

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13 - DECEMBER 20

Our Church building is open in a limited capacity due to COVID-19. We have now begun holding in-person Sunday services (limited numbers, registration required) that are also being streamed to our [Youtube channel](#) and on [Facebook](#). We also have a number of virtual meetings and events taking place during the week. See below for all the details. [Like and Subscribe to us on Youtube](#) so you don't miss one of our livestreams!

Contact Alanna at info@arlingtonwoods.ca if you would like to receive our Weekly Update Email to stay informed of important things happening in our church community.

THIS SUNDAY:

For Sunday, December 13, 2020:

9:30-9:45AM- **PRE-SERVICE PRAYER ON ZOOM**: All welcome every Sunday morning for pre-service prayer! Email info@arlingtonwoods.ca for the login link.

9:45-10:00AM- **PRE-SERVICE ADVENT ACTIVITIES ON YOUTUBE**: To participate in our **advent activity**, gather one or all of these materials: paper plates, pen or pencil or crayons (or something to write with).

10AM- **ARLINGTON WOODS CHURCH SERVICE**: Join us on Sunday, December 13th for part three of our Advent series, "LIGHT"! This week we are joined by Cliff Fletcher (Bishop of the Free Methodist Church in Canada) as he shares about the significance of the Christmas star. Our service officially starts at 10am, but every Sunday morning during Advent you can join us earlier at 9:45am for some surprise games and activities. If you missed last week, [check out the service on Youtube](#)!

Follow along to the Sunday Message with our YouVersion Notes! [Click here](#) to view the notes for this Sunday!

2:00-3:00PM- **KIDZONE Virtual Christmas Party** Happening on ZOOM! **For more info visit** <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/kidzone-virtual-christmas-party.php>. The party will feature songs, games, and crafts!

7:00-8:30PM- **CONNECT: YOUNG ADULTS ON ZOOM**, We'll watch the video together, have a time to connect and discuss it, and then even play some group games! Invite a friend to join you! This ALPHA will take place online once every 2-3 weeks! For more info, get a hold of Pastor Ben at ben@arlingtonwoods.ca or visit www.arlingtonwoods.ca/youngadults.

8:00-9:00PM- **VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING ON ZOOM**, special focus on Young Adults and families at Arlington Woods Church, email info@arlingtonwoods.ca for the login link.

MONDAY:

7:00-9:00PM- **POTTER'S SMALL GROUP ON ZOOM**, meets every Monday, open to all, just started study 'Abiding in Christ' from the book of John.

7:00-8:00PM- **VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING ON ZOOM**, email info@arlingtonwoods.ca for the login link.

TUESDAY:

9:30-11:00AM- **VAN DYKE SMALL GROUP ON ZOOM**, nearing the end of a study of Matthew.

7:00-8:00PM- **VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING ON ZOOM**, email info@arlingtonwoods.ca for the login link.

WEDNESDAY:

9:30-11:00AM- **WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP ON ZOOM**, just started study on Colossians/Philemon.

7:00-8:00PM- **BLOOMFIELD SMALL GROUP ON ZOOM**, just started a study titled 'Proverbs and Parables'.

7:00-8:00PM- **VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING ON ZOOM**, email info@arlingtonwoods.ca for the login link.

8:00-9:00PM- **WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP ON ZOOM**, Women in the church are welcome to join bi-weekly on Wednesday evenings for a time of prayer, study, and connection (December 9th, 23th). Studying "Gratitude: finding joy and fighting anxiety with gratitude." Please contact groups@arlingtonwoods.ca for more information.

8:00-9:00PM- **MEN'S SMALL GROUP ON ZOOM**, Continuing bi-weekly December 2nd and 16th. This is an awesome way for guys to come together and hang out, talk about life, and delve into His word! The topic will be "Tackling Life Questions from a Biblical Perspective". The venue will be informal and fluid... and it is not a study of a particular Book, but open to any questions about the Bible, God, or other life issues. This gathering is open to all men of any age. Please contact groups@arlingtonwoods.ca for more information.

THURSDAY:

7:30-9:00PM- **MCCLUNG SMALL GROUP ON ZOOM**, just started a study on the Gospel of Luke.

7:00-8:00PM- **VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING ON ZOOM**, email info@arlingtonwoods.ca for the login link.

FRIDAY:

6:45-8:45PM- **CATALYST VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY** (for teens grades 6-12) on Friday, December 18th from 6:45-8:45pm on ZOOM. There will be fun games, activities, and our annual Super Insane Christmas Quiz. Contact ben@arlingtonwoods.ca for details.

7:00-8:00PM- **VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING ON ZOOM**, email info@arlingtonwoods.ca for the login link.

SATURDAY

6:00-7:00PM- **ARLINGTON WOODS VIRTUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT**, All welcome to our fun-filled community Christmas concert! Saturday December 19th starting at 6pm on Zoom, visit arlingtonwoods.ca/concert for RVSP. We look forward to seeing you there!

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NEXT SUNDAY:

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10AM- **ARLINGTON WOODS CHURCH SERVICE ONLINE AND IN-PERSON**: This week, Pastor Mike continues our Advent series! Join us in-person this Sunday morning or connect with us online on our [Youtube Channel](#)! [CLICK HERE](#) for more information on what it looks like to join us in-person on a Sunday or to register online (registration opens every Thursday before the service). Each week features worship, prayer, a message, and a kids moment with Pastor Ben. [Visit our kids page](#) for online content for kids.

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COMING EVENTS:

- 1. KIDZONE Virtual Christmas Party** - Happening Sunday, December 13th, 2-3PM on ZOOM! **For more info and to RSVP by November 29th, visit <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/kidzone-virtual-christmas-party.php>** (It's important we hear from you because we will be mailing/delivering packets to be opened during the virtual party). The party will feature songs, games, and crafts!
- 2. Connect: Young Adults on Zoom** - CONNECT: Young Adults is continuing ALPHA online over ZOOM on December 13th from 7-8:30pm. We'll watch the video together, have a time to connect and discuss it, and then even play some group games! Invite a friend to join you! This ALPHA will take place online once every 2-3 weeks! For more info, get a hold of Pastor Ben at ben@arlingtonwoods.ca or visit www.arlingtonwoods.ca/youngadults.
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- 4. Arlington Woods Virtual Community Christmas Concert** - All welcome to our fun-filled community Christmas concert! Saturday December 19th starting at 6pm on Zoom, visit arlingtonwoods.ca/concert for RVSP. We look forward to seeing you there!
- 5. Arlington Woods Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** - Join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service from 6-7pm either in-person or online on our [Youtube](#) or [Facebook](#) channels. We want this to be meaningful to all who are attending from home, so please have some candles that you can light during the service. Our in-person service will have limited attendance to follow Ottawa Public Health regulations. You can register starting on December 17th by [clicking here](#).

NEWS AND INFORMATION:

- 1. Pastors Christmas Gift Offering - LAST CHANCE!**

A new option is now available to give the Pastors Christmas Gift Offering using credit card or bank withdrawal by the end of day **December 13 ONLY**, by [clicking here](#).

In addition, pre-labeled Pastors Christmas Gift Offering envelopes will be available in the church Foyer for "in person" attendees on **Sunday, December 13 ONLY**. These envelopes must be placed in the offering plate (by the door on the way out).

Due to COVID-19 and church construction, we request that completed pre-labeled envelopes will ONLY be accepted on the above date in the offering plate and NOT to be dropped off at the church.

Blessings, Head Teller

2. Nominations for Nominating Committee - Before the 2021 Annual Meeting, we need to receive the nominations for individuals to serve on the Nominating Committee. [Click here](#) for the instructions and forms for the submitting nominations. If you are prepared to serve, or want to nominate someone, please complete the form and return it to the Office (as stated on the form).

3. Small Groups - Would you like to join a small group at Arlington Woods? Do you have questions about what groups are offered? Please contact groups@arlingtonwoods.ca!

4. Donations - Just a reminder that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, tithing and building campaign donations by cash or cheque received at the church are ONLY processed by the tellers once a month/at the end of the month, until further notice. Individuals can still tithe or donate ONLINE or by CREDIT CARD by going to the church website <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/donate>. Thank you for your continued financial support. If you have any questions, please contact the Head Teller at giving@arlingtonwoods.ca.

5. Respond Ottawa - Respond Ottawa has a link to FAMSAC which is an organization that our church supports. They are looking for donations and if you shop at the Metro on Greenbank or in Bells Corners they have places that food may be dropped. At this time they are in need of apple sauce snacks, canned chicken, canned corn, pasta sauce, peanut butter and cooking oil. As well donations may be made online at <http://www.famsac.ca/donate>

6. Financial Fitness Seminar on ZOOM Part 1 & 2 Did you miss the seminars with *MORE THAN ENOUGH* (David and Rebecca van Noppen)? [Click here](#) (part 1) to discover how to get into a better place financially! This seminar will give guiding principles to guide your finances. [Click here](#) for part 2. For more information please visit: <https://morethanenough.ca/>. Below are the resources that were shared during part 2:

- Are we going cashless? <https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/are-canadians-ready-to-go-cashless-after-coronavirus-1.4970838>
- Why using cash causes pain, and plastic cards distance us from our finances. <https://morethanenough.ca/?s=it+hurts+to+pay+with+cash>
- Having a financial date. <https://morethanenough.ca/2020/02/14/financial-dates/>
- Podcast on having a financial date - <https://morethanenough.ca/2020/02/14/financial-valentines/>