

NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH



**PORTAGE
AVENUE
CHURCH**

December 29, 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	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

January	1	Isaiah	42
January	2	Isaiah	43
January	3	Psalms	106
January	4	Isaiah	44
January	5	Isaiah	45
January	6	Daniel	4
January	7	Isaiah	46
January	8	Isaiah	47
January	9	Daniel	5
January	10	Isaiah	48
January	11	Isaiah	49
January	12	Isaiah	50
January	13	Proverbs	20
January	14	Isaiah	51
January	15	Isaiah	52

Office Closed and Vacation Time

Please note that the office will be closed on December 25 and January 1. Melanie will be on vacation from December 24 to January 3. Jeremy will be on vacation January 8 and 9.

Host A Dinner

A YWAM team (6 people) are visiting us to serve and grow 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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Korean New Year's Eve Service - our Korean fellowship have a tradition of worshipping Christmas Eve. There will be a service at 8pm that continues on until midnight. The language is Korean but everyone is welcome!

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.

Refugee Fund Bake Sale

There will be various treats for sale in the lower auditorium following the service. All proceeds will go to support the Refugee Fund's efforts in supporting additional refugees in the New Year. Purchase is not eligible for a tax receipt. Payments accepted with cash, cheque, or e-transfer to payments@pachurch.ca

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study will be starting up with a new topic, "How to Face Life's Challenges." It will start on January 12, at 12pm, in Room 14. You do not need to register beforehand, just come!



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CHALLENGES

LIFE'S

TO FACE

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Sundays at 12pm in Room 14

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, December 22nd, is the fourth and final Sunday of our 2024 Dry Bean Drive. However, if you still wish to donate, but cannot do so today, there is still time. 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Seniors Exercise Class

The seniors exercise class is starting up again on January 7, and will run until Easter.

The Date Night Tour - Tuesday Feb. 4 @ 7:30pm

Looking for a last minute Christmas gift for both your Christian and non-Christian couple friends? Experience a night of clean comedy for \$20/ticket. Buy online at funandfaith.com or write "Date Night" on your giving envelope.

Check your church mailbox for a Christmas present

The new phone directories are out! Note that Tina P and the Kakar family have recently moved and the new directories have their updated information.

Refugee Fund Update

The recent drive to sponsor sisters who are facing physical violence has raised \$9262 over the past two weeks. We praise God and pray that this work and generosity will bear great fruit.

Library News

There is a display of children's books in the library to check out. Sorry that this notification is accidentally late coming out, but it's never too late to read Christmas books to your kids!



Lots of selection for everyone!
Come hang out before or after
the worship service

PRAYER ALERT

Caregivers of the Week: Dorothy Huebert & Heather Peters

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 Seven Oaks hospital recovering from a broken hip
- for Agatha Froese who is at Seven Oaks hospital
- for Adina Sukkau as she recovers from shoulder surgery
- for healing, strength and peace for Tina Pulver

Square One World Media Prayer Request - Square One World Media's Dari-language live satellite television show, Secret of Life, received messages on Facebook recently asking for Bibles and asking deeper faith questions. Pray that the show would continue to resonate and have great impact on the faith of the Afghan people.



TUES FEB 4TH @ 7:30 PM
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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?



ADD MY FAMILY

Want to get connected?
Scan the QR code below



THIS WEEK

Melanie on vacation Dec. 24 - Jan. 3

Sun. Dec 29	10:00 am	Worship Service
		Fellowship Cafe
	11:45am	PAC-K Bible Study (Room 6)
	12:00 pm	PAC Bible Study (Youth Room)
Tue. Dec 31	8:00 pm	New Years Worship Service (in Korean)
Wed. Jan 1		Christmas Day - Office Closed
Thurs. Jan 2		Pastor Jedidiah's return from study leave
Sat. Jan 4	6:30 pm	Russian-speaking Korean Fellowship

NEXT WEEK

Jeremy on vacation January 8-9

Sun. Jan 5	10:00 am	Communion Worship Service
		Fellowship Cafe
	11:45am	PAC-K Bible Study (Room 6)
	12:00 pm	PAC Bible Study (Youth Room)
Tue. Jan 7	2:00 pm	Seniors Exercise Class
Wed. Jan 8	2:00 pm	Prayer Gathering
	5:30 pm	Korean Language Ministry
	7:30 pm	Korean Worship Service
Thurs. Jan 9	7:00 pm	Young Adults Meeting
	7:00 pm	PAC Youth

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