



**PORTAGE
AVENUE
CHURCH**

Advent 2023

Hope, Peace, Joy, & Love

December 3 @ 10am - Hope

December 9 @ 2pm - Christmas Carol Sing

December 10 @ 10am - Peace

December 17 @ 10am - Joy (Children, youth and young adults)

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December 24 @ 6pm - Christmas Eve Service

December 10 - Peace

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.

December 1	Psalms	50	December 16	Judges	14
December 2	Proverbs	12	December 17	2 Timothy	1
December 3	Judges	5	December 18	Judges	15
December 4	Judges	6	December 19	Judges	16
December 5	1 Timothy	4	December 20	2 Timothy	2
December 6	Judges	7	December 21	Judges	17
December 7	Judges	8	December 22	Judges	18
December 8	1 Timothy	5	December 23	2 Timothy	3
December 9	Judges	9	December 24	Judges	19
December 10	Judges	10	December 25	Judges	20
December 11	1 Timothy	6	December 26	Judges	21
December 12	Judges	11	December 27	2 Timothy	4
December 13	Judges	12	December 28	Ruth	1
December 14	Psalms	51-53	December 29	Ruth	2
December 15	Judges	13	December 30	Ruth	3
			December 31	Ruth	4

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

Parents / Kids!

Next week our kids will be taking a special part in our worship service. Please bring them early to prepare... we need them at 9:45am, at the door by the back of the sanctuary where they get dropped off for Kids in the Word.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Caregivers of the Week: Peter & Justina Suderman

Condolences - our condolences on the passing of our church family member Mary Penner, who went to be with Jesus on Tuesday, December 5th. We would like to extend our prayers and condolences to her family and friends, especially John Penner (husband), Peter (brother) & Marie Dueck, Rick (son) & Kathy Penner, Darlene Penner (daughter), and Brittany Penner (granddaughter). The memorial service will be this Thursday, December 14, at 12pm, here at PAC. The service will be live-streamed and can be viewed at pachurch.ca/mary-penner, anytime from Thursday onward

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! :-)

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PAC Korean Class
presents
**KOREAN
CULTURE NIGHT**

FREE
Entry

Dec 13, 2023 (Wed) @ 5 - 7 PM

Portage Avenue Church

📍 1420 Portage Ave

Questions? hyihu1@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.****



CHRISTMAS EVE EVENING SERVICE POTLUCK & GIFT EXCHANGE

We know many of you have family events to go to, but for those who do not, we invite you to come to a potluck and a gift exchange following our evening service on Christmas Eve. Please check your household belongings and wrap an item that you no longer use that would bless another family.

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.



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PRAYER ALERT

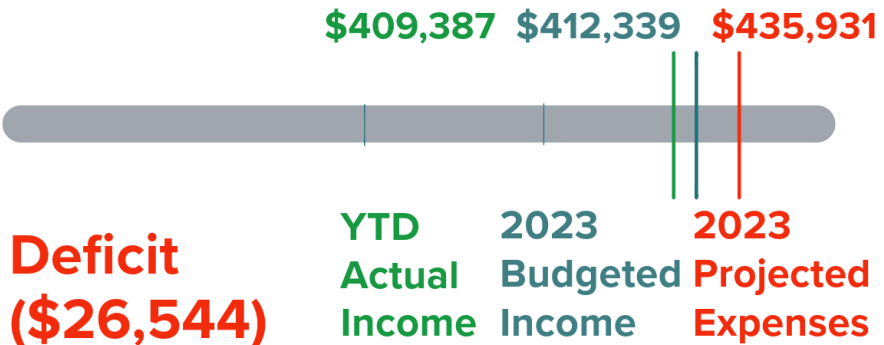
Pray for those who are shut-in:

- 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 the family & friends of 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 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.

PROJECTED Financial Position At December 31, 2023



PAC BEAN DRIVE

For years now, many people in Manitoba have been 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 10th, is the second 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: Pea Soup Recipes

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 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	12:00 pm	Mary Penner Memorial Service
	7:00 pm	PAC Youth (Cooking class)
Fri. Dec 15	7:00 pm	Young Adults Christmas Party
Sat. Dec 16	2:30 pm	Grief Share
	6:30 pm	Slavic Fellowship

NEXT WEEK

	December 21-January 5	Melanie on vacation
Sun. Dec 17	10:00 am	Young at Heart Worship Service
	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 19	1:00 pm	Seniors Stepping Up Exercise Class
	2:00 pm	Stepping Up Christmas Gathering
Wed. Dec 20	2:00 pm	Prayer Time
	7:30 pm	Korean Fellowship Worship Service
Thurs. Dec 21	7:00 pm	PAC Youth (Christmas Party)



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