

# ***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**

Nursery is available for children from birth to age three. 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 in the Upper Hall following the morning service for fellowship time with the fellowship committee as our hosts.

## **Pastoral Care**

If there are any pastoral care concerns that come up then please contact Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton at 894-5382, Heather Henry MacDonald at 569-2391 or Dawn McMillan at 892-5820.

## ***Advent Bible Study: "An Adult Christ at Christmas"***



What does the story of the birth of Jesus have to tell us about the adult Christ — the Jesus whose ministry, death, and resurrection proclaimed God's good news for women and for men? In the midst of the noise and distraction of a commercial Christmas season, this new Bible study invites us to reflect on the two very different Christmas stories told by Matthew and Luke — and to consider the deep significance of each. Please join us today, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> after Church (please bring a bagged lunch), and Thursdays, December 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> in the Kirk Parlour at 7pm; with Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney. Feel free to sign up on the sheet in the Fitzroy entrance or just show up!

## **An Evening of Sharing and Discussion**

During our congregational meeting in September one of the things we talked about was the importance of congregational renewal. To that end we said we would host a meeting for members of the congregation to share some of their thoughts and ideas around congregational growth and renewal. We are inviting congregation members to an evening of sharing and discussion to be led by Rev. Dr. Lonnie Atkinson on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. We look forward to this exciting evening and hearing some of your thoughts and dreams!

## **Session Meeting**

There will be a Session Meeting on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Kirk. People are invited to bring a yankee swap item and a dessert.



## **Christmas Centerpiece Workshop**

We will be holding our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Natural Christmas Centrepiece Making & Yankee Swap Evening" on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm and will cost \$25. The sign-up sheet is on the Fitzroy Street Bulletin Board. If you have any suggestions for additional workshops then please contact Rebecca or Rev. Amanda.

## **Nativities from Around the World Fellowship Time**

After our creative Kirk showcase last year a number of people commented on how much they enjoyed it and wondered if we could do something this year. After some discussion with session we thought it would be fun to host a "Nativities from Around the World" one Sunday after Church because most everyone has a nativity display! You are invited to either drop off your labelled set to the office during the first week of December and we can set it up for you Sunday morning or, come a little early Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> and set it up as you would like. Please include a little tag with your name, where it is from and (if you would like) why it is special to you. After church during coffee time people will be welcome to explore the display and enjoy some treats!



## **YOUTH GROUP**

The Kirk NERDs will be having their Christmas party on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm at the Kirk. They will be making pizza, playing games and people are invited to bring a \$5 gift.

## **Charlottetown and Area Christian Council**

At the November meeting of Christian Council, we heard about the work of Santa's Angels. This PEI organisation has more than 100 volunteers who make surprise visits on Christmas Day bringing parcels of toys, food and gifts customised to the needs of the recipient family or individual. Children who may not otherwise have gifts receive these parcels as do their families and other adults who may be having a hard time financially or emotionally. To request a visit for yourself or someone else, go to [www.santasangels.ca](http://www.santasangels.ca).

### **Capital Campaign Update**

The Capital Campaign Executive Committee would like to provide the following update on its recent activities. We have selected a campaign theme: "Renewing HOPE." Campaign materials, including a pamphlet, letterhead, pledge cards and pew offering envelopes are being printed. Campaign canvassers are being actively recruited within the congregation. Discussions have begun between the Executive Committee and Management Committee about creating the coordination mechanisms that will be required to ensure the smooth advancement of the phases of restoration work on the Kirk. Glen Boy of Campaign Coaches is scheduled to come to Charlottetown to conduct canvasser training on Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> and we plan to formally launch the campaign on Epiphany Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Although the campaign has not yet officially launched, we have already received some donations and some pledges towards our \$1.0 million goal. Please feel free to direct any questions about the campaign's progress to: David Hooley, Chair; Shauna Sullivan Curley, Vice-Chair; David Robinson; Lorne Moase; or Rev. Amanda.

### ***Community Events***

#### **Handel's Messiah**

On Sunday, December 2, 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. Tickets available at the Ticketworks.

#### **"A Very Forte Christmas"**

Forte Men's Choir presents "A Very Forte Christmas" on Sunday December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30pm at the Kirk of St. James featuring gorgeous new carols and fun twists on old favourites. Admission is \$10.

## **Drive Thru Living Nativity**

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Drive Thru Living Nativity will take place at the farm of Chrys and Doreen Jenkins at 6452 Route 19 in Canoe Cove from Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm each evening. There will be Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, 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.

### **Christmas House Tour**

"Deck the Halls" Christmas House Tour will take place on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 1pm – 4pm. The beautifully decorates homes are – The West Inn; Fitzroy Hall; Krista & John Campbell; Lauren Keefe Hogan & Jeremy Hogan; and Kara MacKenzie and Neil Matheson. This tour is a project of the Schizophrenia Society of PEI and the proceeds are for the "Moving lives Forward" Educational Grant Program. Tickets are \$15 and are available at Fitzroy Centre, 170 Fitzroy St. or call Gail MacLean at 902-894-8826.

### **"O Star" Concert**

Sirens and its sister choir Harmonia will celebrate the magic and wonder of the Christmas season by presenting "O Star" on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm at Park Royal United Church in Charlottetown. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, and \$10 for students. They can be purchased online at [sirenschoir.com](http://sirenschoir.com) or at the door.

### **"Men of the Harvest Christmas Concert"**

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Charlottetown is hosting a "Men of the Harvest Christmas Concert" on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 and available by calling Lois at 902-368-8246 or at the door. Fudge will also be sold.

### **Memorial Carol Sing**

On Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in beautiful St. Paul's Church in downtown Charlottetown we will be having a Memorial Carol Sing. It's 1-½ hours of sing-along plus some performed pieces. Put the name of a fondly remembered person on a star for the memorial tree and in the keepsake programme (\$10 donation - deadline Dec 4<sup>th</sup>). The contributions go toward maintaining the 1936 Cassavant organ. Information: 902-892-1691, [stpauls@pei.aibn.com](mailto:stpauls@pei.aibn.com).

# 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 \$27 (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 11<sup>th</sup>.

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## Advent at the Kirk



Sunday, December 9<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 other insert. Please join us after Church for our Nativity displays from around the world.

Sunday, December 16<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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30am Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Seasonal Hymn Sing Service

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



Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm

### Christmas Eve Service



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





## Christmas Giving Projects 2018

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 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, Dec. 2, 9, & 16
4. Donate Knitted Ladies' and Men's hats, mitts and socks or a towel/hand towel/facecloth set.

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. 20<sup>th</sup>. Let's make this Advent season a time of hope and joy by helping with this project!



## Helping Hampers 2018

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!**