

December 27, 2020



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**PORTAGE  
AVENUE  
CHURCH**

*Christmas 2020*



# BIBLE READING PLAN

Sunday	Dec	20	2 Chronicles 25	Revelation 12
Monday	Dec	21	2 Chronicles 26	Revelation 13
Tuesday	Dec	22	2 Chronicles 27-28	Revelation 14
Wednesday	Dec	23	2 Chronicles 29	Revelation 15
Thursday	Dec	24	2 Chronicles 30	Revelation 16
Friday	Dec	25	2 Chronicles 31	Revelation 17
Saturday	Dec	26	2 Chronicles 32	Revelation 18
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2 Chronicles 33</b>	<b>Revelation 19</b>
Monday	Dec	28	2 Chronicles 34	Revelation 20
Tuesday	Dec	29	2 Chronicles 35	Revelation 21
Wednesday	Dec	30	2 Chronicles 36	Revelation 22
Thursday	Dec	31	catch-up day :-)	
Friday	Jan	01	Ezra 1	Acts 1
Saturday	Jan	02	Ezra 2	Acts 2
Sunday	Jan	03	Ezra 3	Acts 3
Monday	Jan	04	Ezra 4	Acts 4
Tuesday	Jan	05	Ezra 5	Acts 5
Wednesday	Jan	06	Ezra 6	Acts 6
Thursday	Jan	07	Ezra 7	Acts 7
Friday	Jan	08	Ezra 8	Acts 8
Saturday	Jan	09	Ezra 9	Acts 9



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Care Giver of the Week:** Martha Pauls & Frieda Hildebrand

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## Christmas at Portage Avenue Church

This year we will be pre-recording our Christmas Eve service and it will be available for viewing on our website on Christmas Eve in the late afternoon. Please remember to set aside this time and join us in worshipping “God With Us.”

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## Christmas Jelly Bean drive

We want to make sure our church family is connecting and reaching out this Christmas even though we can't visit in person. We encourage you to contact at least 5 people this Christmas season with a phone call or by sending an encouraging card. They can be people you know in our church family or people in your community. Please call Pastor Scott and let him know who you contacted. For each person you contact we will put a jelly bean in our jar and you can watch it fill up with joy!

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## Office Closed

Our office will be closed on Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25. The office will also be closed on Friday, January 1.

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## Christmas Greetings

George Petkau would like to wish a very Merry Christmas to our whole church family and God's blessing in the New Year.

The PAC Staff would also like to say Merry Christmas to everyone and we eagerly anticipate meeting again in person. Thank you for allowing us to serve you.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## PAC 2020 Dry Bean Update

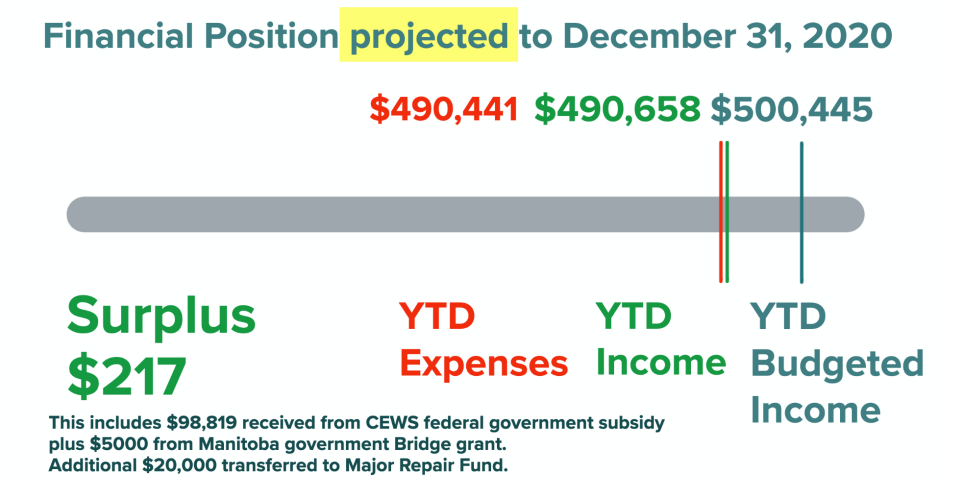
For many years now, PAC has been purchasing dry beans or peas in bulk, and donating them to Winnipeg Harvest to help feed Manitoba's hungry. This year, due to pandemic restrictions, Harvest Manitoba (formerly Winnipeg Harvest) is unable to accept a bulk donation of dry beans or peas. As a result, PAC will not be purchasing dry beans or peas this year, but will instead seek to raise money to be forwarded to Harvest Manitoba.

Donations for this cause will be accepted by PAC until December 31, 2020, and must be designated for 'Harvest Manitoba.' These donations may be made either physically (i.e. cheques) or electronically (i.e. e-transfer or online.) Please ensure also that your donation is above-budget.

*While COVID-19 has severely restricted Manitobans' ability to help the province's needy, the need itself has not decreased. In fact, it has only increased.*

## Donation Receipts & Giving Statements

Mailed donations must be postmarked December 31st to be included in 2020 receipts. Normally by this time you could expect a giving statement in your mailbox - for this year please sign in and check Church Connect to see what you have given in 2020. You may also call Melanie at the church office and she can let you know. Please note Melanie will be on vacation on Dec 29.



# MISSION UPDATE - Jen Schmidt (Multiply)

I'd love to sit down with each one of you and hear how 2020 has been for you. I know that for so many it's been a difficult and hard year. There has been so much uncertainty in our world these days and that has taken its toll on us all in different ways. I've been enjoying a few different readings or activities within this advent season and one of these devotional readings talk about all the different reasons that Jesus came to earth, and on day last week, the reading was to reign as King FOREVER. The following really stood out to me.

“Presents are opened and then forgotten - **yet He remains.**

Meals are prepared and then scooped into containers as leftovers - **yet He remains.**

Christmas cards make their way from our mailboxes to our recycling bins - **yet He remains.**

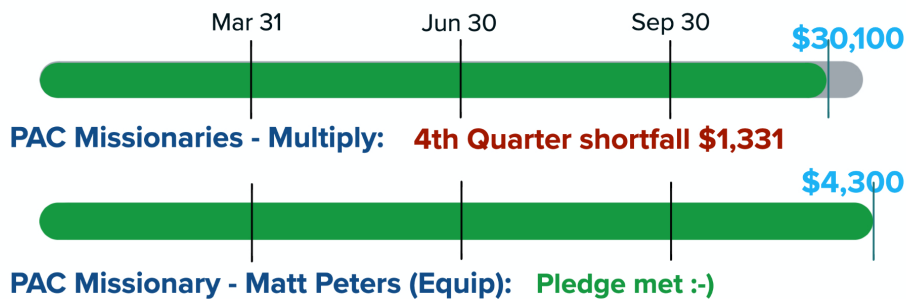
Years come and go - **yet He remains.”**

-copied from a devotional by “She Reads Truth”

I don't know about you, but this reminder brought great hope and comfort in this season. The fact that God remains - His presence, His love, His faithfulness, His goodness, His grace. It remains for each one of us.

Note: for the full update go to <https://mailchi.mp/789f034514b0/merry-christmas-from-guadalajara?e=826c121c89>

## Missionary Support As at December 15, 2020



NB: Quarterly support payments are sent only once pledge has been met.

**Total Mission Income Received \$156,689**

# PRAYER ALERT

## Pray for those who are in the hospital

**Anne Kroeker** - Victoria Hospital

## Pray for those who are shut-in

**At home** - Peter Brown, Erna Friesen, Rudy & Susanne Thiessen

**Bethania** - Jake & Betty Suderman

**Bethel Place** - Agnes Pauls

**Concordia Place** - John E. Friesen

**Concordia Village** - Margaret Pospishell, Martha Tielmann

**Deer Lodge Centre** - Charlotte Liebig

**Donwood Personal Care** - Louise (Lois) Peters, Martha Reimer,  
Helen Wiens

**Donwood Manor Apartments** - George Petkau

**Pembina Place** - Helen Doerksen

**Riverwood Square** - John W. Sawatzky

**Riverwood Square (Harmony Court)** - Mary Bergen

**Seven Oaks Hospital** - Helen Litz

**Sturgeon Creek Retirement Residence** - Bertha Toews

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## Pray for UGM Students

This year, we as a church family are sponsoring two students from the inner-city to attend UGM's Faith Academy. Please pray that God continues to work in the lives of these students, and their families. Pray that parents would make responsible decisions in family matters. If you have questions about our students please call Gilbert Plante, the Family Ministries Manager at UGM at 204.586.7790 ext 306.

**Sara** - grade 12, birthday: May 27, 2003

- Pray for my Grandma. She isn't doing the greatest at the moment. Pray that she gets better. Pray that God would help provide money for Bible College. Pray for a good last school year!

**Hannah** - grade 6, birthday: November 1, 2009

- Pray for the school year that we will be cheerful and we will stay safe.

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## Prayer Night via Zoom

Please join us! You can call in to 204.272.7920 and enter the meeting ID 859 5515 4680, then wait and you will be connected.

# SERMON NOTES

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## For Further Reflection

Use these questions for personal reflection or with your small group.

- 1.) What, if anything, in this narrative changed your perception of how the events around Jesus’ birth actually took place?
- 2.) Put yourself into either Mary or Joseph’s sandals. How would you have wanted to deal with these circumstances?
- 3.) Mary & Joseph made themselves obedient to God even though it was very difficult. In what areas of your life is it hard for you to demonstrate that same kind of obedience?
- 4.) What did you learn about God through the message?
- 5.) What does your response need to be?



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## THIS WEEK

Sun. Dec 27	10:00 am	Worship Service Message: Reader's Theatre
	11:15 am	Fellowship Café (Zoom)
	2:00 pm	PAC Korean Bible Study (Zoom)
Mon. Dec 29		Melanie on vacation
Wed. Dec 30	7:30 pm	PAC Korean Praise & Worship (Zoom)
Fri. Jan 1		Office Closed
	7:30 pm	Prayer Night (Zoom)

## NEXT WEEK

Sun. Jan 3	10:00 am	Communion Worship Service Speaker: Scott Koop
	11:15 am	Fellowship Café (Zoom)
	2:00 pm	PAC Korean Bible Study (Zoom)
Wed. Jan 6	7:30 pm	PAC Korean Praise & Worship (Zoom)
Fri. Jan 8	12:30 pm	Dad's Zoom Meeting
	7:30 pm	Prayer Night (Zoom)

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