



**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)

December 24 @ 10am - Love

December 24 @ 6pm - Christmas Eve Service

December 24 - Love

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	16	Judges	14	January	1	1 Samuel	1
December	17	2 Timothy	1	January	2	1 Samuel	2
December	18	Judges	15	January	3	Mark	1
December	19	Judges	16	January	4	1 Samuel	3
December	20	2 Timothy	2	January	5	1 Samuel	4
December	21	Judges	17	January	6	Mark	2
December	22	Judges	18	January	7	1 Samuel	5-6
December	23	2 Timothy	3	January	8	Mark	3
December	24	Judges	19	January	9	1 Samuel	7
December	25	Judges	20	January	10	1 Samuel	8
December	26	Judges	21	January	11	Psalms	54-55
December	27	2 Timothy	4	January	12	Proverbs	13
December	28	Ruth	1	January	13	1 Samuel	9
December	29	Ruth	2	January	14	1 Samuel	10
December	30	Ruth	3	January	15	Mark	4
December	31	Ruth	4				

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



**Office Closed
December 26
& January 2**

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Caregivers of the Week: Anni Duerksen

Thank You - The Carpentier family would like to thank everyone who brought us food and cards after Tabitha's birth. We are so humbled by the support and care we've received from our church family. It is truly a gift to be part of this community. Thank you for loving our little (or big) family.

Kids (and parents)

We're helping out again in the Christmas Eve service tonight, so please come at 5:45. We will meet again in the room where you usually dismiss for Kids in the Word, the room beside the nursery at the back corner of the sanctuary.

Christmas Eve Potluck and Gift Exchange

We are excited to have a celebration for those who do not already have family gathering plans for this evening (Christmas Eve). Following the evening service we will gather in the lower auditorium for a potluck and a time to play games together.

We will also have a gift exchange - if you are able, please wrap up a gently used item from your own household that you no longer use and would be a blessing for someone else.



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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Two Down and One to Go - The Afghan refugees who have recently arrived needed three houses or apartments. We have rented and furnished two out of three, and we will be taking possession of the third on Monday 15th January. We have almost all the furniture, etc., that we need, but we are still short of one or two items:

- A single bed and mattress
- Two chests of drawers
- Night tables
- Floor lamps and table lamps
- An iron

Staff Vacation

Melanie will be on vacation from Dec 21 - Jan 5. During this time, Sharon will be holding down the fort in the office.

Office Closures

Please note the office will be closed Tuesday, December 26 in lieu of Christmas Day and will also be closed Tuesday, January 2 in lieu of New Years Day.

Bible Plan Update

We are continuing our 3 year Bible Reading Plan in January. The link for the electronic version on The Bible App will be posted on our website.

Missions Support As Of Dec 20,2023



PAC Missionaries: 4th Quarter shortfall \$65.

- Sandra & Israel Chavez Plett (Multiply)
- Cory & Masami Giesbrecht (Multiply)
- Dave & Louise Sinclair-Peters (Multiply)
- Greg Wiens (Multiply)
- Jen Schmidt (Multiply)
- Emily Cook (YFC)

Total Mission Income Received \$132,797

LOOKING FORWARD



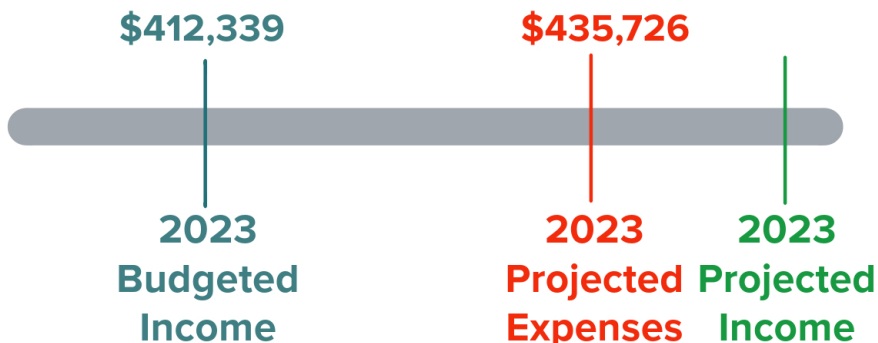
We're looking forward to Christmas!

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. This week we celebrate love. 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.

We hope you will join us for our Christmas Eve service tonight at 6pm, when we will light the Christ candle and celebrate Christ's coming together.

PROJECTED Financial Position At December 31, 2023

EXPENSES MET



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 safety for the Maria Anwari's extended 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.



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

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.

Adding dry beans or dry peas to the human diet is an excellent way of providing protein, and purchasing these beans or peas **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 24th, is the fourth and final Sunday of our formal Drive. If you require a 2023 tax receipt for your donation, be sure to donate by Sunday, December 31st, 2023.

Here's something for us to consider. 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

December 21 - January 5 Melanie on vacation

Sun. Dec 24	10:00 am	Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
	7:00 pm	Potluck & Gift Exchange
Mon - Fri	5:00 am	PAC Korean Zoom Prayer Meeting
	8:30 pm	PAC Korean Zoom Bible Reading
Mon. Dec 25		Merry Christmas!
Tue. Dec 26		Office Closed
Wed. Dec 27	2:00 pm	Prayer Time
	7:30 pm	Korean Fellowship Worship Service
Sat. Dec 30	6:30 pm	Slavic Fellowship

NEXT WEEK

December 21 - January 5 Melanie on vacation

Sun. Dec 31	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:45 am	Bible Studies
	12:00 pm	PAC-K Lunch
Mon - Fri	5:00 am	PAC Korean Zoom Prayer Meeting
	8:30 pm	PAC Korean Zoom Bible Reading!
Tue. Jan 2		Office Closed
Wed. Jan 3	2:00 pm	Prayer Time
	5:30 pm	Korean Language Ministry
	7:30 pm	Korean Fellowship Worship Service

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