



FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7 - JANUARY 14, 2024

The whole team at Arlington Woods Church would like to thank you for your unwavering generosity in supporting our ministry through your faithful tithes and offerings. Thank you for being an essential part in what we do here at the church.

Arlington Woods Bread Basket is looking for an official logo. If you'd like to submit an option please e-mail it to breadbasket@arlingtonwoods.ca or submit it to Julie Hogeboom in person. The deadline for submissions will be January 10 and a prize will be awarded to the individual that submits the selected logo.

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.

Nominating Committee It's that time of year again! As we approach the annual meeting in May we're asking you to submit names for individuals who you think could serve on the nominating committee. Qualifications include:

1. the Person must be a Member in good standing;
2. the Person must be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
3. the Person must have an active involvement within the body of the Church;
4. the Person must be in full agreement with the Constitution;
5. The Person must not be related to another member of the Nominating Committee, or a current member of the Board, with the term "related" being defined as any of the following: spouse, parent, child, grand-child, parent-in-law, child-in-law, uncle, aunt, niece or nephew; and

6. the Person acknowledges that membership on such Nominating Committee shall be served without remuneration, provided that a Nominating Committee member may be paid out reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of duties of a Nominating Committee member.

If you are a member of Arlington Woods Church and you would like to submit a name please submit nominations via the box that is located at the welcome desk before the end of January.

Christmas Closures Please note the following Christmas closures:

-POP will resume Monday, January 8.

-Catalyst will resume Friday, January 12.

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 January-February 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.

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.

THIS SUNDAY

For Sunday, January 7, 2024:

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:

Did God Really Say... ?

Fail to see the relevance of the Word of God, downplay the need to belong to God's family and treat prayer as little more than grace at a meal, or a bedtime routine and what you will be left with is a very un-satisfying faith, broken relationships, and a whole host of negative outcomes. Genesis 3 tells us this very thing...

The nursery will be staffed and KIDZone will be happening.

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.

Follow the Sunday Message with YouVersion. [Click to view the notes for this Sunday!](#)

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

FMCIC WEEK OF PRAYER & FASTING: FMCIC is inviting all of the local churches to designate the week of January 7-13 as a time of prayer & fasting for the Free Methodist Church across Canada. For more information and details [CLICK HERE](#).

MONDAY

9:00 - 11:30 a.m. - WHITE PINE CAFÉ: The White Pine café will be open Mondays at 9 a.m., serving fair trade, organic Equator coffee and teas as well as home made 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.

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. - PARENTS OF PRESCHOOLERS (POP) We invite you to attend POP with your preschoolers and help our church connect with our community. Visit www.arlingtonwoods.ca/pop for details and register for the new school year.

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, There are various small groups that meet at the church on Wednesday evening. Please visit <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/smallgroups.php> for more information.

THURSDAY

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. - WHITE PINE CAFÉ: Our café will be open Thursdays at 9:30 a.m., serving fair trade, organic Equator coffee and teas as well as home made 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.

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FRIDAY

6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Friday, January 12 - CATALYST YOUTH (grades 6 to 12) is meeting in the Creekside Room. Drop in between 6:30-7:00 p.m. to hang out and play on some of our games tables or challenge a friend to a board game. CATALYST Youth then runs from 7:00-9:00 p.m. featuring fun games, worship music, a Bible-based talk, and a chance to connect in groups. Email ben@arlingtonwoods.ca for more information.

SATURDAY

No events scheduled.

NEXT SUNDAY

For Sunday, January 14, 2024:

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 in Prayer Room or by zoom link through email.

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

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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 January. 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. FMCIC Week of Prayer & Fasting FMCIC is inviting all of the local churches to designate the week of January 7-13 as a time of prayer & fasting for the Free Methodist Church across Canada. For more information and details [CLICK HERE](#).

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.**

6. 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.**

7. Coldest Night of the Year This is a family-friendly walk to raise money for charities serving people experiencing homelessness, hurt, and hunger. This year's walk takes place on February 24. Our Arlington Woods Church team will be walking to raise money for Capital City Mission and Jericho Road. Click [HERE](#) to get more information.

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. 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. 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!

2. The Date Night Tour - Clean comedy for couples, February 2 at 7:30PM at the Carleton Dominion-Chalmers Centre. Tickers range from \$20-\$30. For tickets and more information visit funandfaith.com.

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.