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**PORTAGE
AVENUE
CHURCH**

December 15, 2024

CHAPTER-A-DAY BIBLE READING PLAN

Let’s read the Bible together! We follow this plan, which you can also find at pachurch.ca/bible, on Church Connect, and the Bible app

December	1	Isaiah	22
December	2	Psalms	104
December	3	Isaiah	23
December	4	Isaiah	24
December	5	Luke	20
December	6	Isaiah	25
December	7	Isaiah	26
December	8	Luke	21
December	9	Isaiah	27
December	10	Isaiah	28
December	11	Luke	22
December	12	Isaiah	29
December	13	Isaiah	30
December	14	Psalms	105
December	15	Proverbs	19

December	16	Isaiah	31
December	17	Isaiah	32
December	18	Luke	23
December	19	Isaiah	33
December	20	Isaiah	34
December	21	Luke	24
December	22	Isaiah	35
December	23	Isaiah	36
December	24	Daniel	1
December	25	Isaiah	37
December	26	Isaiah	38
December	27	Daniel	2
December	28	Isaiah	39
December	29	Isaiah	40
December	30	Isaiah	41
December	31	Daniel	3

Office Closed - Please note that the office will be closed on December 25 and January 1.

How The
GRINCH STOLE
CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS 2024

- DECEMBER 1 @ 10AM Hope
- DECEMBER 8 @ 10AM Peace
- DECEMBER 15 @ 10AM Joy
- DECEMBER 22 @ 10AM Love
- CHRISTMAS EVE @ 6PM Celebration!



WHAT'S HAPPENING

PAC Homeschool Christmas Celebration - December 16

You are cordially invited to attend the Portage Ave Church Homeschool Group inaugural Christmas Celebration!

It will be held at the church on December 16th. Here's the timeline:

6:00 - Mini Maker's Market - our children have been working hard to prepare handmade items for sale. Everything will be priced under \$5. Bring cash to support our little entrepreneurs!

7:00 - Concert and congregational sing-along

We would love to see you all there!

Christmas Pageant Practice - children, youth, and parents, please mark your calendars for next Sunday's Christmas pageant practice, after the worship service. It's our only practice all together so we need you all there!

Host A Dinner!

A YWAM mission team (6 people) are visiting us to serve us as a church and grow as a team before leaving for Japan. In order to grow they need to be fed! Please consider hosting this crew for a dinner between January 1-10. Sign up at pachurch.ca/connect or on the info booth in the sanctuary.



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PAC BEAN DRIVE

Many people in Manitoba are having difficulty putting enough food on their tables. Even if you don't use the internet, or watch television, you are likely aware of this based on your own experience shopping for groceries.

Since adding dry beans or dry peas to the human diet is an excellent way of providing protein, our annual Dry Bean Drive is an effective way to help these struggling people. Each year, we identify the most cost-effective variety of beans or peas available, purchase them in bulk, and then 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 via:

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

Today is the third Sunday of our Drive, which will run until Sunday, December 22nd, 2024. If you require a 2024 tax receipt for your donation, please be sure to donate by Sunday, December 29th, 2024.

Most of us expect to eat every day; in fact, probably several times every day! Let's help those around us who are not as fortunate as we are. After all, having a full stomach, as opposed to an empty one, never gets old!

Wanted: Pea Soup Recipes

Do you have a recipe that makes use of dry yellow peas that we could share with Harvest Manitoba and its patrons? If so, please provide it to Jon Dyck.

LOOKING FORWARD

We're looking forward to Christmas! Murray Froese is delivering a sermon series titled "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" for the advent season (the Sundays leading up to Christmas Eve). We will have a special Christmas Eve service at 6:00pm that the children will participate in with a Christmas pageant. They're preparing for it now!

There will be a potluck following the service, plus a treat for the kids.

To volunteer to help with the potluck, sign up on the Information Booth in the sanctuary, or sign up on Church Connect.

Staff Vacation Time - please note that Melanie will be on vacation from December 24 to January 3

Christmas Hampers - We are collecting nonperishable food items to support the creation of hampers for the Christmas season. The donation bin is located in the foyer. Thank you for donating, this will be the last Sunday we are accepting donations!

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We're compiling hampers for needy families at Christmas!

Please drop off non-perishable food items in the donation box in the foyer

PRAYER ALERT

Caregivers of the Week: Rick and Kathy Penner

Pray for those who are shut-in:

Bethania - Mary Witzke, Erna Friesen, Frank Duerksen, Agnes Pauls
Concordia Place - John E. Friesen
Donwood Personal Care - Helen Wiens
River Ridge 2 - Paul Wiebe
Sturgeon Creek Retirement Residence - Bertha Toews

Please also pray:

- for Paul Wiebe who is at Grace hospital recovering from a broken hip
- for Adina Sukkau as she recovers from shoulder surgery
- for Peter Dueck, who is at Misericordia
- for healing, strength and peace for Tina Pulver

Square One World Media Prayer Request - Pray for protection from war, both physically and spiritually, for Square One World Media's team at The Bible Today in Ukraine, and for the Ukrainian people.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Last Saturday of the month at 9 am

\$10 per person

Register via Connect

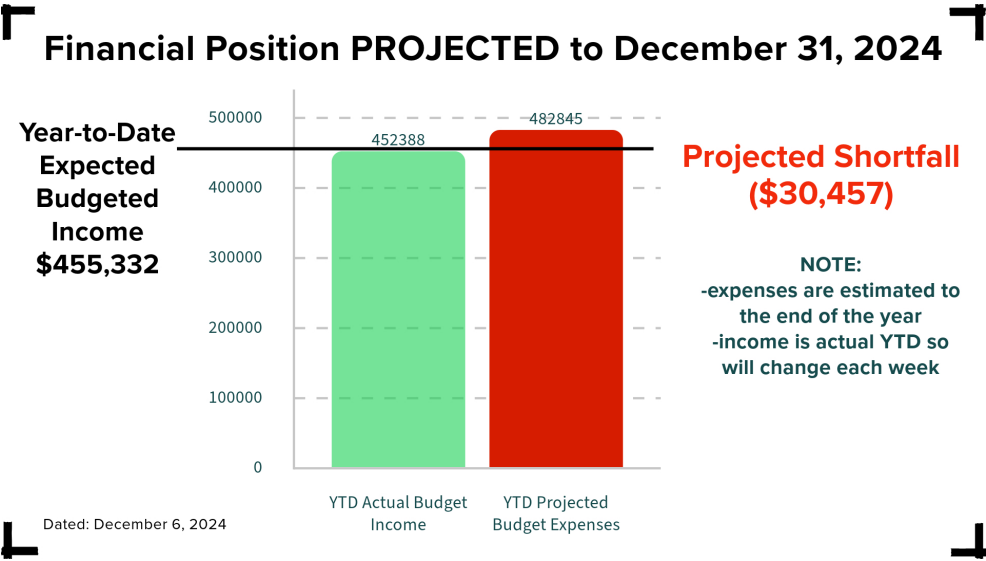
or signup sheet on information booth

SERMON NOTES

GOING DEEPER

Use these questions to reflect on the sermon, potentially with a small group.

- 1. What is God saying to you through this message?
- 2. What did you learn about God’s character through the sermon?
- 3. What does your response need to be?



THIS WEEK

Sun. Dec 15	10:00 am	Worship Service
		Fellowship Cafe & Choir Practice
Mon. Dec 16	11:45 am	Bible Studies
	6:00 pm	PAC Homeschool Mini-Makers Market
	7:00 pm	PAC Homeschool Christmas Concert
Wed. Dec 18	2:00 pm	Prayer Time
	7:30 pm	Korean Fellowship Worship Service
Thurs. Dec 19	6:30 pm	Russian-speaking Korean Fellowship
	7:00 pm	PAC Youth Christmas Party

NEXT WEEK

Melanie on vacation Dec. 24 - Jan. 3		
Sun. Dec 21	10:00 am	Worship Service
		Fellowship Cafe & Pageant Practice
	11:45 am	Bible Studies
	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
Tue. Dec 22	Christmas Day - Office Closed	
Wed. Dec 25		
Sat. Dec 28	9:00 am	Men's Breakfast

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