

CEILIDH LAST CALL to have your goods in the catalogue

If you intend and commit to supplying any items for the Ceilidh, whether baked goods, preserves, crafts or other items, the Ceilidh coordinators need to know asap. The sale catalogue and items open this Friday, October 15th. Our customers will then have until October 28th to place their orders, or bid on auction items. They will pick up their items on Saturday, October 30th, from 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. So if you have not already done so, please contact Jennifer Moss at jennifermoss362@yahoo.ca or Constance Robinson at ConstanceERobinson@gmail.com with a description of

1. what you will be providing, and
2. how many of that item (if there is more than one).

by Thursday the 14th at the very latest.

* Thank you to those who have already provided information, our catalogue is looking pretty good. But there is always room to offer more :-). Posters are available at the entrance of the Church for anyone to take and post in the community.

* Please note that we currently do not have any offerings of bread rolls, breads of any kind, or plants. We apologize for the inconvenience.

* Please hang onto your books. While the Online Ceilidh is not incorporating our book sale, we hope to have a book sale of some sort in the next six months. So please hang on to them for a little while longer. Many thanks for your understanding.

* To find the online Ceilidh please go to fundraiser.support/KirkOnlineCeilidh2021. Please note that the site is still under construction but on Friday it will go live!

Rainbow Pathways Course

The national church is again offering its very useful and informative course: "Rainbow Pathways: Exploring LGBTQI2+ Welcome and Inclusion." It comes highly recommended by Elders David Robinson and Jennifer Moss. Designed to help the church live out its calling to be a welcoming, nurturing, loving, and supportive community, this free on-line course will be offered to ministry and church leaders on two Saturdays, November 6 and 13. Further information is available on the PCC website at <https://presbyterian.ca/2021/09/27/rainbow-pathways-online-course/>.

Camp Keir

Camp Keir is having an event called "Say... WHAT?!" from Nov. 12 – 14 for grades 7-12. If you like awesome games, snacks, hanging out with friends and awesome discussions then you need to come to Keir! Cost is \$50 before Oct. 17 or \$60 afterwards. To register email campkeir@gmail.com.

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 4: 12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Scripture Reading: Mark 10: 17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'



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

We thank Alexandra Sorensen and Jim Lea for their solos this morning. The Anthem words are from Psalm 65. Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it, and blessest it and crownest the year, the year with thy goodness.

Pastoral Care

If any pastoral care concerns arise then please contact Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney at 902-675-2607, Linda Evans at 902-569-4749 or Glenda Montigny at 902-894-5127.

Condolences

We would like to give our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Helen Bartlett on the passing of Helen's daughter Catherine Bartlett. She died on Wednesday, October 6th of cancer.

We would also like to give our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Joan Bein. Joan passed away on Wednesday, October 6th.

Mask Update

Please note that Public Health has made masks mandatory again. Please wear your mask while you are entering, exiting and moving around in the Church. You may remove your mask while you are seated, including while singing. Please also continue to respect social distancing measures (6 feet between you and others).

Session Meeting

Session will meet on Tuesday, October 12th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kirk in the basement.

An Invitation to Church Membership

Are you a Kirk "adherent" who would like to become a professing member of the church? Are you already a member of another congregation who would like to transfer your membership to the Kirk? If so, or if you are a young person who has never become a communicant member, please contact Rev. Kay or the Kirk Office about next steps.

Fall Book Study: *The Return of the Prodigal Son*

The story of the prodigal son, the resentful brother, and the compassionate father (Luke 15:11–32) has stirred the hearts of Christians for two millennia. It inspired Rembrandt's painting of the "return of the prodigal son," which in turn inspired the spiritual writer Henri Nouwen over many years to explore themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation. His beautiful and resonant book invites us to step further into our own journey, with Nouwen as inspiration and guide. Five Thursday evenings (October 21 and 28; November 4, 18, and 25) at 6:30 p.m. in the Lower Hall. Copies of *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming* (\$23) will be arriving in the office soon.

Thanksgiving at the Upper Room

While the Mission & Outreach Committee can't offer our traditional Thanksgiving meal at the Upper Room this year, we still want to make the occasion special for their clientele. We are taking up a collection to purchase about 15 pies for their Thanksgiving dessert, at a cost of about \$150. You can contribute to this outreach activity by placing your donation in one of the envelopes provided at the Pownal entrance to the Kirk. If you provide your envelope number or name and address, we will make sure that you receive a charitable tax receipt for your gift. Thank you for your generosity to our neighbours.

Elder Elections

Elder election is being held to fill four Session vacancies for the 2022-2028 term. We extend our thanks to Jocelyne Lloyd, Constance Robinson, David Robinson and Ian Scott, whose terms will be expiring at the 2022 Congregational Meeting. Voting for replacement elders began on Sunday, October 3 and will conclude with a brief congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, October 24. All communicant members of the Kirk are eligible to vote in this election, and all communicant members are potential candidates for this office. Voting packages have been distributed. Please consider prayerfully who within the body of Kirk members has the leadership qualities and spiritual fitness to serve the Kirk in this important capacity.