

## ***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**

Please join us for fellowship time after Church in the Upper Hall with the fellowship committee as our hosts.

### **Envelopes**

The offering envelopes for 2018 are available in the entrance of the Church.

### **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.

### **Session Meeting**

There will be a Session Meeting on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in the Parlour at the Kirk.

### **Christmas Center Piece Workshop**

The Christmas centerpiece workshop on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## **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!



Kirk NERDs Christmas party! December 10<sup>th</sup> will be our last Kirk NERDs meeting until the New Year and we have some special events planned! There will be a gingerbread house decorating competition, we will be making homemade pizza, and playing some fun new Christmas games. We will also be doing a \$5 gift exchange and ask each member to take a gift (we will have extras in case anyone forgets!). We are looking forward to this fun evening. In order to fit in all these fun events we are going to start half an hour early so for this one evening we will be meeting from 6-8. We can't wait to see you there!

### **Presbyterian Women's Christmas Tea**

Presbyterian Women will be having a Christmas Tea on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm at Christy Ashby's house, 6 Sunset Dr. All welcome, bring a friend!

## ***Community Events***

### **Handel's Messiah**

On Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

### **Memorial Carol Sing**

A thoughtful way to feel Advent: the annual Memorial Carol Sing – Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm - in beautiful St. Paul's Church in downtown Charlottetown. 1-1/2 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](mailto:stpauls@pei.aibn.com), [www.stpaulschurch.ca](http://www.stpaulschurch.ca).

# 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 5<sup>th</sup>.

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## Advent at the Kirk



**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Seasonal Hymn Sing Service**

Invite your friends and family to this seasonal Hymn Sing service!



**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**  
**Christmas Eve Service**

Please join us for our Christmas Eve Service of lessons and carols.



Love God... serve others this Christmas

it is more blessed to give than to receive



## Christmas Giving Projects – 2017

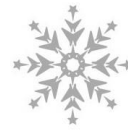
During this advent season we are called upon to pay it forward to a world desperate for the hope that we know in Christ. We are to offer the world the Good News that, through Christ's coming there is hope, there will be peace on earth, and joy and love enough for all! This is what Christmas is about – 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. 21<sup>st</sup>. 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.**



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