



**PORTAGE
AVENUE
CHURCH**

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Portage Avenue Church

A Mennonite Brethren Church

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New Reading Plan for 2026

Join us in reading the Bible together!

March	8	Psalms 31:9-16	Mark 14:22-36	Leviticus 18:26-30
March	9	Prov 6:30-32	Mark 14:44-72	Leviticus 19:1-18
March	10	Psalms 31:21-24	Mark 15:1-32	Leviticus 22:31-33
March	11	Psalms 32:1-5	Mark 15:33-47	Leviticus 23:28
March	12	Psalms 33:1-11	Mark 16	Leviticus 26:3-13
March	13	Proverbs 7:2-4	Luke 1:5-17	Leviticus 27:34
March	14	Psalms 33:16-21	Luke 1:26-38	Numbers 1
March	15	Psalms 34:1-10	Luke 1:41-56	Numbers 3:1-10
March	16	Psalms 34:11-19	Luke 1:57-79	Numbers 4:46-49
March	17	Proverbs 7:6-20	Luke 2:1-20	Numbers 6:24-26
March	18	Psalms 35:1-10	Luke 2:21-40	Numbers 7:1-10
March	19	Psalms 35:13-18	Luke 2:41-52	Numbers 7:89
March	20	Psalms 35:19-28	Luke 3:2-22	Numbers 9:16-17
March	21	Prov 7:21-26	Luke 4:1-13	Numbers 11:4-30
March	22	Psalms 36:5-8	Luke 4:14-36	Numbers 14:6-9
March	23	Psalms 37:1-9	Luke 4:38-42	Numbers 15:28
March	24	Psalms 37:11-18	Luke 5:17-32	Num 16:46-48

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Easter

PALM SUNDAY
SERVICE & CHILDREN'S PARADE
MARCH 29
10 AM

GOOD FRIDAY
SERVICE
APRIL 3
10 AM

EASTER SUNDAY
BAPTISMS
APRIL 5
10 AM

WHAT'S HAPPENING

News from the Refugee Committee

There is a strong possibility that two refugee families will arrive in Winnipeg before the end of this year. One family is a family of Iranian Kurds, who have lived in an Iraqi refugee camp all their lives. The other family comprises three unmarried Afghan sisters, currently living in Pakistan. Nothing in the refugee world is certain, but we are starting to make preparations for their arrival now.

We are asking for your help in the following areas:

- Prayer - recent world events - President Trump's war with Iran, and the ongoing conflict between Afghanistan and Pakistan - have put both families in danger. Already the Kurdish family have had their final interview with Canadian government officials postponed twice, and the Afghan refugees are in constant danger of being deported back to Afghanistan. So please pray that God will keep both families safe, and that their journey to Canada will not be delayed any more.
- Furniture - we have most of the furniture we need, but we are still short of single beds and mattresses. Nothing else, please, as our storage space is very limited.
- Money - There is provision to support these refugees in the 2026 budget, but it would be good to minimise our drain on PAC's general funds. So we are asking for donations to the Refugee Fund. There will be a fundraising supper on Saturday April 18th (mark your calendar) but we would be happy to receive donations at any time.

Thanks
Norman

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday Morning Bible Studies at 11:45am

- Women's Bible Study - in room 4 (end of downstairs hallway)
- PAC Bible Study - in Room 14 (end of upstairs hallway)
- PAC Korean Bible Study - in Room 6 (downstairs hallway)

We'll ring a bell in fellowship cafe at 11:45 as a reminder of the time.

Knead & Knit - Ladies Fellowship - Sat Mar 21 @ 10am

No registration required - drop in when you are able. Come for interesting conversation and fellowship. Bring any project you are working on or a new one you want to try. We are hoping to put together a display at the end of the year. If you would like, bring a snack to share. Friends are very welcome! :-)

A smaller setting like this is a really good way for newcomers to get to know people and feel more at home in our church.

Church Retreat

Our church retreat is being planned for this fall, and we would love to hear from you! Please take a moment to complete the retreat questionnaire by scanning the QR code.

Paper copies are also available at the booth at the back of the sanctuary. We hope to see people of all ages join us for this special time together.



PORTAGE AVENUE

Church Retreat

A WEEKEND AWAY FOR ALL AGES AND STAGES

FRIDAY - SUNDAY

FALL 2026



LET US KNOW IF YOU'RE INTERESTED

The poster features a dark blue background with silhouettes of trees and a body of water. The text is in white and yellow. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Easter Fellowship Apr 5

On Easter Sunday, we invite everyone to bring a traditional Paska (Easter Bread) or your favourite Easter treat to share with our church family and guests who join us. Let us celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection together in a warm time of fellowship and sharing.

Youth Retreat Mar 20-22

The Youth and Young Adults are going on a retreat, March 20-22, at Camp Cedarwood! Many members of our church family will be attending the Youth Retreat. Because of this, attendance in church may be lower than usual during that weekend. Thank you for your understanding, and please keep those attending the retreat in your prayers.

Men's Breakfast - Sat Mar 28 @ 9am

Please sign up on the sheet at the information booth at the back of the sanctuary or register online: pachurch.ca/connect.

Online Directory

Did you know that if you register for Church Connect at pachurch.ca/connect, you can sign in on the Church Connect app or on the website, and view the online directory! You can submit photos to office@pachurch.ca, and use this tool as a way to get to know our church family better!



PRAYER ALERT

Caregiver(s) of the Week: Rick & Kathy Penner

Pray for those who are shut-in:

- Bethania - Erna F, Irma K, Agnes P, Paul W, Mary W.
- Concordia Place - John E.F.
- Donwood Personal Care - Helen W.
- Oakview Place - Agatha F.
- Sturgeon Creek Retirement Residence - Bertha T.

Please also pray:

- For George and Bettie Teichrieb, who are experiencing declining health
- For Jeremy Penner and family - praying for strength, healing, and a deep sense of peace during this season of rest
- For Helen Schellenberg, who is in the Grace Hospital
- For peace and healing for Albert Karlenzig, who has two brain tumours
- For Tina Froese's daughter, Caroline Froese, for healing. She is currently at home and undergoing chemo.

Praise Item!

Thank you for praying for Joanne, Frieda's daughter in law, after major surgery. She is on the way to recovery, praise the Lord!

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MARCH
20-22
2026

youth &
young adult
retreat

AGES
12+

CAMP CEDARWOOD

speaker: andrew campbell
FROM CHURCH OF THE ROCK

REGISTRATION CLOSES MARCH 8TH
\$70 deposit



THIS WEEK

Sun. Mar 15	10:00 am	Worship Service - John Neufeld
	11:15 am	Fellowship Cafe
	11:45 am	Bible Studies
Tue. Mar 17	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	2:00 pm	Seniors Exercise Class
Wed. Mar 18	2:00 pm	Prayer Gathering
	5:30 pm	Korean Language Class
	7:30 pm	Korean Worship Service
Thurs. Mar 19	6:00 pm	Chinese Bible Study
Fri. Mar 20	Youth & Young Adult Retreat @ Cedarwood	
	6:00 pm	Conversational English
	6:00 pm	Tax Clinic
Sat. Mar 21	10:00 am	Tax Clinic
	10:00 am	Knead & Knit
	2:30 pm	Grief Share
	6:00 pm	Slavic Life Group

NEXT WEEK

Sun. Mar 22	Youth & Young Adult Retreat @ Cedarwood	
	10:00 am	Worship Service - Scott Koop
	11:15 am	Fellowship Cafe
Tue. Mar 24	11:45 am	Bible Studies
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	2:00 pm	Seniors Exercise Class
	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
Wed. Mar 25	7:00 pm	Young Adults
	2:00 pm	Prayer Gathering
	5:30 pm	Korean Language Class
	7:30 pm	Korean Worship Service
Thurs. Mar 26	6:00 pm	Chinese Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Trailblazers Youth
	7:00 pm	Keenagers Life Group
Fri. Mar 27	6:00 pm	Tax Clinic
	6:00 pm	Conversational English
Sat. Mar 28	9:00 am	Men's Breakfast
	10:00 am	Tax Clinic
	2:30 pm	Grief Share
	6:00 pm	Slavic Life Group