



Advent 2023

Hope, Peace, Joy, & Love

December 3 @ 10am - Hope

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December 10 @ 10am - Peace

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December 24 @ 10am - Love

December 24 @ 6pm - Christmas Eve Service

December 3 - Hope

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.

November	16	1 Corinthians	16
November	17	Joshua	19
November	18	Joshua	20
November	19	Psalms	48-49
November	20	Joshua	21
November	21	1 Timothy	1
November	22	Joshua	22
November	23	Joshua	23
November	24	Joshua	24
November	25	1 Timothy	2
November	26	Judges	1
November	27	Judges	2
November	28	1 Timothy	3
November	29	Judges	3
November	30	Judges	4

December	1	Psalms	50
December	2	Proverbs	12
December	3	Judges	5
December	4	Judges	6
December	5	1 Timothy	4
December	6	Judges	7
December	7	Judges	8
December	8	1 Timothy	5
December	9	Judges	9
December	10	Judges	10
December	11	1 Timothy	6
December	12	Judges	11
December	13	Judges	12
December	14	Psalms	51-53
December	15	Judges	13

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

Day of Prayer

Friday, December 8

5am - 10pm

Drop in during the day and pray with us in the sanctuary for all of PAC's ministries, people and operations.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Caregivers of the Week: Rick & Kathy Penner

55+ Christmas Carol Sing - December 9 @ 2pm

Join our crew of 55+ for some casual Christmas carolling and visiting with some refreshments. Despite the name, there is no minimum age to attend! There are postcards on the bulletin board to share with friends.

Upcoming Day of Prayer - December 8

We are committing our church into God's hands and bathing our church in prayer, focusing on praying for our church ministries, staff, volunteers, and everything else we can think of! The church will be open all day (from 5am to 10pm). Everybody is invited to drop in to pray for as long or as short as you would like. We are looking for volunteers to watch the doors throughout the day. You can sign up for this using Church Connect (pachurch.ca/connect), or on the information booth.

Korean Culture Night & Talent Show - December 13 at 5pm

The PAC Korean Class is hosting a "Korean Culture Party and Talent Show" which involves eating tasty Korean food and learn Korean Culture. Feel free to invite others! :-)



PAC Korean Class
presents

**KOREAN
CULTURE NIGHT**

**FREE
Entry**

Dec 13, 2023 (Wed) @ 5 - 7 PM
Portage Avenue Church
1420 Portage Ave
Questions? hyihul@gmail.com

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Items Still Needed for Refugees

- Winter toques
- Winter gloves
- Infant high chairs and car seats

If you can help, please contact Norman Cameron.

2024 Church Family Directory

We are excited to print an updated directory before Christmas. Everyone is welcome to be in the directory if you would like to. Please check the draft copy on the table in the foyer.

- If your info is good, please put a check mark.
 - If something needs to be corrected, write the change on the paper.
 - If you are missing (we are so sorry!) please write your information on the back of one of the papers.
 - If you want to change your picture - email your favourite selfie to office@pachurch.ca, or ask a volunteer to take one of you.
- **Please note that individual close ups work best.****



PORTAGE
AVENUE
CHURCH

55+ Christmas Carol Sing

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 @ 2:00PM - 1420 PORTAGE AVENUE



LOOKING FORWARD

We're looking forward to Christmas!

This Advent season as we anticipate the celebration of Jesus' birth, our advent season will be split into four themes, Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, one for each Sunday of Advent. Advent is a four-week season of remembering and celebrating the arrival of Jesus on Earth. It's a time to reflect on the unexpected nature of Jesus' humble birth and join in the anticipation of when He will come again.

Our third Advent Sunday will be a particularly special service, because it will be led by our kids, youth, and young adults, with special music and testimonies. We will also hear some music from the children on our Christmas Eve service, which will be a simple service of hearing the Christmas story, singing some Christmas songs, and worshipping the baby Jesus.

Our 55+ ministry is also having a carol sing on December 9 at 2pm, which everyone is welcome to join us for.



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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
Sturgeon Creek Retirement Residence - Bertha Toews

Please also pray:

- For healing for Mary Penner
- For safety for the extended Anwari family that are still in Afghanistan, as the violence and unrest are increasing
- For Henry Esau who has had five weeks of radiation for a tumour under the brain
- 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.



BEAN DRIVE FOR HARVEST MANITOBA

Help provide nutritious beans for Manitoba's soup kitchens. Designate your donation to "Bean Drive" before December 24 to help feed families in need.

Give Online via Connect,
e-transfer to
payments@pachurch.ca or
cash/cheque via envelope

PAC BEAN DRIVE

As was noted last week, many people in Manitoba are having difficulty putting enough food on their tables. Unless you don't use the internet, and don't watch television, you are likely aware of this. And if you buy groceries, you know this to be true.

To help these struggling people, we are once again holding our annual Dry Bean Drive. Since adding dry beans or dry peas to the human diet is an excellent way of providing protein, we identify the most cost-effective variety of beans or peas available each year, purchase them in bulk, and donate them to Harvest Manitoba. Harvest Manitoba, in turn, re-distributes them to food banks and soup kitchens across the province.

This year, we will once again be purchasing whole yellow dry peas. We urge you to donate to this important cause, above and beyond your regular church budget giving.

You can donate:

- 1) via e-transfer to payments@pachurch.ca (write "2023 Dry Bean Drive" in the memo);
- 2) via credit card at pachurch.ca/connect (select the "Dry Bean Drive" drop-down option); or
- 3) via cash/cheque (write "2023 Dry Bean Drive" on your donation envelope). Please put your donation envelope in the offering plate.

Today, December 3rd, is the first Sunday of our Drive, which will run until December 24th, 2023. If you require a 2023 tax receipt for your donation, be sure to donate by Sunday, December 31st, 2023.

Most of us take for granted that we will eat every day; in fact, likely several times a day! Let's help those around us who are not as fortunate as we are.

Wanted: Recipes for Making Pea Soup

Harvest Manitoba has asked us if we could provide some recipes that they could share with their patrons, along with the dry peas we will provide. Do you have a recipe you are willing to share? If so, please provide your recipe to either Jon Dyck or John Wieler. Thank you!

THIS WEEK

Sun. Dec 3	10:00 am	Worship Service & Fellowship Cafe
	11:45 am	Bible Studies
Mon - Fri	5:00 am	PAC Korean Zoom Prayer Meeting
	8:30 pm	PAC Korean Zoom Bible Reading
Tue. Dec 5	2:00 pm	Seniors Exercise Class
	7:00 pm	Listening to God
Wed. Dec 6	2:00 pm	Prayer Time
	5:30 pm	Korean Language Ministry
	7:30 pm	Korean Fellowship Worship Service
Thurs. Dec 7	7:00 pm	PAC Youth
Fri. Dec 8	PAC Day of Prayer	
	6:00 pm	Conversational English
Sat. Dec 9	2:00 pm	55+ Carol Sing
	2:30 pm	Grief Share
	6:30 pm	Recently Married Group

NEXT WEEK

Sun. Dec 10	10:00 am	Worship Service & Fellowship Cafe
	11:45 am	Bible Studies
Mon - Fri	5:00 am	PAC Korean Zoom Prayer Meeting
	8:30 pm	PAC Korean Zoom Bible Reading
Tue. Dec 12	2:00 pm	Seniors Exercise Class
	7:00 pm	Listening to God
Wed. Dec 13	2:00 pm	Prayer Time
	5:00 pm	Korean Culture Night & Talent Show
	7:30 pm	Korean Fellowship Worship Service
Thurs. Dec 14	7:00 pm	PAC Youth (Cooking class)
Fri. Dec 15	6:00 pm	Conversational English
	7:00 pm	Young Adults Christmas Party
Sat. Dec 16	2:30 pm	Grief Share
	6:30 pm	Slavic Fellowship



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