



## FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3 - DECEMBER 10, 2023

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](mailto: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.

### **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*

## **FRIDAY**

**6:30-9:00 p.m. Friday, December 1 - 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](mailto:ben@arlingtonwoods.ca) for more information.

## **SATURDAY**

**6:30-9:00 p.m. - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CONCERT** You won't want to miss this! Our annual Community Christmas Concert is taking place on December 2 at 6:00 p.m. Come enjoy some festive music, carols and stay afterwards for some karaoke.

## **THIS SUNDAY**

**For Sunday, December 3, 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](mailto: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:**

**MAKE SOME NOISE: What's All The Hype?** This advent season we will be focusing on passages of scripture that are filled with the joyful noise of preparation for the coming of Christ. This Sunday like the hyped-up excitement of preparing for a party, we take time to become aware of the One who is on His way. To wait with expectation. "Immanuel, God With Us!"

**The Sweetest Things: Dress Rehearsal** A reminder that on Sunday, December 3rd, immediately after the service, the children and youth in the Christmas Production will be having their lunch in the KIDZONE area followed by an extended practice in the the Sanctuary until about 2:00 p.m. Parents, please have them bring their lunch. Waiting family members can eat/visit in the Evergreen Hall or Café/Fireside Lounge.

Also, **if you are in Amy's dance group**, please check in at the Welcome Desk before 10:00 a.m. and join us in the Evergreen Hall for an extra practice prior to being dismissed downstairs.

**12:30-2:30 p.m. - CONNECT YOUNG ADULTS LUNCH:** Join us on December 3rd from 12:00-2:30pm. Be sure to contact Pastor Ben ([ben@arlingtonwoods.ca](mailto:ben@arlingtonwoods.ca)) to RSVP by November 28th and get more info.

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](#)

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.arlingtonwoods.ca/pop) for details and to 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

**7:00-9:00 p.m. - BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**, If you've lost a loved one & are experiencing grief, please join us at Arlington Woods Free Methodist Church on Tuesday, December 5th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. for our first ever Blue Christmas Service (sponsored by Tubman Funeral Homes). Throughout the course of the evening we will come together to acknowledge and find solace in the somber aspects of the holiday season, offering a space for reflection, hope and healing amidst the Christmas Season. RSVP to [info@arlingtonwoods.ca](mailto:info@arlingtonwoods.ca).

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## WEDNESDAY

**7:00-9:00 p.m. - BEGIN YOUR ADVENT WITH RENEW ARTS AND THEOLOGY** On December 6th, Renew Arts & Theology is inviting all artists (visual, drama, dance, music, literary) to come to Arlington Woods Church and begin the season together. The evening will be from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and

include a time to share any projects that you are currently working on, pray together, eat some festive snacks, desserts and do a visio divina together. Visio Divina is a way to use a piece of visual art to bring meaning to scripture and in this case the beginning of the Advent season. E-mail Karlene at [karlene@arlingtonwoods.ca](mailto:karlene@arlingtonwoods.ca) to RSVP.

**7:00-8:30 p.m. - PRECEPT BIBLE STUDIES** (weekly, in person, Room K). Yolande Parsons will be leading this small group and we will be studying the topic of Prayer through *Kay Arthur's "Lord Teach Me How to Pray"* book. All are welcome!

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The nursery will be staffed and KIDZone will be happening.

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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 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. Annual Christmas Community Concert** You won't want to miss this! Our annual Community Christmas Concert is taking place on December 2 at 6:00



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**4. Connect Young Adults Lunch** Join us on December 3rd from 12-2:30pm. Be sure to contact Pastor Ben ([ben@arlingtonwoods.ca](mailto:ben@arlingtonwoods.ca)) to RSVP by November 28th and get more info.

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**7. Friends For Dinner** Sign up to host one or more international students for a meal this Christmas! Your kindness and hospitality will help international students to find a home away from home in our city. Click [HERE](#) to sign up, deadline December 10.

**8. 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!

**9. 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!

**10. 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.

**11. 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](mailto:christinev@arlingtonwoods.ca).

**12. 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](http://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](mailto: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). 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Centreponte. 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:** Granola bars, fruit cups, sugar, flour, oil, bags of rice and oatmeal.