



FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 24 - MARCH 31, 2024

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the March-April 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

6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Friday, March 22 - 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

9:00 a.m. - Noon - DISCOVERY 101 MEMBERSHIP CLASS: Membership is an important part in the life of our church family. We'll be having our next membership class on Saturday, March 23 from 9:00AM-Noon. If you're interested in finding out more information or signing up, talk to Pastor Mike. Membership Sunday will be happening on Sunday, April 7.

5:30 p.m. - A PASSOVER SEDER: PRESENTED BY ARLINGTON WOODS WOMEN'S MINISTRY: On Saturday, March 23 at 5:30 p.m. everyone is invited to a Messianic Passover Seder (celebratory dinner), commemorating God's rescue of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt and grasp the background for the greater deliverance available to all through Jesus the Messiah. Join us as Bible Teacher, Author, Podcast Host (Thinking Biblically) and Jewish believer, Alan Gilman takes us on an engaging journey of discovery as we celebrate Passover through a Messianic lens. Sign up at the welcome desk or e-mail info@arlingtonwoods.ca

THIS SUNDAY

For Sunday, March 24, 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.

Palm Sunday: An Entry With Freedom on Jesus' Mind

People have different ideas about freedom. Like many in our culture today, the crowd in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday had a different vision of freedom from that of Jesus upon his entry into the city. Come hear the freedom Jesus offers and desires us to remain true to.

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](#)

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.

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.

2:00 - 8:00 p.m. - JOURNEY TO THE CROSS, Join Renew Arts and Theology on Thursday, March 28th from 2:00-8:00 p.m. or Friday, March 29th from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for an Easter art exhibit. We hope this mobile gallery exhibition will give you space to reflect on the events of Jesus' crucifixion through bespoke artworks created by all Canadian artists. [CLICK HERE](#) for full information.

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2:00 - 10:00 p.m. Friday, March 29 - CATALYST YOUTH (grades 6 to 12)
Today CATALYST YOUTH is heading to NO OTHER NAME! No Other Name is an annual youth event that takes place on Good Friday. This year, No Other Name is happening on Friday, March 29th from 2-10pm at Cedarview Alliance Church. Email ben@arlingtonwoods.ca for more information.

SATURDAY

No events scheduled

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The nursery will be staffed and KIDZone will be happening.

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 March.

These prayer meetings are open to anyone who would like to join in prayer for the FMCIC and Canada.

[Click here to join the Zoom meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 885 3284 1873

Passcode: 105883

2. Easter Flowers Wishing to contribute an Easter flower for the Sanctuary platform in memory of a loved one? Online payments to request an Easter flower (\$25 each) can be made from March 6 - March 26 ONLY.

[Click here EASTER FLOWERS | Arlington Woods Church](#)

Your Easter Flower can be picked up from the Sanctuary platform after the Easter Celebration Service on Sunday, March 31, 2024.

3. Easter Candy We're looking for wrapped peanut free Easter chocolates and candy. Please contact Pastor Ben if you're able to donate or if you have any questions. Donations are due back by Sunday, March 24.

4. A Passover Seder: Presented by Arlington Woods Women's Ministry

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6. Palm Sunday On Sunday, March 24, 2024 we'll be celebrating Palm Sunday. Join us at 10:00AM as we come together to honour the significance of Palm Sunday and share in the anticipation of Easter.

7. Journey To The Cross Join Renew Arts and Theology on Thursday, March 28th from 2:00-8:00 p.m. or Friday, March 29th from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. for an Easter art exhibit. We hope this mobile gallery exhibition will give you space to reflect on the events of Jesus' crucifixion through bespoke artworks created by all Canadian artists. [CLICK HERE](#) for full information.

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10. Men's Ministry Indoor Soccer Game All men are invited to come out to the Evergreen Hall on Saturday, April 6 at 3:00 p.m. for an afternoon of indoor soccer, comradery and community.

11. Connect Young Adults Lunch Join us on Sunday, April 7th from 12 - 2:30 p. m. Be sure to contact Pastor Ben (ben@arlingtonwoods.ca) to RSVP by April 2nd and get more info.

12. Spring Hikes We're restarting our Spring hikes! Join us after the Sunday service on April 14, May 19 and June 9 for some casual hiking with your church family. [CLICK HERE](#) to find out where we're meeting and connect with Heather Brown the morning of the hike to let her know you're coming.

13. Spring Encounter The Free Methodist Women's Conference this year will take place April 19-20, 2024 at the Quality Inn Kingston. Special guest speaker Loreli Cockram will be talking about The Gratefulness Experiment: Discover What Changes When You Give Thanks. [CLICK HERE](#) for all the details.

14. Men's Breakfast Join us in the Evergreen Hall on Saturday, April 20th from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. for lots of coffee, great food, fellowship and Kojo will be sharing "His Story". RSVP by emailing mensministry@arlingtonwoods.ca or sign up at the Welcome Desk and let us know if you have dietary restrictions.

15. Deeper Roots for Teens (grade 7+) This monthly Sunday small group for teens will take place on April 21, 2024. For details, email christinev@arlingtonwoods.ca.

16. AWC Annual Family Parking Lot and Grounds Cleanup Join with your church family to help cleanup the church parking lot and ground. Meet us at the church Saturday, April 27th at 8:30 a.m.!

17. Pastor Mike's Farewell Party Save the date: Saturday May 25th we'll be having a farewell party to honour Pastor Mike & Julie's Retirement from Arlington Woods Church. Join us in the Evergreen Hall from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Pastor Mike's final sermon will be on Sunday, May 26th, 2024.

18. The Patrick J. Kesselring Scholarship Calling All Grade 12 Students you may have an opportunity to apply for the The Patrick J. Kesselring Scholarship through Arlington Woods free Methodist Church. Applications are due back by May 26 to the church office. [CLICK HERE](#) to find out if you qualify.

19. Summer Internships We are hiring an intern at Arlington Woods Church for the summer of 2024! If you're interested in applying or getting more info [CLICK HERE](#) for full details.

20. Summer Camp If you would like to help with planning, decorations, crafts, sports, games, leading groups, or general supervision, please contact Pastor Ben at ben@arlingtonwoods.ca as soon as possible, so we know we have enough volunteers to proceed. [CLICK HERE](#) for more details.

21. 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.

22. Bread Basket Logo We're still looking for a logo for our new bread Basket ministry. Do you have a great idea but need graphics for it? Give us your ideas and we'll see what we can do..

23. 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. 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?

If you are interested in volunteering and finding out more about this new ministry please email breadbasket@arlingtonwoods.ca or speak to Julie Hogeboom.

3. Small Groups are an important part of our church community life. Click [HERE](#) to find a list of our current small groups.

4. Discovery 101 Membership Class Membership is an important part in the life of our church family. We'll be having our next membership class on Saturday, March 23 from 9:00AM-Noon. If you're interested in finding out more information or signing up, talk to Pastor Mike. Membership Sunday will be happening on Sunday, April 7.

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 March-April-May 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. Donate to the Easter Blood Drive - The 2024 Easter Blood Drive is a way to encourage Christians to donate blood or plasma. While 1 in 2 Canadians are eligible to donate, only 1 in 81 does. Book an appointment to donate at Canadian Blood Services donation sites (Carling Ave. for blood or Place

d'Orleans for plasma) on March 23 to 30. It's easy to make your donation part of our team effort. Thank Jesus for shedding His blood for us. Simply:

1. Sign in or create your donor account at the Partners for Life portal on the Canadian Blood Services website at <https://myaccount.blood.ca/en> or the Give Blood App.
2. In your account, click on "Join a team" to join by typing and selecting the Easter Blood Drive Team
3. Book your appointment to donate blood or plasma during Holy Week or any time during 2024.
4. Donate once or as often as you are eligible.

Questions? Visit Easterblooddrive.ca or email us at info@easterblooddrive.ca.

The Easter Blood Drive is supported by Love Ottawa and CHRI Christian radio.

2. Camp IAWAH Family Work Day - Join with the staff at Camp IAWAH to help them out during their family work day. This will be happening Saturday, April 13 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. [CLICK HERE](#) for more details.

3. Book Launch and Talk - On May 11 - 2:00-4:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, 971 Woodroffe Ave., Ottawa. Ladies please join us to celebrate Karen Stiller, a local Christian author and a senior editor at Faith Today, whose second book, "Holiness Here", will be released on April 9/24 by Nav. Press. "Holiness Here" offers practical and inspiring ways to transform your life by helping you to see the holiness within your ordinary, everyday life. Karen will be talking about her book and will also be available to sign your copy if you wish. Information about ordering her book is on her website at www.karenstiller.com.

4. Pedalheads Summer Bike Camp - This year Pedalheads will be hosting a summer camp at Arlington Woods Church. For all of the details [CLICK HERE](#).

5. 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.

6. 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.