



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 4 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 after the service in the Upper Hall for Fellowship Time with Linda Evans and Karen Forbes as our hosts.

Condolences

We would like to give our deepest sympathies to Stuart Matheson and family on the passing of Stuart's mom, Jean Matheson.

Pastoral Care

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

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2024 are available for pick-up at the entrance of the Sanctuary or through the week at the office.

Quilt Raffle

Raffle Tickets are still available. Draw date is December 16. Please speak to any member of Session about purchasing 1 (for \$10) or 3 (for \$25), or the Church Office at 892-2839 or purchase online at <https://fundraiser.support/Kirk2023>.

Christmas Cream Tea

Thank you to those who have signed up for the Kirk Christmas Cream Tea. For those who have signed up, we will see you on Saturday, December 16th at 3 p.m. at the Kirk in the Upper Hall. For more info contact the church office at 902 892 2839.



Advent 3 - Christmas Nativity Story Pageant & Luncheon Sunday, December 17th, 10:30 a.m.

Please join us as we retell the story of the first Christmas Night. Following the Nativity Story Pageant 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.

Advent Taizé Service - Wednesday, December 20th, 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.



Advent 4 - "The Light Shines in the Darkness" Sunday, December 24th, 10:30 a.m.



Invite your friends and family to the Advent 4 service. Today we will celebrate four of the gifts of Christmas, and a baptism.

Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 24th, 6:30 p.m.

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



New Year's Eve Morning Service Sunday, December 31st, 10:30 a.m.



Join us as we look forward to the year ahead and share the gifts of our hearts and our hopes for 2024.

Mission & Outreach Christmas Projects

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 mitts & gloves, hats, scarves and toiletries. Also needed are gift cards for Dollarama, Giant Tiger, Walmart, and Tim'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 12th. 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 12th. We thank you for any help that you are able to give.

Please note: your donation will be added to your annual tax receipt.

A Very Forte Christmas

Please join us for A Very Forte Christmas, the annual Christmas-card concert of the Forte Men's Choir, led by Dr. Margot Rejskind, with Jacqueline Sorensen Young at the piano, plus the violin of Madeline Kapp MacDonald and guitar of Ross Boyd. It will be held on Sunday, December 17th at 2:30 p.m. at the Kirk of St. James. Seasonal music for the rich four-part blend of men's voices — from "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" through "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch" ... to a couple of songs to toast the New Year. A delightful palette full of tradition, fun, wonder and joy - with some audience sing-along. Tickets are \$15 at-the-door. Info: islandchoralsociety@gmail.com; 902-628-6778.

Financial Up-date to November 30, 2023

With one month remaining in the current fiscal year, an up-date on the Kirk's financial position is being provided in the following summary of the Operating Account.

| Revenue: | As of Nov 30/23 | Budget | Balance Required |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------|------------------|
| Envelope Offerings | \$59,630. | \$81,000. | \$21,370. |
| Loose | 3,055. | 2,500. | (555). |
| PAR | 98,531. | 107,000. | 8,469. |
| Christmas Offering | 30. | 25,000. | 24,970. |
| Scholarships | 6,024. | 6,000. | (24). |
| Fundraising* | 14,493. | 14,000. | (493). |
| Rent | 19,553. | 22,000. | 2,447. |
| Interest | 0. | 4,800. | 4,800. |
| Other** | 10,908. | 10,100. | (708). |
| Total | \$212,124. | \$272,400. | \$60,276. |

* This income total does not include the Ceilidh Raffle.

** This total does not include designated contributions of \$32,221 received for unbudgeted expenses that have been paid.

Expenses: It will be recalled that the congregation approved an expenditure budget of \$281,751 and that in doing so, a deficit for this year is projected to be \$9,251. Expenditures are on track for the expense budget of \$281,751 and there it does not appear that there will be any significant cost over runs in expenses and therefore no further increase in the deficit, providing that all the remaining budgeted revenue of \$60,276 is realized.

As of November 30th, the deficit was \$39,981 and with one month of expenses yet to be covered it is important that the budgeted revenue target be achieved. It will be noted that the deficit at the end of October was \$28,847. The increase in the deficit is predominantly attributable to a remittance to Presbyterians Sharing and higher heating and maintenance costs in November.

Capital Campaign: As this is the final year of the Capital Campaign, this is a reminder that all contributions be received by December 31st in order to qualify for a 2023 tax receipt.

Thank you for your continued support of the Kirk's programs and operations.

Wayne McMillan, Treasurer



The Poinsettias decorating
the church today have been given
to the Glory of God and in loving
memory of the following people:

Mr. & Mrs. Reginald Ashby

Mr. & Mrs. J. Gordon Forbes

By David & Christy Ashby

Bartlett and McIver family members

By Helen Bartlett & Family

Brendan Curley, Lyn Sullivan

Judge Allan & Mrs. Dawn Sullivan

By Shauna Sullivan Curley & Family

Phyllis & Harold Dobson

By the Dobson Family

Charles & Margaret Walsh

Charlene Chisholm and Trudy Horton

By Marjorie Darte & Family

Jonathan MacAdam

By Gillian Darte, Ashley MacAdam, Kathy & John Darte

Clint Evans

By Linda, Matthew, Sarah, Anna & Jenny

Rev. Ian Glass

By Janet, Linda, Nancy, Suzanne & Families

Arthur & Muriel Clark, Susann Clark

Adele, & son Roger (Buddy)

By the Godfrey, Clark, & Cudmore Families

Alan Godfrey

By Linda, Jennifer, Alex, Jonathan & Families



Honourable Barbara Hagerman

By Nelson, Kurt and Brynne

Norma Edwards, George Halliwell, Sr.

Helen Halliwell

By Michele Halliwell & Family

Marion & Newton Large

By Janet, Alan & Families

J. Bertram & Gladys Larkin

By John & Sharon Larkin & Family

Dr. Gordon & Mary Lea, Bill Lea

Maurice & Dorothy Robidoux

By the Lea Family

Everett & Louise MacFarlane, Jill Moore

By the MacFarlane and Moore Families

Kenneth & Elaine MacKenzie

By Scott and Don MacKenzie

Harold McBurnie, Frank & Jean Smith

Gordon & Madeline McBurnie

By Frances McBurnie

Ted & Judy Chambers, Andy & Olive Lowe

W. W. "Bud" Allen

Michael Richard Robinson

By the Robinson Family

Bob & Betty Large and Rev. Jack & Jean Scott

By Ian & Daphne Scott

Joan & Buzzy Wellner, Marjorie & Lloyd Wellner

May & Harry MacDougall

By Barbara Holt & Rebecca Wellner

Bert & Gladys Larkin, Albert & Vinie Wooldridge

By Don & Jane Wooldridge & Families

