

Financial Up-Date

With less than two months left in the current fiscal year, the following is being provided for your information and attention. As of November 30th, the Kirk has a deficit in the operating account of \$36,067. As in years past, and with the year-end fast approaching attention must be given to the following to avoid incurring a loss by December 31st. The status of revenue accounts is as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Revenue to Nov. 30th</u>	<u>Required to Dec. 31st</u>
Envelope Offerings	\$80,000	\$53,391	\$26,609
Loose Offerings	3,500	2,758	742
Christmas Offering	20,000	100	19,900
PAR	113,500	100,721	12,779*
<u>Other</u>	<u>60,700</u>	<u>56,634</u>	<u>4,336*</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$277,700</u>	<u>\$213,604</u>	<u>\$64,366</u>

* Note: Revenues for these accounts are already known and will be received by year end.

Expenditure accounts are well within normal ranges for this time of year and are not expected to exceed the budgeted total of \$277,647 by year end.

The Renovation and Improvement Fund Budget will be underspent this year owing to the absence of completion of projects identified in the budget. A further up-date on the status of projects that were identified to be done will be provided in the coming weeks.

Attention is also required of those who have made pledges for the third year of the Capital Campaign. As with regular donations, all contributions must be made by December 31st to qualify for eligible tax receipts.

Thank you for your attention to the foregoing. An up-date will be provided later in the month. Wayne McMillan, Treasurer

Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Scripture Reading: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"



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.

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.

This Week's Music

Conductor, composer, pianist and organist, Mark Sirett (b. 1952) is the Founding Artistic Director of the award-winning Cantabile Choirs of Kingston, Ontario, Canada. He is the former Organist and Music Director of St. George's Cathedral, Kingston.

The words to this beautiful anthem are:

Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by any din of drums,
Nor his manners, nor his airs, not by anything he wears.
Thou shalt know him when he comes,
not by his crown or by his gown,
But his coming known shall be by the holy harmony
which his coming makes in thee.



Preserves for Sale

Do you need a hostess or Christmas gift or a jar of jam or jelly or preserves? We have an assortment of preserves for sale at the church office for \$6. Please contact Amy at the office or Christy Ashby at 892-7987.

Public Health Update

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). The pew markers or bunting have been placed to maintain correct physical distancing. We would like to remind everyone to please leave the pew markers where they are.

Christian Seasons Calendar

The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the Christian year. The "Christian Seasons Calendar" unfolds the Christian year through the liturgical seasons in Scripture, colour, and art. This Christ-centred way of arranging our days offers an alternative way of remembering and living in the story of Jesus. Available from the Church office and at the contact tracing table for \$15.

Seeking Tour Guides

For the past number of years, the Kirk has offered tours of our historic Sanctuary as part of Experience PEI's Churches of Charlottetown Tour. These tours for cruise ship guests usually occur in September and October during the middle of the day. The Kirk is seeking volunteers to offer these tours. David Robinson has good tour notes, and can train any volunteers in the task. As in the past, we will offer the tour guide(s) a small honorarium for conducting the tours. For more information or to volunteer, please contact David Robinson at (902) 330-8733 or at cerobinson@eastlink.ca.

Additional Elder Election

Session has received, and accepted with regret, the resignation of Valerie Toms from Session, effective November 15th. This creates a new vacancy on our Session. At a special meeting on November 28, 2021, Session resolved to fill this vacancy. We will be asking candidates for the eldership identified during the October 24, 2021 election, and who have not yet been approached about service on Session, to ascertain if they would be willing to serve out the remaining two years of Valerie Toms' term. Once a candidate for this service has been identified, we will be making a further announcement about the membership of the 2022-2024 Session.



Advent at the Kirk



Advent Book Study - Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.

As part of the PCC's "Presbyterians Read" initiative, our Advent book study will consider Adam Hamilton's Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas. To reserve your copy of the book, or to let us know that you would like to attend, please contact Rev. Kay or the Church Office.



Advent 3 - Sunday, December 12th, 10:30 a.m.

Come and celebrate with us the third Sunday of Advent--JOY!

Advent Taizé Service - Wednesday, December 15th, 6:30 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 19th, 10:30 a.m. Seasonal Hymn Sing Sunday

Invite your friends and family to this Seasonal Hymn Sing service.



Christmas Eve Services

Friday, 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.



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 \$25 (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 7th.

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Christmas Giving Projects 2021

During the upcoming 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, and there will be peace on earth, and joy and love enough for all! This year we are participating in two projects, the Salvation Army Helping Hampers Program, 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 Men's socks, and Men's and Ladies' gloves and mittens.
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.



A basket 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 14th. 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 14th. 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!

