



FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 17 - DECEMBER 24, 2023

Pastors Christmas Gift Offering *Again this year, the option to give to the Pastors Christmas Gift offering by using bank withdrawal or credit card will be available for the period November 23 - December 20 **ONLY**, by clicking on <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/pastorsgift>.*

*In addition, pre-labeled Pastors Christmas Gift envelopes will be available at the offering boxes for "in person" attendees on Sundays, November 26 - December 17 **ONLY**. Please place these envelopes in the offering boxes.*

*We request that completed pre-labeled envelopes will **ONLY** be accepted on the above dates in the offering boxes and NOT to be dropped off at the church.*

Blessings, Head Teller

Arlington Woods Bread Basket We want to let you know about a new and exciting opportunity, we have accepted a partnership with Lionhearts Food Rescue and Redistribution organization. Arlington Woods Church, will look after picking up, packaging and redistributing the unsold baking from the

Cob's at Bells corners 1 day a week, that being Saturday evenings.

Does this sound interesting for you to be a part of?

Does this type of volunteering excite you?

And/or Do you or your neighbour have need?

Please be assured that we are not taking away from the missions and Food Banks, but rather working alongside, doing our part to ease the burden in our own homes and communities.

30% of our city (and that includes our own communities, homes and schools) is facing food insecurity and this is one thing our church can do to help ease this burden !

If you are interested in volunteering and finding out more about this new ministry please email breadbasket@arlingtonwoods.ca or speak to Julie Hogeboom. Julie can fill you in on how you can help us out or how you can help meet your family's or neighbours' need, one loaf at a time.

We Are Looking For Pillows Our Fireplace Lounge in search of 6 20" x 20" pillows. Please note that they will be recovered so pattern doesn't matter, except light colours would be ideal. If you are able to donate pillows in this size to the church please contact the church office at info@arlingtonwoods.ca

Christmas Closures Please note the following Christmas closures:

-The last POP before the Christmas break will be Monday, December 11. POP will resume Monday, January 8.

-The last Catalyst Friday before the Christmas break will be Friday, December 15. Catalyst will resume Friday, January 12.

-The White Pine Cafe will be closed for the Christmas Holidays starting December 25 and will reopen Thursday January 4.

-The Church office will be closed from Saturday, December 23-Monday, January 1 reopening Tuesday, January 2. Please note that if you have an emergency during this time please reach out to Pastor Lynda.

Winter Weather Cancellations As we get into the Winter months please note that The White Pine Cafe, POP and Pickleball will be cancelled/closed if the school buses are cancelled due to poor weather conditions. For Catalyst cancellations be sure to check your e-mails on Friday evening before you leave the house.

Click [HERE](#) to access the November and December Calendar and get an easy glimpse of the weekly activities as well as upcoming events.

If you haven't liked us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) be sure to do so! We have a lot going on in our church family and we're continually updating these pages with info and images about our church family.

We invite you to join us in-person on Sunday mornings. We also stream our services on our [Youtube channel](#).

Contact the Church Office at info@arlingtonwoods.ca if you would like to receive our **Weekly Email Blast** to stay informed on the life of our church.

To **donate** to Arlington Woods Church, go to <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/donate.php>.

Are you new? by filling out our **online welcome card** we are able to connect you to our church community! <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/welcome.php>.

Watch **Kidzone weekly videos** at <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/kids.php>. These include worship, drama and animation for kids of all ages.

Small groups are an important part of our church community life. Click [HERE](#) to find a list of our current small groups.

2023 Income Tax Receipts

*In order to receive a 2023 Charitable Donation Receipt, donations must be received by the church office on or before December 31, 2023. **NOTE:** The Office will be closed December 25, 2023 and will re-open on January 2, 2024. Please DO NOT leave donations in the church mailbox during this time. Most helpful is to place any 2023 donations in the offering boxes by Sunday, December 31, 2023 or donate online by December 31, 2023.*

Arlington Woods Church Giving Summary:

The budget for Arlington Woods Church for 2023 is \$541,912.

To date we have received \$435,085.

In the remaining 4 weeks we need \$106,827 which works out to \$35,609 per week.

FRIDAY

6:30-9:00 p.m. Friday, December 15 - CATALYST YOUTH (grades 6 to 12)
Catalyst Christmas Party, Friday December 15 from 6 - 9 p.m. Includes

dinner, dessert, games, and a \$5 gift exchange. Sign up by Dec. 8th. For all details visit www.arlingtonwoods.ca/catalystchristmas. Please note that this will be the last Catalyst Friday before the Christmas break. Catalyst will resume Friday, January 12.

SATURDAY

No events scheduled.

THIS SUNDAY

For Sunday, December 17, 2023:

9:00-9:30 a.m. - WHITE PINE CAFÉ OPEN: Our Café is open before and after services. For details visit <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/cafe>. Interested in volunteering at or baking for our café? Email cafe@arlingtonwoods.ca.

9:30-9:50 a.m. - PRE-SERVICE PRAYER IN PERSON & ON ZOOM: All are welcome every Sunday morning for pre-service prayer in Prayer Room or by zoom link through email.

10:00 a.m. - ARLINGTON WOODS CHURCH SERVICE - IN PERSON & ON ZOOM:

The Sweetest Things: Christmas Production 2023

All ages are welcome to join us on Sunday, December 17th at 10am for our kids and teens Christmas production, "The Sweetest Things". The Sweetest Things Streaming Series is in trouble this year. The special guest they had hoped for has changed and well, that could change everything. We won't sugar-coat it, this could be a disaster but with a little buttering up, the season may turn out dairy, oops, Merry after all!

Please note that The Sweetest Things kids and teens need to be in the sanctuary by 8 am for a final practice.

There is no KIDZone. The nursery will be open but unstaffed.

To connect to our livestream service, [click here](#).

[Click here](#) to check out our FAQ on in-person services.

KIDZONE JK-6 kids program on Sunday mornings. [Click](#) for more information.

If you missed the message from last Sunday, [view the service here](#)

MONDAY

9:00-11:30 a.m. - WHITE PINE CAFÉ: The café will be open Mondays at 9 a.m., serving fair trade, organic Equator coffee and teas as well as homemade baking! Invite a friend or relax alone. Visit <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/cafe>. Interested in volunteering at or baking for our café? Email cafe@arlingtonwoods.ca.

PARENTS OF PRESCHOOLERS (POP) Please note that POP will not be meeting over the Christmas break. POP will resume Monday, January 8. Visit www.arlingtonwoods.ca/pop for details.

7:00-8:00 p.m. - VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING ON ZOOM, special focus on Canada and our leaders. Check your weekly church emails for the ZOOM link.

TUESDAY

7:00-8:00 p.m. - VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING ON ZOOM, special focus on Church and Community needs. Check your weekly church emails for the ZOOM link.

WEDNESDAY

SMALL GROUPS, Our small groups are pausing for the Christmas Break and will resume in January. Please visit <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/smallgroups.php> and contact the small group leader for more information.

THURSDAY

9:30-11:30 a.m. - WHITE PINE CAFÉ OPEN: Our Café will be open Thursdays at 9:30 a.m., serving fair trade, organic Equator coffee and teas as well as homemade baking! Invite a friend or relax alone. Visit <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/cafe>. Interested in volunteering at or baking for our café? Email cafe@arlingtonwoods.ca.

7:00-8:00 p.m. - VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING ON ZOOM, special focus on Pastors and church leaders, Check your weekly church emails for the ZOOM link.

FRIDAY

CATALYST YOUTH (grades 6 to 12) Please note that CATALYST Youth will not be meeting over the Christmas break. CATALYST will resume Friday, January 12. Email ben@arlingtonwoods.ca for more information.

SATURDAY

No events scheduled.

NEXT SUNDAY

For Sunday, December 24, 2023:

9:00-9:30 a.m. - WHITE PINE CAFÉ OPEN: Our Café will be open before and after the service. For details visit <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/cafe>. Interested in volunteering at or baking for our café? Email cafe@arlingtonwoods.ca.

9:30-9:50 a.m. - PRE-SERVICE PRAYER IN PERSON & ON ZOOM: All are welcome every Sunday morning for pre-service prayer! Check your weekly church emails for the ZOOM link or join us in person in the Prayer Room.

IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE!

10:00 a.m. - ARLINGTON WOODS CHURCH SERVICE - IN-PERSON & ONLINE: Join us at 10:00 am for our Sunday service!

The nursery will be staffed and KIDZone will be happening.

6:00 p.m. - ARLINGTON WOODS CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - IN-PERSON & ONLINE: Join us at 6:00 pm for our annual candlelight Christmas Eve service. This is always a very special and meaningful time for our church and community!

Every Christmas Eve, we take up an offering for a helping organization that's important to us. This year the organization is Lionhearts. With the unstoppable force of lionhearted partners and volunteers, Lionhearts inc. eradicates

hunger and homelessness, restoring dignity and hope in the communities they serve, which currently include Ottawa and Kingston. To achieve these goals, Lionhearts recovers and redistributes food and household goods from businesses to over 20 front-line agencies in our community, including Amazon and COBS Bread, and also offers transitional and supportive housing programs. To find out more information about Lionhearts you can visit their website by [CLICKING HERE](#).

KIDZone will NOT be happening and the nursery will NOT be staffed but it will be open for use.

COMING EVENTS

1. An Invitation From the FMCIC National Prayer Team The FMCIC senses the Lord is stirring up a spirit of prayer in us and we do not want to neglect this gift. So, you are invited to join us for 12-noon to 12:30 pm, Eastern Time, 6-days-a-week (Monday to Saturday), prayer meetings, until the end of December. These prayer meetings are open to anyone who would like to join in prayer for the FMCIC and Canada.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87032978936>

Meeting ID: 833 [9849 7735](#)

Passcode: 121030

2. The Sweetest Things: Christmas Production 2023 All ages are welcome to join us on Sunday, December 17th at 10am for our kids and teens Christmas production, "The Sweetest Things". The Sweetest Things Streaming Series is in trouble this year. The special guest they had hoped for has changed and well, that could change everything. We won't sugar-coat it, this could be a disaster but with a little buttering up, the season may turn out dairy, oops, Merry after all!

3. Christmas Eve At Arlington Woods Join us on Sunday, December 24th at 10:00 a.m. for our regular Sunday service and then in the evening at 6:00 p.m. for Christmas Eve Candlelight service. This is always a very special and meaningful time for our church and community!

4. Connect Young Adults Lunch Join us on January 14th from 12 - 2:30 p.m. Be sure to contact Pastor Ben (ben@arlingtonwoods.ca) to RSVP by January 9th and get more info.

5. Men's Breakfast Join us in the Evergreen Hall on Saturday, January 20th from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. for lots of coffee, great food, fellowship and a breakfast devotional by Collin McComb. RSVP by emailing mensministry@arlingtonwoods.ca or sign up at the Welcome Desk and let us know if you have dietary restrictions.

6. City On Our Knees The annual City on our Knees week of prayer for 2024 will be held January 21-27. On Tuesday, January 23 there will be an in-person prayer meeting at Vineyard Ottawa Church from 7:00-8:30 pm. [CLICK HERE FOR ALL THE DETAILS.](#)

7. 2024 Men's Ministry Retreat: Rock Solid in a *Shifting World* Men do you ever feel that the world is changing so fast that your head is spinning? How is your walk with God doing these days? Getting easier...or like most of us, tougher and tougher in these confusing times? What is creeping into your life? What's holding you back? How do you hold firm and stand against the rising tide? Join us February 9-11 at our upcoming retreat as Pastor Marc takes us on a deep dive into these issues. [CLICK HERE FOR ALL THE INFO.](#)

8. Pay It Forward Our debt retirement campaign kicked off on October 28. Click [HERE](#) for more information about it as well as upcoming campaign events.

9. Deeper Roots for Teens (grade 7+) Please note that for November and December Deeper Roots will be pausing as the youth will be joining in the Christmas Production practices. The next Deeper Roots meeting will take place on January 21, 2024. For details, email christinev@arlingtonwoods.ca.

10. Staffed Nursery The nursery will be staffed every week going forward unless we have a special Family Service. For more details visit www.arlingtonwoods.ca/kids.

CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION

1. AWC Men's Ministry - If you would like to be added to the Men's Ministry email list, please email mensministry@arlingtonwoods.ca.

2. Small Groups are an important part of our church community life. Click [HERE](#) to find a list of our current small groups.

3. Widows Support Group The Widows Support Group provides a place to meet others who have lost their spouse and others who understand your loss, provides support to others who are feeling isolated and alone, and provides an opportunity to meet new friends. For more information, contact Jean Gordon by [email](#) or by phone ([819-360-3398](tel:819-360-3398)). The meetings take place on the last Tuesday each month.

4. Membership If you are interested in becoming a member at Arlington Woods Church, please email Pastor Mike at mike@arlingtonwoods.ca.

5. Tithes and Offerings Visit the church website <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/donate> for Online, Credit Card or Pre-Authorized Auto Debit options **or** visit the Welcome Centre in person for a Pre-Authorized Auto Debit brochure and form. Thank you for your continued financial support. If you have any questions, please contact the Head Teller at giving@arlingtonwoods.ca.

6. Hymnals Feel free to take home a hymnal or two from the Welcome Desk.

7. Daily Bread Devotional Guides Copies of the Daily Bread devotional guides for December-January-February are available at the Welcome Desk. If you can't be at church in person but would like a copy of Daily Bread, please email info@arlingtonwoods.ca with your mailing address.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

1. The Lion The Witch And The Wardrobe - 9th Hour Theatre Company will be presenting The Lion The Witch and The Wardrobe this year! December 14-17 at The Shenkman Arts Centre and December 19-23 at The Meridian Theatres at CentrepoinTE. For ticket sales & more details: <https://buff.ly/3qWkhxa>

2. TACA Winter Carnival - SAVE THE DATE! On Saturday, January 27 from 10:00a.m. - 2:00p.m. the annual Trend Arlington Winter Carnival is back again! They'll be offering lots of activities including horse-drawn wagon rides, magic shows, skating, hockey games and skill comps, tug-o-war, chili and hot dogs AND MORE!

3. Respond Ottawa - Many local agencies (foodbanks, community houses, inner-city missions) are running low on essential items and the number of

requests has grown significantly. Click [HERE](#) for a list of food banks in the Ottawa area to contact.

4. FAMSAC Donations - Please bring your food bank donations to the FAMSAC bin in our church lobby. Regular donations are vital to their sustainability.

Most needed items: sugar (2 kg bag), flour (2.5 kg bag), cooking oil, granola bars, fruit cups, oatmeal.

Please note that FAMSAC is no longer collecting the plastic containers.