

Peace Evangelical Church

Sept 13, 2020

Today's Service
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Next Sunday's Service
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Connect with us!

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Note: English Sunday's sermon services at 10:00 am will be broadcast live online beginning at the corresponding times.

Community

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. - Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Harvard professor Robert Putnam wrote a book years ago called *Bowling Alone*, which documents the decline in community life in America since the 1960s. The title comes from a trivial but telling example: the percentage of adults who belong to a bowling league today is only about a quarter of what it was in the 1960s.

Other examples he cites are...

- The percentage of people who volunteer in a political campaign – stuffing envelopes, making phone calls, going door to door – is today about half what it was in the late 1960s.
- Active membership in local clubs and organizations, like the PTA, has dropped by about half, percentage-wise, since the 1970s.
- People are visiting one another less frequently, having friends over for dinner less frequently, getting together to play cards less frequently.

These are just a few examples showing that just about every objective measure of participation in community and civic life is declining. People are disconnected more than ever. So it's no wonder we're more isolated and more depressed than we've ever been.

God never created us to live life alone. So even if you struggle to make friends, do it anyway. Stay involved in social gatherings and clubs. Not only will you be encouraged yourself, you'll have a platform to build meaningful relationships and share the Gospel with others.

Prayer Challenge:

Pray that God would help you continue to build meaningful relationships with others.

Questions for Thought:

Can you name three people with whom you have built a close friendship?
What are some practical steps you can take to start getting more involved in others' lives?

Church News

- Due to the rampant coronavirus pandemic, the church has halted all in-person gatherings. Sunday sermons have been changed to live webcasts through a link on www.pec.bc.ca until further notice. Please join in on schedule. Our various prayer meetings, fellowships, and Bible study classes are also being conducted online via Zoom video conferencing. With these arrangements, may God cause us to be connected and built up spiritually. In the interim, please pay close attention to the church news in our weekly digital bulletin.
- Since the church has to suspend all physical gatherings and can only provide live-streaming of sermons on Sundays because of the current situation, for the communion service that we have always highly-valued, the elders and co-workers are making the following proposals and recommendations after discussion:
 - We encourage baptized members to hold communion services at their homes each week, led by a brother in the household.
 - Prior to the meeting, prepare the bread and the cup. The bread is unleavened bread, baked with flour and a sprinkling of salt and oil. It signifies the body of Christ. The cup is grape juice, which symbolizes Christ shedding His blood in atonement for our sins.
 - In the event a family does not have a brother who can lead, please contact your fellowship leader or mentor. We can arrange to organize a small group communion service for you on Zoom, and members who are moved to do so will be able to participate in sharing at that time.
 - The communion service was established by the Lord and is a very somber gathering. It is necessary to prepare your heart and self-examine first before partaking in the Lord's bread and the Lord's cup. Whoever does not discern the body of Christ, eats and drinks judgment on himself.
 - Therefore, by remembering the Lord, we have a deeper understanding of His love, revitalize our own love for Him, meditate on our relationship with the Lord, and are cognizant of our own transgressions. May the love of Christ always inspire us and rekindle the fire in our hearts.
 - Please try to schedule these communion services for Sundays during the pandemic, whether at home or in online groups. As soon as the outbreak subsides and the church resumes physical gatherings, these online gatherings will immediately cease.
- The Sept Elders and Deacons Meeting will be conducted via Zoom on the 13th (today) at 2:30 pm. Will all concerned please take note and attend punctually.
- The church will conduct Chinese spiritual nurturing meetings online from Oct 9-11. The speaker is Brother Peibing WU. Meetings are on Friday at 8 pm, Saturday 10 am, 11:30 am and 8 pm, and Sunday 10 am and 11:30 am in Cantonese and Mandarin jointly. Brothers and sisters are requested to prepare their hearts to attend.
- Brother Marco Kam will be on leave at Sept 14-17.
- The church encourages brothers and sisters to intercede daily for one of their non-converted friend or relative, may God save them and let them to receiving this precious salvation grace from God. May brothers and sisters would bear good witness for Him in the family and His name would be glorified; all their family members would be saved finally. We also encourage brothers and sisters to share their salvation testimonial to people not knowing Christ yet.
- Paul Fellowship Sister Yong-qin TIAN rested in peace on Sept 9. May God comfort and give strength to her family.

8. Below is last week's offering records, a tax receipt will be issued on or before the end of February of next year.

Envelope#	Amount	Envelope#	Amount	Envelope#	Amount	Offering Items	Amount
112645	300.00	CAaR5rT6	800.00	CAJyN8mk	400.00	General	11,824.00
112903	200.00	CAb74s37	1,000.00	CAkj9gYR	6,000.00	Mission Fund	350.00
112980	800.00	CAfCB2DH	200.00	CAkJnfgk	400.00	Caring Fund	1,500.00
113203	600.00	CAGNCJhv	100.00	CAQ5eKrA	300.00		
CA7N9zej	200.00	CAGpUrBQ	799.00	CArZF5UR	75.00		
CAA9AsHK	1,000.00	CAHCeN7r	100.00	CAumdduY	400.00		
Total Amount							13,674.00
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Prayer Items

- Please pray for our church's direction in 2020 and the theme of English Ministry for this year is "Next level with God". (Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Proverb 3:5-6 (NLT). May God use it and His name be glorified.
- Please continue to intercede in prayer for those members who are weak in flesh or spirit, by the mentioning of their names. May God heal and give strength to them so that they can find peace in the Lord, and may their loved ones have the fortitude to care for and sustain them so that all will gain the comfort of the Lord.
- Please pray for the Chinese Ministry of our church, may all brothers and sisters have an eager wish to follow our Lord, bear the witness for God, willing to receive the command from God and we would be strengthened by Him through His word and teaching, God's path will be prosperous. May more brothers and sisters would have strong desire to know about Him, bear good witness for Him, and serve Him truly with faith and love.
- May the Lord motivate us to take root in His Word at all times, learn to look up to God alone, rely on Him to overcome any storms in life, and stand firm in the Lord to learn deeper spiritual lessons; to accept the admonitions of the cross, and to live a heavenly life commensurate with the Son of God.
- Please pray for the educational policies of each province and school board for this new school year. May all parents faithfully keep watch over and safeguard the edification of their children. May God bless devoted school board members and the arrangements and decisions of each board so that the students may be glorified. And pray for the safety of each pupil throughout this pandemic.
- Please pray for the current political situations in Hong Kong and National Wide. May God continue to govern so that people will have peace. May He bestow wisdom, strength, unity and faith to the various churches in HK and the US, in order that they can hold fast to the truth of the Bible and bear outstanding witness for the Lord.
- Please pray for our church family adapt to the new life style during the epidemic prevention period, make adjustments so that couples can appreciate each other, the parents get the wisdom from God, communicate with their children with words of love and encouragement, and establish Christ is the Lord of my family.
- Please pray that the current novel coronavirus pandemic can be controlled quickly. Consider the difficult work of frontline medical staff and the leadership of various countries during this time, and pray to God for help in finding effective treatments and vaccines through the researchers as soon as possible. Let people recognize their own limitations with humility and turn back to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the church to be a witness for God during the pandemic and attract more people to the Lord. Pray that Christians locked-down in their homes can overcome the stress and demonstrate in their lives the faith, hope, love and peace of true disciples. And also pray that through the experience of online worships and prayer and fellowship meetings, the church can mature and evolve, focus more on the study and practice of Biblical truths, effectively preach the gospel, and love God and people in a different way.

New Offering Option: Interac e-Transfer

To provide another option for Brothers & Sisters with sending offerings to church, we have setup Interac e-Transfer to receive them electronically. Following are some guidelines:

1. Email to send offerings: offering@pec.bc.ca
2. We have setup Auto Deposit, so please ensure the amount on your instruction is correct before confirming the payment.
3. When adding the new Contact, you might be asked to create a security question and answer. Just do so arbitrarily as that will not be used eventually. Also please choose to notify Contact by email address (not mobile phone).
4. On the Message section, please indicate:
 - a) your legal name (for tax receipt)
 - b) your commonly known name
 - c) purpose of your offering:
 - i. General Offering
 - ii. Mission Fund
 - iii. Caring Fund
 - iv. Special Offering, please specify
 - d) If you'd like to offer different amounts for more than one purpose, please indicate in the message as well.

Example: TSO PO KI, Phyllis, \$50 General, \$60 Mission, \$70 Caring

5. The bank's transaction reference number (instead of the offering envelope number) will be used to track and record your offering, which you can check on the bulletin to confirm church has received it.
6. Church's bulletin will be posted on our website every Sunday, listing out offerings received during the previous week:
March 29 bulletin will post offerings received on Mar 16-22
April 5 bulletin will post offerings received on Mar 23-29, and so on.
7. In case further clarifications are required, we will contact the sender by email.

Reminders:

- i) This is an additional option but not the only option to make offerings. We are still accepting drop-offs at church (cash or cheque) and mail-ins (cheque only). For drop-offs, please call the church office (604) 231-9990 ahead of time before coming.
- ii) Some banks and/or account types might charge service fee to send e-Transfer.