



## **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 four. Please feel free to make use of this area for whatever needs you have and if there is anything you require please ask our nursery attendants who will be happy to help you.

### **Children's Worship is Available!**

There is a children's worship class available downstairs for children ages 5 and up.

### **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.

### **Fellowship Time**

Please join us for fellowship time after Church today in the Upper Hall with Jennifer Moss & Linda Godfrey as our hosts.

### **Children's Choir**

We will be starting a children's choir beginning this Sunday, after Church. Any children who are interested in joining the Children's Choir please meet in the Sanctuary after the service.

### **Pastoral Care**

If any pastoral care concerns arise then please contact Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton at 902-894-5382, Linda Evans at 902-569-4749 or Glenda Montigny at 902-894-5127.

### **Inclusion Moments**

Recently we have featured an "Inclusion Moment" in the worship service before the Introit. These have been brief opportunities for members of the Kirk family to share what inclusion means to them and why they think it is important. If this is a subject that you have thoughts about, we invite you to volunteer for one of these 2-5-minute speaking opportunities. Please let Rev. Amanda or David Robinson know of your interest, and we will schedule your "Inclusion Moment" in an upcoming worship service.

## **Presbyterian Message**

If anyone would like to order the Presbyterian Message for \$15 for 2023 then please contact the office at 902-892-2839.

## **Ceilidh Online Auction**

The online auction continues all this month. We've already had one sale, and bids are starting to come in. A new item -- cranberry glass dishware has been added. There are some lovely items for your home, as well as estate planning legal services packages: [fundraiser.support/Kirk2022Online](http://fundraiser.support/Kirk2022Online)

## **Christmas Cream Tea**

This will be a delightful respite from the hurley burley of the season. Featuring Lady Baker's Tea, and set in a beautifully decorated space, guests will enjoy scrumptious scones and sweets while enjoying some soft music, and a seasonal reading. Tickets are now available online at [fundraiser.support/KirkCreamTea2022](http://fundraiser.support/KirkCreamTea2022) or they can be purchased through Georgie Macmichael, Katherine Burnett or Constance Robinson, or the church office. \$25/seat or \$80 for a table of 4

To make the Kirk Christmas Tea a great event, we need some help with the following:

**Teapots (4-6 cup capacity)** for use at the tea (there will be one at each table, so this is a real need)

**Servers for the Tea** -- to seat and serve our guests (carry teapots and prepared plates) and to aid in post event clean up.

If you can help with any of these, please contact Georgie or Katherine or Constance [constanceerobinson@gmail.com](mailto:constanceerobinson@gmail.com). We will be delighted to include you on the Tea Team.

## **Memorial Candle Lighting Service for Pregnancy and Infant Loss**

We will be having a Memorial Candle Lighting Service for Pregnancy and Infant Loss on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kirk. Recognizing these deep and profound losses, during this service there will be candle lighting, readings, and music; there will also be time to light candles for the little ones we remember and love so deeply. We pray this is a time where you feel like you can honour, remember, grieve, and know you are not alone. All are welcome to this quiet and gentle service. If you have any questions about the service please contact Rev. Amanda at 902-892-2839.

### **Holland College Woodworking Program**

You may notice more new work going on around the Kirk. Holland College's Heritage woodworking class has started work on our windows beginning with the storm windows in the Upper Hall.

### **Upper Room Soup Kitchen**

We will be serving at the Upper Room Soup Kitchen on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Don't miss the opportunity to prepare and serve a meal to those in need. We are in need of four volunteers and 15 dozen cookies. If you are able to assist, you can sign the lists at the table at the entrance of the Sanctuary, contact the office at [kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com](mailto:kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com), call 892-2839 or contact Michele Coles, Convener, Mission & Outreach, at [MicheleHalliwell@hotmail.com](mailto:MicheleHalliwell@hotmail.com). Thank-you for your support!

### **Christmas Decorating**

The Kirk worship committee is inviting the congregation to join us and help with decorating the sanctuary for Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 1 p.m. Many hands make light work — and this is the first time in two years we are able to assemble together for this tradition — so we are hoping a good number of you will be able to join us!

### **Community Events**

#### **Island Pregnancy Centre Silent Auction**

The Island Pregnancy Centre is hosting its Annual Silent Auction online again this year. We are going completely Christmas themed with many wonderful Christmas items - baked goods, cakes, turkey dinner fixings, food gift certificates, specialty items for gifts, Christmas decor, Christmas wrapping skills and more! Please go to our website or Facebook page to register to bid! Auction runs from Nov 21-25. Go here to register: [www.islandpregnancycentre.com/silentauction](http://www.islandpregnancycentre.com/silentauction)

#### **St. Mark's Christmas Bake Sale**

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church will be holding their Christmas Bake Sale at the Church, 7 Tamarac Ave., Sherwood (corner of Brackley Pt. Road & Pine Drive) on Sat., Nov. 26, at 9 a.m. A great opportunity to stock up on many baked goods for Christmas --- pies, bread, cakes, squares, cookies, candy, preserves etc.

#### **Island Christmas Traditions Concert**

The annual 'Island Christmas Traditions with Kendall Docherty & Friends' concert will be held on Nov. 27, at 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, Tamarac Ave., (corner of Pine Dr. & Brackley Point Road.) 'A wonderful way to start the Christmas Season.' For tickets or further information please call Lois @ 902-368-8246.

# 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 6<sup>th</sup>.

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## Advent at the Kirk



### Advent 1 - Communion Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.

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

### Advent Book Study - Fridays, 12:30 p.m.

This advent season we will be offering an on-line Zoom Book Study on Friday afternoons at 12:30 p.m. beginning Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> for 4 weeks. This advent season we will be following the gospel of Matthew and will be using the book *Advent for Everyone: Matthew* by theologian N.T. Wright. It is a daily devotional book which allows for study individually at home and also the opportunity to join us on-line once a week for discussion. All are welcome. There will be copies available in the office and it is also available as an e-book. If you would like a hard copy for \$10 please let the office know.



### Advent 2 - Giving Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.

We are taking part in two projects this year, the Salvation Army's Christmas Food Hampers Program and the Upper Room Christmas Bag Project. For more info please see the included insert.

### Christmas Centrepiece Workshop & Yankee Swap Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

Rev. Amanda and Rebecca will be hosting a Natural Christmas Centrepiece Workshop & Yankee Swap to be held in the Kirk Hall on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The evening will begin with Christmas cheer & nibbles, followed by our Yankee Swap before we make our Christmas centrepieces. Containers, chargers and all supplies are provided. Participants need only bring their garden shears. A set \$60 donation to the Church can be paid in advance at the church office (tax receipts will be issued this year). There will be a limited number of spots available so please sign-up quickly. To sign-up please sign the sheet at the entrance of the Sanctuary, contact the office at 892-2839 or [kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com](mailto:kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com). For information contact Rebecca Wellner at 569-2247 or [rebecca.wellner@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.wellner@gmail.com).



### Advent 3 - Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. Seasonal Hymn Sing Sunday

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

### Advent Taizé Service - Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening prayer service, led by Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney, 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. 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 Christmas Luncheon. We are asking people with last names that start with A-M to bring sandwiches and N-Z to bring sweets. There will also be a special appearance by some festive friends!



### Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

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

### Christmas Day Service

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.

With Christmas morning falling on Sunday this year we will be offering a modified service. We invite you to join us for this shortened service where we will hear a meditation from Rev. Amanda and sing some favourite carols. All are welcome on this joyful morning!







## Christmas Giving Projects 2022

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 Christmas Food 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.

They have asked for donations of towels, specifically hand and bath towels. Also needed are gift cards for Dollarama, Giant Tiger, Walmart, Tim's, and Robin's in any denomination.

A basket will be available in the Sanctuary at the entrance to collect the items and gift cards. Please bring the items in by Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Let's make this Advent season a time of hope and joy by helping with this project!



### Christmas Food 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 hundreds of Christmas food hampers to families and individuals in need within our community. 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 **Christmas Food Hampers** envelope located on the pew hooks in the Sanctuary and placing it in the offering plate on Sunday or dropping it off to the Church Office by Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. 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!**

