

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 \$20 (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 8th.

I (We) would like to donate a Poinsettia Plant (for \$20) in loving memory of

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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.

Bulletins

The bulletins and large print bulletins are available at the main doors.

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, please speak to the person at the sound system.

Offering

If you would like to make a donation then please place it in the basket at the entrance of the Church. We thank you for your contributions.

This Week's Music

The lyrics to the Anthem are:
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me king of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me – never to part.



Pastoral Care

If any pastoral care concerns arise please contact Dawn McMillan at 902-892-5820 or Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton at 902-894-5382.

Fall Study Group

The Fall Study Group, "What Time Is It? Christian Life in a Secular Age", will be meeting after Church on Sundays in the sanctuary with Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney.

Presbyterian Message

If anyone would like to order the Presbyterian Message for 2021 for \$15 please contact the office at 90-892-2839. It is available in paper format or electronically.





Advent at the Kirk



Advent 1 - Communion Sunday, November 29th, 10:30 a.m.

As we begin the season of Advent, you are invited to join us for our Communion Service.

Christmas Centrepiece Workshop & Yankee Swap

Thursday, December 3rd, 6:30 p.m.



Amanda and Rebecca will be hosting the 4th Annual Natural Christmas Centrepiece Workshop & Yankee Swap Evening to be held in the Kirk Hall on Thursday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 (paid in advance). To sign up please contact the office at 902-892-2839 or email kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com (only a few spots remain). For information contact Rebecca Wellner at 902-569-2247 or by email at rebecca.wellner@gmail.com.

Advent 2 - Giving Sunday, December 6th, 10:30 a.m.

We are taking part in three projects this year, helping the Refugee Family - The Toma's - with items that are needed for their bathroom in their new apartment, the Salvation Army's Helping Hampers Campaign and the Upper Room Christmas bags for clients of the Upper Room. For more info on these please see the included insert.

Chocolate Bar Bingo - Sunday, December 6th, 2 p.m.

Join us Sunday, December 6th, 2 p.m. in the church hall for an afternoon of Chocolate Bar Bingo! This is a family friendly event for ALL ages. Bring yourself, your kids, your grandkids, your neighbor, anyone who might enjoy a fun afternoon of Bingo (and EVERYONE loves Bingo!) In Chocolate Bar Bingo, if you're the first to successfully declare "Bingo!" you win a bag full of chocolate bars (to share with people of your choosing, of course!) There will be Christmas trivia, prizes, and hot chocolate! Admission will be a donation to the Upper Room Christmas bags (items will be suggested next week). Registration is encouraged. Over the next few weeks, just let the church office know if you plan to attend, so that we can make the proper safety arrangements and ensure there are enough supplies for everyone! You can also sign the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the Church on Sunday. So join us Dec. 6th for a few hours of fun, entertainment, and Christmas chocolate joy!



Advent 3 - Sunday, December 13th, 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Nativity Story

Our Nativity Sunday this year will include a recorded video of the retelling of the Christmas story by various Kirk members and families! We will also be singing some of our favourite Carols as we celebrate the third Sunday of advent--JOY!

Advent Taizé Service - Wednesday, December 16th, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening prayer service featuring the simple, beautiful songs of the Taizé Community in France. During the busy Advent season, in an especially challenging year, this quiet, candlelit service offers the chance to gather quietly in meditative common prayer. As winter's darkness deepens, you are invited to step into the light. All are welcome.



Advent 4 - Sunday, December 20th, 10:30 a.m.

Messiah Sunday

Please join us for Messiah Sunday where we will be singing Christmas Carols and the Kirk Choir will be presenting parts from *The Messiah*.

Christmas Eve Services



Thursday, December 24th, 5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Please join us for our Christmas Eve Services of lessons and carols! This year we will be having two Christmas Eve Services – 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. To register please contact the office by phone – 902-892-2839 or by email – kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com or sign the sheet on Sunday. We encourage those who had contacted the office previously to say they would come to a service to let us know which service they would like to attend.

Advent Book Study

We will be offering an advent book study on Sundays after Church beginning November 29th. If you would like to attend please let Rev. Amanda or the office know. You are welcome to order the book on a device or in a format of your choosing. The book is called *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*, By Amy-Jill Levine. The books are available for those who ordered through Amanda.





Christmas Giving Projects 2020

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 three projects, the Salvation Army Helping Hampers Program, The Refugee Family List of needs and the Upper Room Christmas Bag project. Any support you can offer is deeply appreciated.

Mission & Outreach Christmas Project Upper Room Christmas Bag

As a continued effort to serve our community, we will once again be working with the Upper Room and taking part in their Christmas Bag project. We will be helping purchase items for their Christmas Bag of Necessities for 100 or so regular clients of the Upper Room. There are three options to choose from:

1. Purchase Ladies' deodorant, Ladies' razors, Men's razors or Boxes of Chocolates.
2. Donate a \$5 or \$10 gift card to Robin's or Tim's
3. Donate a gift card of any amount to Walmart, Giant Tiger or Dollarama for them to purchase items in need.



Containers will be available in the Sanctuary by the contact tracing table to collect the items and gift cards. Please bring the items in by Tuesday, December 15th. Let's make this Advent season a time of hope and joy by helping with this project!

Helping Hampers



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 contact tracing table and placing it in the offering plate on Sunday or dropping it off to the Church Office by Tuesday, December 15th. 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.

Refugee Family Mission Project

Three years ago the Kirk first joined with Central Christian church in sponsoring a refugee family from the Middle East. That year we helped to settle the Toma family (Joseph, Basma and their four children) from Iraq. Two years ago we helped to welcome the Nakhleh family (George, Daisy and their two children) from Syria. Now we have received word that our third refugee family will be arriving in Charlottetown in December. Ibtisam Toma is the sister of Basma Toma and is coming from Jordan with her 17 year old daughter Haneen. We are excited to be able to facilitate this family reunification effort! We have found them an apartment and now we need to furnish it. The Kirk has agreed to furnish the apartment's bathroom and fill it with needed toiletries and necessities. Needs include hand and bath towels, bath sheets, tile cleaner, plunger, soap dish, toothbrush holder, 1 \$20 gift card to Walmart for feminine products, Ladies deodorant, combs, hair brushes, nail clippers, emery boards, dental floss, Q-tips, First Aid Kit, Pepto Bismol, Tums and Cold and Flu medications. Donations of goods or monies to purchase them can be dropped off in the Kirk office by December 6th. Your support for this Mission and Outreach initiative is greatly appreciated.



Love God... serve others this Christmas!



Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand

and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'