Kirk News
Welcome!
We would like to welcome you to our service today. We are happy to have you and we hope that you will find our worship engaging and our community welcoming. We hope to see you again in the coming weeks.

Large Print Bulletins
Large print bulletins are available at the main doors.

Nursery Coverage and Children’s Worship is Available!
Nursery is available for children from birth to age three. For children age 4 to 11 there is a children’s worship class. All are welcome.

Receivers and Headphones Available
We have an assisted hearing device installed and receivers and headphones are available for use during the Service. If you would like to use them then please speak to the person at the sound system.

Scent-Free
In order to accommodate the needs of others, please remember that the Church building is scent-free.

Fellowship Time & Creative Kirk
Please join us for fellowship time after Church in the Upper Hall with David and Valerie Toms as our hosts. We will also be having Creative Kirk where you have all brought in items to showcase your talents. Please feel free to browse the displays in the Upper Hall after Church!

This Week’s Music
It is a joy to have Nathan Liang contributing to our worship service this morning. He is a grade eight French immersion student at Queen Charlotte School, where he also plays clarinet in band. He also spends several hours a week in competitive swimming. This famous Sonata is often referred to as “The Moonlight Sonata” although Beethoven himself did not call it that.

The Kirk NERDs will be meeting today, November 26th, at 6:30pm at the Kirk. All are welcome!

Pastoral Care
If there are any pastoral care concerns that come up then please contact Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton at 894-5382, Janet Glass at 892-1463 or Heather Henry MacDonald at 569-2391.

Congratulations
The Kirk of St James family would like to congratulate Jim Macnutt for being awarded the Senate of Canada 150 medal, on Friday, November 17th. This award marks the 150th anniversary of the first sitting of the Senate. To celebrate this historic occasion, the Senate created the Senate of Canada 150 Medal. Senators awarded the medals to Canadians who are thoroughly involved in their communities and, whose generosity, dedication, volunteerism and hard work make their home town, community, region, province or territory a better place to live. Congratulations Jim!

Christmas Center Piece Workshop
The Christmas centerpiece workshop on Thursday, December 7th at 6:30pm is now filled – thank-you! Please feel free to add your name to the waiting list if you are still interested. If you are signed up for the workshop and can no longer attend then please let Amy in the Church Office know at 902-892-2839 or kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com. For those who did sign up then the $20 can be placed in an envelope marked Christmas Center Piece Workshop and put in the offering plate or dropped off to the office.

Charlottetown and Area Christian Council: November 2017
Rev. Kevin MacKenzie told us that his church used the small book, "Autopsy of a deceased church: 12 ways to keep yours alive" as a basis for future planning. Sister Gemma Dunn asked for help in developing a Seniors College course about Christian denominations: whom might she invite to speak; which denominations should she include? Write to srgemma@eastlink.ca if you have suggestions, Rev. Doug Rollwage will discuss Presbyterianism. Community Baptist Church asked support for a tea at 2 pm on 2nd December in aid of schooling in Lebanon for refugee children from Syria and Iraq. Christian Council invited all church people, and others, to gather outside St. Dunstan's on November 30 at 7 pm to sing carols. Council will provide hot chocolate. The main speaker was Mr Bill England from Operation Mobilization (OM). He spoke about the missionary ideals of the organisation, discussed the possibility of collaborating in mission with local churches, but focussed on interventions in human trafficking. It is estimated that more than 20 million people are enslaved world-wide. The majority are women and, according to International Labor Organisation statistics, 5.5 million are children. In Canada, 25 % of victims of police-reported human trafficking between 2009 and 2014 were under the age of 18 (Statistics Canada). An anti-trafficking DVD is called, "She has a name".
Weekly Congregational Email
Each week we send out an e-mail from the Kirk to let folks know what is going on. It has information, good news we are thankful for, things we are celebrating, and a Pastor Shep comic to hopefully keep you smiling. If you would like to be added to this e-mail please contact the office by phone 902-892-2839 or, by e-mail. It is a wonderful way to keep in touch with everything we are doing!

PWS&D Mission Moment
World AIDS Day
AIDS is now the leading cause of death among teenagers in sub-Saharan Africa, a region still devastated by the HIV epidemic. These deaths can be avoided through prevention and treatment, education, and sexual and reproductive healthcare. The Presbyterian Church in Canada, through Presbyterian World Service & Development, supports HIV and AIDS programs that fight stigma and discrimination, teach and equip people to prevent the spread and the transmission between mother and child, and provide home based care and medications to those living with the disease. On World AIDS day, we live in Christ’s hope for a world without AIDS and pray for those whose lives remain affected.

PWS&D works for a world without AIDS

Community Events
Kendall Docherty & Friends Concert
"Get in the Early Christmas Spirit" by attending a Kendall Docherty and Friends Concert at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Charlottetown on Sunday, November 26 at 7 p.m. Tickets are $12.00 and available by calling Lois at 902-368-8246 or at the door. Fudge will also be sold.

Festive Turkey Dinner
Park Royal Church’s ‘7th Annual Festive Turkey Dinner’ with all the trimmings will be held on Saturday, December 2nd serving at 5:30 pm. We will be prepared for the ‘Most Wonderful Time of the Year’ with our Olde Fashioned Turkey Dinner, complete with Christmas Music, lots of entertainment and festive holiday décor for your enjoyment... Tickets available by calling Church Office at 902-894-9656 during the week - $20.00 adults and $10.00 children under 12. Tickets normally sell out fast!

Get in the holiday spirit with Sirens
PEI’s award-winning women’s choral ensemble presents its first concert program of the 2017-18 concert season this December. "Winter's Night" will be performed on Friday, December 1st, at 7pm at Park Royal Church, Charlottetown; and Saturday, December 2nd, 7pm at St. Andrew's Church, Vernon Bridge. Featuring songs of snow, carols from around the world, and seasonal favourites, this is Sirens' first Christmas-inspired program in nearly four years. Tickets for these performances may be purchased online or at the door; prices are $20/$18/$10. For more information on this show, and other upcoming concerts, please visit sirenschoir.com.

Handel's Messiah
On Sunday, December 3rd, at 2:30 p.m. on Main Stage, Confederation Centre Music Department presents Handel's Messiah, conducted by Donald Fraser. The Confederation Singers and Orchestra will be joined by soloists: Shannon Scales, Hannah O'Donnell, James Smith, and Parker Clements. Reserved admission $25.00. Tickets available at the Ticketworks.

Drive Thru Living Nativity Scene
The 7th annual Drive Thru Living Nativity will take place at the farm of Chyrs and Doreen Jenkins at 6452 Route 19 in Canoe Cove from Friday, December 8 to Sunday, December 10 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm each evening. There will be Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, shepherds, kings, angels and live animals along with a choir singing Christmas songs. There will be a large displays of Christmas lights and decorations. Freewill donations will be collected for the Children's Wish Foundation and Santa's Angels.

Memorial Carol Sing
A thoughtful way to feel Advent: the annual Memorial Carol Sing – Sunday, December 10th, 2:00 pm - in beautiful St. Paul’s Church in downtown Charlottetown. 1½ hours of sing-along, with a few performed pieces. Memorial donations are possible to honour loved ones -- with their name on a star and in the keepsake programme (by Dec 5) or come just to sing and listen. Information: 902-892-1691, stpauls@pei.aibn.com, www.stpaulschurch.ca.

Arioso Christmas Concert
An Arioso Christmas Concert will be held at St. Mark’s Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown on Sunday, December 10th at 3 p.m. Admission is $10.00. Tickets are available from Meghan at 902-566-1562 or at the door. Arioso is a talented women’s double trio which was formed in 2008. The word “Arioso” means: melodious, graceful, and in the style of an Aria.
Poinsettia Plants

We invite you to donate a Poinsettia Plant in Memory of a loved one this Christmas.

We will use the flowers to decorate the sanctuary during the upcoming Christmas Season.

If you wish to purchase a plant for $25 (tax included), please fill out the tear off form below and put in the offering plate or contact the Office directly. You can submit as many names as you like per plant.

All names must be received by Tuesday, December 5th.

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Advent at the Kirk

Sunday, December 3rd, 10:30am First Sunday of Advent
Communion Sunday
As we begin the season of Advent, you are invited to join us for our Communion Service.

Sunday, December 10th, 10:30am Second Sunday of Advent
Giving Sunday
We are taking part in two projects this year, the Salvation Army Christmas Hampers and the Upper Room Christmas bag of necessities for clients of the Upper Room. For more info on these please read the info on the inside of this insert.

Sunday, December 17th, 10:30am Third Sunday of Advent
Christmas Nativity Story & Luncheon
Please join us as we retell the story of the first Christmas Night. Following the Nativity Story we will be having our annual Christmas Luncheon. We are asking people with the last names that start with A-M to bring sandwiches and N-Z to bring sweets.

Sunday, December 24th, 10:30am Fourth Sunday of Advent
Seasonal Hymn Sing Service
Invite your friends and family to this seasonal Hymn Sing service!

Sunday, December 24th, 6:30pm
Christmas Eve Service
Please join us for our Christmas Eve Service of lessons and carols.
Christmas Giving Projects – 2017

During this advent season we are called upon to pay it forward to a world desperate for the hope that we know in Christ. We are to offer the world the Good News that, through Christ’s coming there is hope, there will be peace on earth, and joy and love enough for all! This is what Christmas is about – it is about changing the world; and giving what we have received. This year we are participating in two projects, one is the Salvation Army Helping Hampers Program, and the other project is the Upper Room Christmas Bag project. We hope that you will be able to contribute in one way or another to either of these projects this year.

Mission & Outreach Christmas Project
Upper Room Christmas Bag

As a continued effort to serve our community, we are taking part in a project that we became aware of while serving at the Upper Room. We will be helping purchase items for their Christmas Bag of Necessities for 100 or so regular clients of the Upper Room. There are four options to choose from this year:

1. Select an item from the basket to purchase;
2. Donate a gift card of any amount to Old Navy, Walmart, the Gap or other clothing store to purchase clothes;
3. Donate a toonie – toonie Sundays, Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10, & 17
4. Donate knitted Ladies’ and Men’s hats and mitts.

Baskets will be available to collect items/gift cards/toonies and will be located in the Sanctuary and available at fellowship time starting Nov. 26. Please bring the items in by Dec. 21st. Let’s make this Advent season a time of hope and joy by helping with this project!

Helping Hampers - 2017

As we did last year, to help us focus on making this Christmas one filled with giving, we have partnered with the Salvation Army, who have handed out over several hundred Christmas food hampers to families and individuals in need within our community. This year, the Salvation Army is asking for monetary gifts that will be used towards the purchase of items needed for families in need to make a Christmas dinner. If you wish to make a donation, then please donate by using the Helping Hampers envelope on the pew hooks and placing it in the offering plate on Sunday or dropping it off to the Church Office. We thank you for any help that you are able to give.

Please note: donations made in cash or by cheque will be added to your annual tax receipt.

Love God... serve others this Christmas!