

## ***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.

### **Scent-Free**

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

### **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 in the upper hall after worship today with Ian & Daphne Scott as our hosts.



Kirk NERDs will be starting up for the New Year today, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. All are welcome!

### **Poinsettias**

Anyone who would like to take a poinsettia plant home please feel free to take one.

### **This Week's Music**

The anthem this week is especially for the Rev. Dr. James Farris but we hope everyone else enjoys it as well.

### **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.

### **Thank you**

We would like to say thank you to all those who supported the Christmas bag project at the Soup Kitchen by way of purchased items, monetary donations, gift cards, and prayers. They gave out 90 bags on Christmas day. As well, thank you to those who generously donated monetary gifts to the Helping Hampers Campaign at the Salvation Army. Kirkers raised over \$2,200 dollars! Your generosity and kindness towards these projects was gratefully received by their clients!

### **Gift Cards**

At session on Tuesday evening we were talking about the Loblaw's gift card program that is offering \$25 gift cards due to the bread pricing issue. You have also likely heard in the news that some people applying for the gift cards are planning on donating them within their communities. If there are any in our congregation who are planning on applying for one and want to donate them we will gladly gather the gift cards at the Kirk and use them to buy the groceries we use to cook meals at the Upper Room. This outreach does not receive a lot of financial support but is an ongoing expense. We would gladly use the cards to buy our meal ingredients. The link to register for a card is <https://www.loblawcard.ca/en/register>. The cards can be dropped in the offering plate on Sunday or, dropped off at the office.

### **Join a committee!**

The nominating report is currently being compiled for our annual meeting. There are a number of committees at Church where people can serve and share their gifts. If there is a committee that you have an interest in please feel free to speak the committee chair about joining. We always welcome people sharing their gifts and talents.

Christian Education – Simon Lloyd  
Mission & Outreach – Michele Coles

Pastoral Care – Janet Glass

Worship – Jocelyne Lloyd

Management – Philip Champion

Stewardship – David Hooley

Fellowship – Barbara MacNevin

Heritage – Ian Scott

### **Membership Classes**

We will be offering membership classes in February. If there is anyone who is interested in signing up please add your name on the bulletin board at the Fitzroy entrance.

### **Management Committee Meeting**

There will be a Management Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at the Kirk at 7:00pm.

### **World Wide Week of Prayer**

The Charlottetown Area Christian Council is planning to celebrate the World Wide Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with an inter-denominational Prayer Breakfast and a Sunday evening concluding Service. Please support this event by attending one, or both of these special services. The Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel. It begins promptly at 8am on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Tickets for the breakfast can be purchased in the Church Office during the week, Tuesday – Friday, 9am – 2pm. The concluding service will be held on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The location for this service is St. Dunstan's Basilica.

### **Upper Room Soup Kitchen**

Mission & Outreach is looking for 4-5 volunteers to cook/serve at the Upper Room Soup Kitchen on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **Craft Night!**

We have had such a wonderful response to the workshops that have been offered that we thought we would try a new craft group! This is an opportunity for people to take crafts they are currently working on, and together with a group meet at the Church. There will be tea, coffee and light refreshments provided. It is a chance for us to visit, work on our unfinished projects and spend time in community. We may also from time to time invite someone to teach us a craft that they enjoy doing. Our first evening will be Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 in the parlour.

### **Annual Report**

Just a reminder to all Chairs of each Committee, that a report from your committee will be needed for the Annual Report. They need to be passed in to the office by Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Knox College Online Sessions**

Enroll today in, *A Presbyterian's Guide to the End of the World*. Over six online sessions, Knox College professor Brian Irwin will guide you on a journey through the fascinating, baffling, and often bizarre world that is End Times speculation. You'll discover the theological thinking underlying the most dominant theory of how the world will end. Most importantly, you'll explore the books of Daniel and Revelation to learn how they spoke to their first, persecuted readers and what they have to say to us today. To register go to [www.knox.utoronto.ca](http://www.knox.utoronto.ca)

### **Easter Wreath Workshop**

We will be offering an Easter Wreath building workshop on Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. While this workshop is a little ways away we would ask people to put their names on the list in the Fitzroy entrance if they are interested. We will be ordering supplies and just need a sense of how much we will need to order. There are 18 spots available!

### **PWS&D Mission Moment**

#### **Ready to go back to work**

*Presbyterians Sharing* is helping to transform the lives of people in Montreal's Little Burgundy neighbourhood. The statistics for Little Burgundy are grim: 2/3 of children and youth live below the poverty line and 32% of students drop out before finishing high school. But Tyndale St.-Georges Community Centre is helping provide community members with the tools they need to realize their dreams, at every life stage. Tyndale's employment programs not only teach job search techniques, but also build self-esteem and life skills. Jane shares, "I came to Tyndale during the lowest time in my life, and I decided to give it a shot. I was looking for something to bring back my self-confidence that would enable me to go back to the workforce. And Tyndale delivered exactly what I was looking for. And now I'm strong, I'm back again, and I'm ready to go back to work!"



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