

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27 - JANUARY 3

We will be streaming our Sunday services online only, until January 24th 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 27, 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.

10AM- **ARLINGTON WOODS CHURCH SERVICE**: Join us this Sunday (Dec 27th) at 10am from the comfort of your home for our livestream service! There are no in-person services this week! The best way to connect is on Youtube where you can say hi to us and others in the live chat! Bishop Cliff Fletcher and our Arlington Woods team are hosting this special service for Free Methodist churches all across Canada! If you missed last week, [check out the service on Youtube!](#)

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:

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:

Happy New Year!

SATURDAY

No scheduled events.

NEXT SUNDAY:

For Sunday, January 3, 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.

10AM- **ARLINGTON WOODS CHURCH SERVICE ONLINE**: Happy New Year! Our prayer is that your faith will THRIVE in 2021! There's no in-person option for this Sunday, January 3rd, so we would love to have you join our livestream service at 10am! Tim Smith's message is called "Checklist". Tim served for years as a missionary pilot with Mission Aviation Fellowship flying in remote places around the world. We'll also be celebrating communion virtually together, so please have some bread/crackers and juice handy! Each week features worship, prayer, a message, and a kids moment with Pastor Ben. [Visit our kids page](#) for online content for kids.

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 Young Adults and families at Arlington Woods Church, email info@arlingtonwoods.ca for the login link.

COMING EVENTS:

1. 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)**.

2. 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.

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

NEWS AND INFORMATION:

1. Lockdown - Hello, As you know our province has entered into a period of lockdown. Arlington Wood's Sunday Services will be livestreamed every Sunday during this time. Gatherings are limited to 10 people, including funerals, weddings and other worship services. We are following the guidelines given by our province and city. We do want to ensure the safety of members of our congregation as well as those in our surrounding community.

I know this can be challenging during this time of year. Please reach out for help if you need someone to talk with. Together we will succeed.

Continue to place your trust in the Lord. I have had a few people from our congregation remind me of the following truth and promise. Take it to heart today.

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.” Isaiah 3:5,6

God Bless, Pastor Mike and staff at Arlington Woods Church.

2. 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 plate by Sunday, December 27th or donate online.

Thank you, Head Teller

3. Arlington Woods Virtual Community Christmas Concert - If you would like to watch our Christmas concert again, or were not able to join us on Saturday, please [click here](#) for the recorded version!

4. 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!

5. 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.

6. 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>

7. 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/>