

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, Dec. 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. 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.

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.

Children's Worship is Available!

For children age 4 to 11 there is a children's worship class downstairs.

Nursery

Nursery is available for children from birth to age three. For Parents with young children: we now have a crib, change table and glider rocker located in our nursery upstairs. Please feel free to make use of this area for whatever needs you have. If there is anything you require please feel free to ask our nursery attendants who will be happy to provide for any needs you have.

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.

Fellowship Time

Please join us for fellowship time after Church in the Upper Hall with David and Paulette Hooley as our hosts.

This Week's Music

This week we are particularly grateful to Tara Llewellyn for her beautiful solos. The first is from Messiah; the words are from Isaiah 52:7. The *Magnificat* is the hymn of the Virgin Mary (Luke 1:46-55). We are also grateful to Owen Aylward for his help with the music this morning.

Congratulations

We would like to say congratulations to Benjamin & Rachael Coles on the birth of their first child, a son, Edward Paul Coles. Proud grandparents are Doug & Michele Coles.

Envelopes

The offering envelopes for 2018 are available for pick-up 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.

YOUTH GROUP

Kirk NERDs Christmas party! December 10th 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!

Congratulations

We would like to say congratulations to Jim Macnutt on his eighth book, his first novel, which was released in London by the publisher on November 30th. The title is "On Five Dollars a Day/An Innocent Abroad in Europe/Summer 1965" "...a vivid and engaging snapshot of one man's interactions with people and places all over Europe. It provides a fascinating record of the continent at a particularly critical moment in its history." There will be a book launch before Christmas to be announced later.

Presbyterian Women's Christmas Tea

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

Upper Room Soup Kitchen

Mission & Outreach is looking for 4-5 volunteers to cook/serve at the Upper Room Soup Kitchen on Saturday, December 16th, from 9:30am to 1pm. We will also need 15 dozen cookies. Sign-up sheets are in the Fitzroy Hall. If you have any questions then please contact the office or see Michele Coles at Church on Sunday.

Christmas Nativity Story Service

We will be presenting the Nativity Story during our Sunday Service on December 17th at 10:30am. We are looking for people who would be willing to place an ornament at the front of the Church. This could be any individual, couple, family, or group. If interested please contact the office. We hope to make this Sunday a special service presenting the most wonderful story of all!

Christmas Luncheon

There will be a Luncheon following the service on Sunday, December 17th. We are asking all those with the last names that start with A-M to bring sandwiches and N-Z to bring sweets. All are invited!



Advent at the Kirk



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.

Thursday, December 28th, 3:00pm

Sing Along Messiah

The Sing Along Messiah will be held at the Kirk of St. James on Thursday, December 28th at 3pm. All are invited to attend.



Community Events

"A Very Forte Christmas"

Forte Men's Choir presents "A Very Forte Christmas" on Saturday, December 16th, at 2:30pm at The Kirk of St. James. Admission is \$10. This seasonal concert will feature gorgeous new carols, fun twists on old favourites, a few lesser-known gems, and sing-alongs, all wrapped in the warm sound of male voices. A Christmas treat that will make you laugh, cry, sing, and reflect upon the meaning of the Christmas season.

Sing Noel

On Sunday, December 17th, at 3:00pm at Trinity United Church, Charlottetown, the Confederation Centre Choral Music Programme presents SING NOEL, directed by Donald Fraser. Join the Confederation Centre Youth Chorus, accompanist Sara White, and special guest soloist Joey Kitson in this 40th Annual Carol Concert, with audience participation. Admission \$20.00. Tickets available at Centre's Ticketworks or at the door.