

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20 - DECEMBER 27

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 20, 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: a few popsicle sticks, small decorations, a variety of craft materials (such as; string, yarn, glue, construction paper, pen or pencil or crayons).

10AM- **ARLINGTON WOODS CHURCH SERVICE**: We would love to have you join us this Sunday (Dec 20th) in-person or online! We're on week four of our series, "LIGHT", with Pastor Mike talking about "Light in the Darkness". 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!

8:00-9:00PM- **VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING ON ZOOM**, special focus on families at Arlington Woods Church and our neighbours, 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**, special focus on Canada and our leaders, 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**, special focus on the unchurched in our neighbourhood, 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'.

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:

6:00-7:00PM- **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](#).

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**, special focus on Pastors and church leaders, email info@arlingtonwoods.ca for the login link.

FRIDAY:

Merry Christmas!

SATURDAY

Boxing Day

NEXT SUNDAY:

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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.

10AM- **ARLINGTON WOODS CHURCH SERVICE ONLINE**: Join us from the comfort of your home on Sunday, December 27th at 10am for a special online-only national service about "HOPE" put on by the Free Methodist Church in Canada! Each week features worship, prayer, a message, and a kids moment with Pastor Ben. [Visit our kids page](#) for online content for kids.

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.

COMING EVENTS:

1. 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!

2. 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 by [clicking here](#). To help our community, this year's Christmas Eve Offerings will be going to FAMSAC. Please place your donations clearly marked FAMSAC in the offering plate on Christmas Eve or *new this year* donate online (**December 21-25 ONLY**).

3. Connect: Young Adults on Zoom - CONNECT: Young Adults is continuing ALPHA online over ZOOM on January 10th 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.

4. Coldest Night of the Year - on Saturday, Feb 20, 2021. For more information please visit <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/coldestnight.php>.

NEWS AND INFORMATION:

1. 2020 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

In order to receive a 2020 Charitable Donation Receipt, donations must be received by the church (or postmarked) on or before December 31, 2020.

NOTE: The church office will be closed end of day December 24 and will open January 4. Please do **NOT** leave donations in the church mailbox during this time. Most helpful is to place any 2020 donations in the offering plate by Sunday, December 27th or donate online.

Thank you, Head Teller

2. Christmas Eve Donation - To help our community, this year's Christmas Eve Offerings will be going to FAMSAC. Please place your donations clearly marked FAMSAC in the offering plate on Christmas Eve or *new this year* donate online (**December 21-25 ONLY**). Thank you, Head Teller

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/>