREE SENIORS EXERCISE CLASS**

*Starting January 10*

# MISSION UPDATE - ICOMB

## **Bearers of a new reality**

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!

- Luke 1:39-45

We are getting ready to commemorate and celebrate Christmas and in the passage chosen for this reflection the author presents two women, Elizabeth and Mary. Elizabeth does something unexpectedly striking, she makes a social, traditional and even religious turnaround, for she opens her arms and her home to a relative whom her neighbors would expect her to reject, yet she welcomes her, receives her instead of shaming her, blesses her and they celebrate together, treating her with more honor than herself, so this pregnancy that might have shamed Mary brings joy and honor. When Elizabeth welcomes Mary she practices the same kind of love that Jesus will later show to prostitutes and sinners. Beyond the shame of Mary's situation, to the reality of God's love in action, even among those whom society rejects and excludes not only welcomes her, but also blesses her.

This invites us to reflect on our own openness to the many ways God chooses to act in our world. This is the God of surprises. What is God doing through unexpected people in our society today? Where is God working through people whom our neighbors and peers often exclude or treat as shameful? Will we listen for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit when these bearers of God's new reality appear and are knocking on our doors or the doors of our temples? Elizabeth not only welcomes, but also blesses.

View the rest of this update, and our other mission updates, on the mission board in the foyer, or at [pachurch.ca/missions](http://pachurch.ca/missions)

# PRAYER ALERT

## Pray for those who are shut-in and in hospital

Bethania - Mary Witzke, Erna Friesen

Bethel Place - Agnes Pauls

Concordia Place - John E. Friesen

Concordia Village - Martha Tielmann

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

Pembina Place - Helen Doerksen

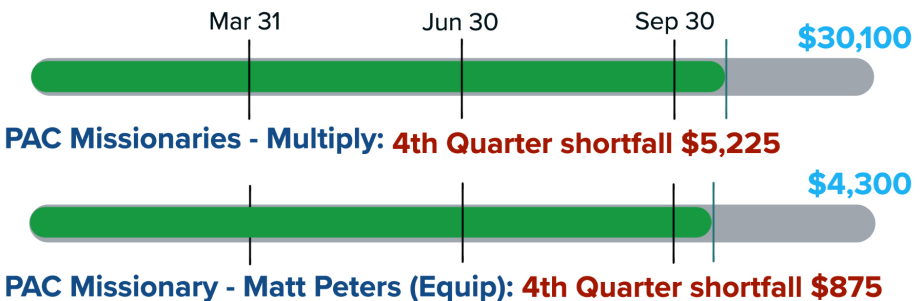
Sturgeon Creek Retirement Residence - Bertha Toews

## Please pray:

- For Jean Jun & Phillip Kim who are traveling to Korea and mourning the loss of Jean's father (Phillip's grandfather).
- For improved health for Ann Hildebrand
- For Anita Beers who is doing well following surgery and treatment, but is still undergoing further treatment
- For Emily Cook as she raises support to work at YFC
- For Marie Dueck as she recovers from stroke at home
- For Jim & Melanie Penner and family as Jim continues to recover from stroke at home
- For Pastor Jedidiah's mother, who is recovering from a stroke.

**Prayer Request for Square One World Media** - Pray that many people would access the media of Square One World Media and hear the Good News of Christmas: that Jesus is the Light of the World!

## Missionary Support As Of Dec 14, 2022



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

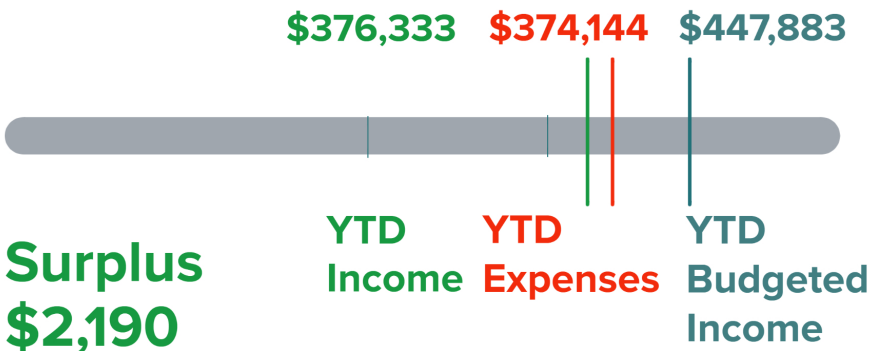
**Total Mission Income Received \$168,589**

# LOOKING FORWARD

We're looking forward to an all new Bible Reading plan, starting January 1. Our next Bible reading plan will take a different approach than past years, and will focus on just one chapter a day. This makes it super easy to get into the Word, and will spread the entire Bible out over three years of reading. We're making each daily reading shorter in the hopes that we can get the whole church reading the Bible each day, even amidst busy schedules, but you can always add more passages to your personal devotion time if you'd like to read more.

The reading plan will be available in the bulletin, on our church website at [pachurch.ca/bible](http://pachurch.ca/bible), on Church Connect, and in the Bible app.

## 2022 Projected Expenses vs Actual Income



# THIS WEEK

	Melanie on vacation Dec. 21-Jan. 9
	Phillip on vacation Dec. 19-Jan. 7
Sun. Dec 25	10:00 am Worship Service No Fellowship Cafe
Tue. Dec 27	Office Closed in Lieu of Christmas Eve
Wed. Dec 28	Office Closed in Lieu of Christmas Day 7:30 pm PAC Korean Worship Service
Thurs. Dec 29	10:00 am Staff Meeting
Sat. Dec 31	8:00 pm PAC Korean New Years Eve Worship

# NEXT WEEK

	Melanie on vacation Dec. 21-Jan. 9
	Phillip on vacation Dec. 19-Jan. 7
Sun. Jan 1	10:00 am Worship Service Fellowship Cafe
Tue. Jan 3	Office Closed in Lieu of New Years Day
Wed. Jan 4	2:30 pm Prayer Time 7:30 pm PAC Korean Worship Service
Thurs. Jan 5	10:00 am Staff Meeting
Fri. Jan 6	9:30 am PAC Homeschool Group 7:00 pm PAC Youth (Alien Night Squadron)

Contact Us: Office: 204.774.4414

Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9 am-3 pm

Lead Pastor – Jedidiah Carpentier – Ext. 1

[jedidiah@pachurch.ca](mailto:jedidiah@pachurch.ca)

Cross Cultural Associate Pastor – Jennifer Choi – Ext. 3

[jchoi@pachurch.ca](mailto:jchoi@pachurch.ca)

Director of Worship & Media – Jeremy Penner – Ext. 4

[jeremy@pachurch.ca](mailto:jeremy@pachurch.ca)

Administrative Director – Melanie Penner – Ext. 0

[office@pachurch.ca](mailto:office@pachurch.ca)

Pastoral Intern - Philip (Heechan) Kim

[philip@pachurch.ca](mailto:philip@pachurch.ca)

Prayer Line – Ext. 5

Fellowship Line – Ext. 6

General Information and Church Hours – Ext. 7



## Portage Avenue Church

A Mennonite Brethren Church

1420 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3G 0W2

Email: [office@pachurch.ca](mailto:office@pachurch.ca) Web: [www.pachurch.ca](http://www.pachurch.ca)