



# Celebration Service



PORTAGE  
AVENUE  
CHURCH

Testimony Sunday, March 5, 2023

# CHAPTER-A-DAY BIBLE READING PLAN

We want to read the Bible together! Join us in following this reading plan, which you can also find on our church website at [pachurch.ca/bible](http://pachurch.ca/bible), on Church Connect, and in the Bible app. The full three year plan is now available on the information booth.

March	1	Genesis	39
March	2	Genesis	40
March	3	Psalms	10-12
March	4	Proverbs	3
March	5	Genesis	41
March	6	Genesis	42
March	7	Matthew	16
March	8	Genesis	43
March	9	Genesis	44
March	10	Matthew	17
March	11	Genesis	45
March	12	Genesis	46
March	13	Matthew	18
March	14	Genesis	47
March	15	Genesis	48

March	16	Psalms	13-15
March	17	Genesis	49
March	18	Genesis	50
March	19	Matthew	19
March	20	Exodus	1
March	21	Exodus	2
March	22	Matthew	20
March	23	Exodus	3
March	24	Exodus	4
March	25	Matthew	21
March	26	Exodus	5
March	27	Exodus	6
March	28	Psalms	16-17
March	29	Exodus	7
March	30	Exodus	8
March	31	Matthew	22



Spring  
FORWARD

THE DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE  
HAPPENS NEXT SUNDAY

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Caregivers of the Week:** Dorothy Huebert & Heather Peters

## **Celebration Sunday**

We are excited to welcome the Anwari family into our faith family as they share their testimonies today!

**Livestream Availability** - Due to the sensitive region involved, this week's service is not being broadcast online like normal. It will not be available on our website or on Facebook. However, you can still tune in to the service at 10am using Zoom, by going to [pachurch.ca/zoom](https://pachurch.ca/zoom)

**Knit & Knead** - the next Knit & Knead (Women's Fellowship) is Saturday, March 18, at 10am

## **Spring Forward - daylight savings times**

Remember: next Sunday the clocks will be moving ahead an hour

## **New Bible Study - Sundays at 11:45am - starting today**

We have a new Bible study that everyone is welcome to join. Don & Eileen Kroeker are facilitating this study to help provide a place where anyone can study, reflect, and discuss the Bible together. If you have questions, talk to Don or Eileen, or contact the church office. The first session is today, in Room 14.



Starting March 5

# BIBLE STUDY

Discussion, reflection, fellowship  
Every Sunday at 11:45am  
Join us in Room 14

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## **Thank you and praise report!**

Anita Beers would like to thank the church family for your prayers. Praise the Lord that she is now cancer free, she doesn't need to see the doctor for six months and no longer needs medication.

## **Interchurch Prayer Vigil for Peace in Ukraine**

There will be a prayer vigil for peace in Ukraine on Sunday, March 5, at 3pm. This will take place in Buntain Chapel at Calvary Temple, 440 Hargrave Street.

**Men's Breakfast** - the next Men's Breakfast will be March 25

**Grief Share starting soon** - our grief share ministry will be starting up again on March 11.

**Job Opportunity** - We have an immediate need for a part-time person to join our team in taking care of facility events and would love to meet with you! The working hours will be flexible. Please submit your resume or a letter of interest with your contact information to our church office and to Attention: Personnel.



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# LOOKING FORWARD

We're excited to announce that at our last church council meeting, council approved a new resource for our church, an online program called Right Now Media, which will help provide our church with tons of content, like bible study videos, devotionals for spiritual development, shows for kids, etc. There is a ton of material available, which all will be free for all of our church family to access. We are excited to unveil this to you next Sunday!

Council also set a date for an April 30th financial meeting, which will happen after a potluck lunch. At this meeting we will be prayerfully deciding on missionaries for the upcoming year, reviewing the 2022 finances, and discussing a few other financial matters for the future.

**Tax Filing Class in March** - Portage Avenue Church will soon be hosting income tax preparation clinics. We will have volunteers on hand to prepare tax returns for those with modest incomes and simple tax situations. If you have any questions and/or would like to volunteer to assist, please contact Kathy Fehr.



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## Need help filing your taxes?

Portage Avenue Church will be hosting income tax preparation clinics, starting in March. More details will be coming in the following weeks. If you have any questions and/or would like to volunteer to assist, please contact Kathy Fehr.

# 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 Susanne Thiessen who has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing immediate treatment
- For Mclvor church and Pastor Scott Koop who is taking on the role of interim pastor there as they are in a period of transition
- For Bettie Teichrieb who is awaiting an angiogram appointment
- For improved health for Ann Hildebrand
- 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.

# INTERCHURCH PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

**Sunday, March 5**  
**3:00 p.m.**

Calvary Temple  
Buntain chapel

440 Hargrave street, Winnipeg  
(entrance from the back parking lot)



# Refugee Ministry Update – March 2023

As you will hear today, the Anwari family, sponsored by our church, arrived in Winnipeg just before Christmas. Now he has an excellent job, his children are in school and doing well, and he told us a few days ago that from March 1st he won't need any more financial support from PAC.

Now we are expecting two more families. Since they will still be in danger until they step on the plane going to Canada, we won't use their real names. The next family we are expecting to come is a couple, husband and wife, Adam and Eve. Then there is another family coming: the father, who we will call Benjamin, together with his wife and three children. Both families are Afghan Christians.

Now we need donations to support both families when they arrive - we have an obligation to support them for a full year, if they don't become self-supporting before the year is out. As you know, we have a Refugee Fund. We will be setting up a separate account for each family to track all financial activities.

Adam and Eve will require a total of \$21,800 to support them for a full year. Benjamin and his family will require rather more than this. Our immediate target is to raise \$21,800, so that we can be confident of supporting the family without dipping into the legacy funds (we can only spend these funds once!). Portage Avenue Church has an enviable record of meeting our refugees' needs without dipping into reserves, and we hope we can keep this up. So we are appealing for donations from the congregation.

Please designate your donations for the Refugee Fund. All donations will be receipted.

We will give you a regular update until we meet the required sum. Currently, we are only asking for money. Later we will ask for practical help and specific household items.

The Lord has blessed this ministry and we pray that we remain faithful.

# THIS WEEK

Sun. Mar 5	10:00 am	Celebration Service & Communion
	11:15 am	Fellowship Cafe
	11:45 am	Bible Studies
Tue. Mar 7	2:00 pm	“Stepping Up” Seniors Exercise Class
Wed. Mar 8	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	2:00 pm	Prayer Time
	5:30 pm	Korean Language Ministry
	7:30 pm	PAC Korean Worship Service
March 9-26		Jeremy away on vacation
Fri. Mar 10	6:00 pm	Conversational English
Sat. Mar 11	2:30 pm	Grief Share

# NEXT WEEK

		Jeremy away March 9-26
Sun. Mar 12	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Fellowship Cafe
	11:45 am	Bible Studies
	12:00 pm	PAC Korean Fellowship
Tue. Mar 14	2:00 pm	“Stepping Up” Seniors Exercise Class
Wed. Mar 15	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	2:00 pm	Prayer Time
	5:30 pm	Korean Language Ministry
	7:30 pm	PAC Korean Worship Service
Fri. Mar 17	10:00 am	PAC Homeschool Group
	6:00 pm	Conversational English
Sat. Mar 18	10:00 am	Knit & Knead
	2:30 pm	Grief Share



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