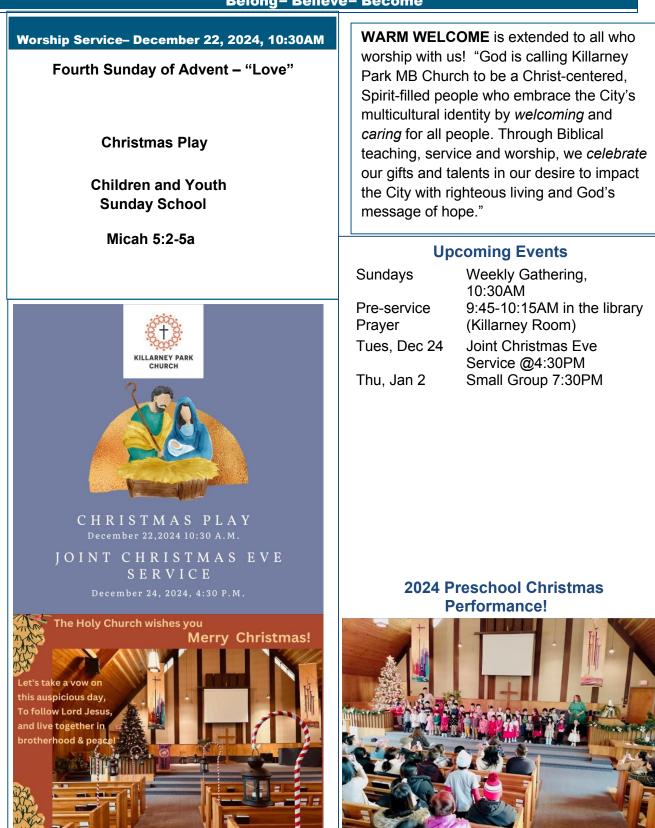
Killarney Park MB Church

Belong-Believe-Become



Donations

Donations to KPMB can be made by e-transfer to <u>donations@kpmbchurch.org</u> or in-person

Prayer Ministry

Pray for Our Missionaries:

Lia Multiply worker in Central Asia Pray for:

- Strategies for a long-term visa presence
- Discipleship and church planting among Buddhist people in this region
- Young believers in this group to be raised up as leaders among their people

For prayer requests and updates contact: prayer@kpmbchurch.org Church Office Hours (The office will be closed on December 25th & 26th)

Sunnie Pei Tues – Fri 9:00AM – 3:30PM

Pastor Sherman Lau Tues – Fri 9:30AM – 4:30PM

Pre-service Prayer

Every Sunday, we meet for prayer before the worship service on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:15AM in the library (Killarney Room).

Bi-monthly Prayer Meeting

Every 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Tuesday of the month from 7:15-8:15PM over Zoom.

Fellowship Groups

- a. **Adults Small Group:** Every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:30PM. Contact the office to confirm meeting location if needed. Virtual meeting option will be available upon request (call ahead).
- Mandarin Bible Study: Every 2nd and 4th Friday at 7:30PM through Zoom. Contact the office for more information. There will be a break on Dec 27, 2024.
- c. **One Another Groups:** One Another groups are micro-small groups (3-5 people) for spiritual enrichment and friendship. Form or join a One Another group for six weeks. Connect with someone after service TODAY! Contact Pastor Sherman for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Christmas Break

Children and Youth Sunday School will be taking a break for Christmas after December 22, 2024 and will resume on January 12, 2025 (**NO Sunday School on Dec 29 and Jan 5**).

Joint Christmas Eve Service, December 24, 2024, 4:30-6:00PM

Killarney Park and Every Nation Vancouver are parthering to host a Joint Christmas Eve Service. Come at 4:30PM for refreshments and then participate in the service which recounts the birth of Christ who is the Light of God in the darkness. Please invite family and friends.



"ALONG THE WAY" SUNDAY, December 29, 2024

This is a special year-end opportunity to reflect on this past year and share faith our stories as well as pray for each other. Come prepared to share how you have experienced God in 2024 or a Bible verse that has been meaningful. Please contact the office if you are interested in sharing.

Invocation

L: At the appointed time, the child was born!

C: The Saviour of the world is here!

L: The angels told the shepherds of the newborn Saviour.

C: The Saviour of the world is here!

L: The shepherds went and found the child, lying in a manger.

C: The Saviour of the world is here!

All: We wait for Christ to come again. We wait for Christ to enter our world and lives in a new way. Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

Benediction

L: We celebrate God is with us in the birth of Jesus.

C: Let us live lives of hope, peace, joy, and love this Christmas season.

L: Let us proclaim that we have seen the glory of God believing that Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness.

C: May the love of the Creator, the joy of the Spirit, and the peace of the Christ-child live in us now, and evermore. Amen.

> Next Sunday, Dec 29: "Along the Way" Sunday

Mennonite Connections & Beyond

Multiply

Dear Killarney Park Church Family,

We travelled to India and Thailand for our work this year, and Doug went to Malawi and then onto Angola and later to Uruguay to do Missional Leadership Training in these contexts. I had the privilege to conduct trauma healing camps with Myanmar refugees along the border of Thailand and Myanmar. One 18-year-old young man, I will never forget, crossed the border at his parent's insistence because he was being forced into the military to fight. He looked about age 14, and when I listened to his harrowing escape across the border, and his wanting to go back to protect his parents, my response was, please listen to your parents, they want you to be safe and to live a long life.

There is much unrest in our world as I write these words etched upon my heart from a young man, now a refugee half a world away. 2000 plus years ago, into our world Jesus was born, Emmanuel, God with us. We know the world was not experiencing peace at that time either. Jesus is our peace; he has been and will continue to be the One who holds our hearts in peace.

This year has held both challenges and joys as we continue to serve with Multiply. We have felt deep joy as we step into new roles God opens, Sherry coached a Ukrainian couple this year as they church plant here in BC. The learning with them was helpful in knowing how to walk with other church planters in Canada doing work among refugees. Sherry has been invited to consult with Multiply's North American team defining mission engagement within N America in particular, Diaspora Mission. Doug has just finished Module 6, called "Joining God's Mission," several international partners are waiting for this training as it continues to meet needs for the larger church family for training needs. Some of the challenges we faced this year are related to health and accessing timely medical tests and doctors. I (Sherry) had an undiagnosed parasite for 2 years during COVID which resulted in Crohn's Disease. Getting appropriate and timely help has been hard. It is slowly being sorted out. Doug's health challenges are not preventing him from global travel.

Another challenge was the loss of a supporting church this past year, along with multiple elderly supporters who have passed away. There are always valid reasons for churches and individual supporters to go in other directions. We feel incredibly blessed for the support we have received over the years. At this time in our ministry, we want to focus on ending well, and do not want to do more fundraising. I, Sherry, am 65 so this year I chose to reduce my work to 2 days a week to accommodate this shortfall. I will reduce my time further in January and will keep 1 day to cover my coaching role with Arun and the new consultation role of Diaspora Mission with the North American Ministry team. Doug is 3 years vounger than me. (smile) and so will continue in his work to complete his assignment of producing 18 modules for the MLT before retirement.

We are thankful for each person and each church that has supported us faithfully over all these years, we wanted to give a more open assessment as to where we are at. We are deeply appreciative of your care, your prayers and your support.

Wishing you and your family a very blest Christmas, as we prepare our hearts to make room for Jesus in new ways, that sustain our lives as we rest in Him and live before the audience of One.

With our deepest thanks and love, D and S

South Asian Ministry Canada Team Team Leader/Global Trainer