

A THANKFUL HEART CREATES A WORSHIPFUL POSTURE



**PORTAGE
AVENUE
CHURCH**

October 8, 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, on Church Connect, and in the Bible app. The full three year plan is now available on the information booth.

October 1	1 Corinthians	4	October 16	1 Corinthians	8
October 2	Deuteronomy	23	October 17	Deuteronomy	33
October 3	Deuteronomy	24	October 18	Deuteronomy	34
October 4	1 Corinthians	5	October 19	1 Corinthians	9
October 5	Deuteronomy	25	October 20	Joshua	1
October 6	Deuteronomy	26	October 21	Joshua	2
October 7	1 Corinthians	6	October 22	Psalms	44-45
October 8	Deuteronomy	27	October 23	Joshua	3
October 9	Deuteronomy	28	October 24	Joshua	4
October 10	Psalms	42-43	October 25	1 Corinthians	10
October 11	Deuteronomy	29	October 26	Joshua	5
October 12	Deuteronomy	30	October 27	Joshua	6
October 13	1 Corinthians	7	October 28	1 Corinthians	11
October 14	Deuteronomy	31	October 29	Joshua	7
October 15	Deuteronomy	32	October 30	Joshua	8
			October 31	1 Corinthians	12

If you're using the Bible app, please sign up for the next quarter of the reading plan



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Caregivers of the Week: Esther Braun & Sandy Bell

Condolences - our condolences to Marilyn and Norman Cameron, as Marilyn's brother-in-law passed away this week. Let's be in prayer for the family.

Thanksgiving Potluck - today is our Thanksgiving potluck, downstairs following the service... if you're new or just forgot to bring a dish, we should have plenty of food so please join us!

Thanksgiving Donations - Today if you designate your donations to "Thanksgiving Donations" it will go towards supporting these missions: ICOMB - 30%, Multiply - 30%, Square One World Media - 20%, YWAM - 20%

How to get to church during a marathon? - Next Sunday there's a Marathon coming past the church, which makes it difficult to get into the parking lot. You will need to take an alternate route by going to Craig Street and using the back lane to approach the church and cross Raglan. See the map below. We are also looking for a few volunteers to help guide drivers from Portage into our parking lot. Contact jeremy@pachurch.ca if you can help.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Accommodation for Refugees

We expect a number of Afghan refugee families to arrive in Winnipeg before Christmas. One of the families has seven children, so we will be looking for a four bedroom house or apartment. It will be quite a challenge to find one. If you are aware of such a house or apartment available for a moderate rent, please contact Norman Cameron.

Meal Train for Carpentier Family - Amilia Choi is organizing a meal train for the Carpentiers... contact her to sign up to bring a meal, or go to mealtrain.com/trains/nvloec

Change of Address - please note that Anni Duerksen has moved. Contact her or the church office for her new address.

Donwood Soup & Pie Fundraiser - October 20th: 11 am - 2 pm

Email receptionist@donwoodmanor.org for book seats or for more information

Winnipeg Walks: October 21 at 10am

A walk along the Assiniboine, with a chance to see the numerous historic buildings and monuments in the vicinity of the Leg. Register at pachurch.ca/connect to be emailed further instructions on where exactly to meet.



Stepping Up

FREE SENIORS EXERCISE CLASS



LOOKING FORWARD

We are all looking forward to meeting a new baby girl! Pastor Jedidiah sent this update to our staff:

“To our wonderful surprise it was a girl! 😊 She arrived late last night, October 1st. Her name is Tabitha Everleigh Carpentier. Baby is healthy and we are blessed. There will be lots of Carpentier women in this world sharing the good news of Jesus. 😊 She weighed in at 9lbs 7 ounces and was 22 inches long.”

We rejoice with the Carpentiers and pray for their family as they settle in to life with a newborn!

We are in the days that listening to God is crucial for every believer. When we are not listening to God, but listening to others, the enemy or our own rationalizing minds, we will live in fear. Every believer has the right to hear God's voice. Are we listening?



Listening to God

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

November 7 - December 12

\$20 a person

Register at pachurch.ca/connect
or on the information booth

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PRAYER ALERT

Pray for those who are shut-in:

Bethania - Mary Witzke, Erna Friesen, Frank Duerksen

Bethel Place - Agnes Pauls

Concordia Place - John E. Friesen

Concordia Village - Martha Tielmann

Donwood Personal Care - Helen Wiens

Pembina Place - Helen Doerksen

Sturgeon Creek Retirement Residence - Bertha Toews

Please also pray:

- Marilyn & Norman Cameron, as Marilyn's brother-in-law passed away this week
- For Phyllis Reynar, who is still recovering from the hospital
- For Randi Neufeld, who had surgery and is recovering at home
- For Agatha Froese, who is at Deer Lodge, in need of healing
- For Ruth Pauls, who is home from hospital but still recovering
- For Jon Dyck, who is struggling with sciatic nerve pain
- For Emily Cook as she raises support to work at YFC
- For Marie Dueck as she recovers from stroke at home
- For Jim Penner as he continues to recover from stroke
- For Pastor Jedidiah's mother, who is recovering from a stroke.



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2023 - 2024 Korean Class

You can
join us
at anytime!

[Place]
Portage Avenue Church
1420 Portage Ave

[Registration]
Registration is free for everyone.
However, there is a \$20 fee for
material cost per person.
Please use the following QR to
register for the following year.



MISSION UPDATE - Vision for Mission

I was driving my friend Robert to the airport and I used the hour to grill him on how to make disciples. Back in Uganda, he cares for over a hundred pastors, several dozen orphans, and he does evangelism in prisons – a good range of experiences to explore.

“Well, first, I listen to their story....” Robert tells me. And I’m like, “Yeah, of course, but how do you disciple them?”

The next day I had an appointment with my physiotherapist. She has an effective but unusual approach, which requires convincing people that their knee injury, for example, isn’t the real problem. Rather, it’s just a symptom of their ribs being out of alignment. What!?! Anyways, I asked her how she “converts” her clients.

“Well, first, I listen to their story....” she tells me. And I’m like, “Wait. You what? Why?”

She explained that she spends more than half of the first hour-long appointment understanding their story. She’s looking for beliefs or feelings that will get in the way of their treatment. And then every time they come back, like she does with me, it’s not, “How’s your knee?”, but it’s “How have your last couple of weeks been?”

Then I checked with another friend who has thousands of interactions with unbelievers each year. “Oh yeah, there are many things I vary in my approach, but 100% of the time I’ll get their story first.” The others said similar things. Why are they doing that?

Stories build our faith. Well, let me specify: stories about God and his love build our faith. Often people tell their stories as if God was not with them in their suffering, which is never true. When we help them recognize where God was in their story, and pray that Jesus would show them how he was with them in their journey, they can believe he’s with them now and will be with them in the future. Stories give us the context for discipleship. When we love people, we listen to them, see where God’s at work, and then we join in their stories. We don’t ask people how they’re doing to be polite before we get on with the meeting, we love them where they’re at. That is the meeting.

Doug Penner - Director of Global Mission

THIS WEEK

Sun. Oct 8	10:00 am	Missions/Thanksgiving Worship Service
	11:15 am	Thanksgiving Potluck
Mon - Fri	5:00 am	PAC Korean Zoom Prayer Meeting
	9:00 pm	PAC Korean Zoom Bible Reading
Tue. Oct 10	Office Closed in Lieu of Thanksgiving	
	2:30 pm	Seniors Exercise Class
Wed. Oct 11	2:00 pm	Prayer Time
	5:30 pm	Korean Language Ministry
	7:30 pm	Korean Fellowship Worship Service
Thurs. Oct 12	7:00 pm	PAC Youth
Fri. Oct 13	6:00 pm	Conversational English
Sat. Oct 14	2:30 pm	Grief Share
	6:30 pm	Recently Married Group

NEXT WEEK

Sun. Oct 15	7:00 am	Marathon (affects access to parking lot)
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:45 am	Bible Studies
Mon - Fri	5:00 am	PAC Korean Zoom Prayer Meeting
	9:00 pm	PAC Korean Zoom Bible Reading
Tue. Oct 17	2:00 pm	Seniors Exercise Class
Wed. Oct 18	2:00 pm	Prayer Time
	5:30 pm	Korean Language Ministry
	7:30 pm	Korean Fellowship Worship Service
Thurs. Oct 19	7:00 pm	PAC Youth
Fri. Oct 20	6:00 pm	Conversational English
Sat. Oct 21	10:00 am	Winnipeg Walks
	2:30 pm	Grief Share
	6:00 pm	Slavic Fellowship



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