

Kitchen Party-Style Concert by Dahlia Ave Band

Get your tickets for a high energy kitchen party-style concert by Dahlia Ave Band at Park Royal United Church May 25 @ 7pm. This four piece band of dynamic ladies rock out on fiddles, piano, step dancing and vocals featuring Old Time, Celtic and Acadian melodies. Tickets available at the church office (902-894-9656), at the door or through e-transfer (officeparkroyal@eastlink.ca) for \$15 each. Fudge sale in lobby.

Trinity Church Spring Sale

Are you spring cleaning, cleaning your gardens or just in need of a few items for your cottage or your summer gardens? Trinity United Church, 220 Richmond St., will be holding a Spring Sale on Saturday,



May 25th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. There will be loads to shop for including home baking, plants and garden supplies and loads of summer treasures for your cottage, deck and yard. See you there! For more information call 902-892-4114.

Zion Church Spring Sale

Zion Presbyterian Church Spring Sale will be held Friday May 31 & Saturday June 1 from 9 am -1pm. Drop by and check out our large selection of men's, women's, children's clothing and shoes, jewelry and purses. There will be a BBQ both days. All proceeds go to the general fund of the church.

PCC Mission Moment

Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support international partners through leadership development grants. In 2023, the National Council for Higher Education recommended that the position of Assistant Librarian at Zomba Theological University in Malawi should require at least a bachelor's degree. So, the Rev. Dr. Takuze Chitsulo, Vice Chancellor, requested support from the PCC for Assistant Librarian Jane Mwalabu Makupete to upgrade her Diploma in Library Information to a Bachelor of Arts degree in Records Management. Jane was ecstatic and very grateful when she heard of the PCC's support.



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

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 following the morning service in the upper hall for fellowship time with Rebecca Wellner & Barbara Holt as our hosts.

Condolences

We would like to give our deepest sympathies to Jane Walker on the passing of her sister, Sally Brown.

Pastoral Care

If any pastoral care concerns arise then please contact Rev. Amanda at 902-894-5382.

Office Closure

Rev. Amanda and Amy will both be out of the office on Tuesday, May 21st so the office will be closed that day.

Seven Word Testimony

In church a couple weeks ago we talked about seven word testimonies--how you would describe your faith to someone in seven words. Congregation members were invited to write one of their own and drop them in a box at the back of the church. Last week we missed setting the box out before the service so we would invite people for this Sunday and next to drop in their seven words and they will be shared at a later date. They can be anonymous; it is just a way to think about how we view our faith!

Upper Room Soup Kitchen

We will be serving at the Upper Room Soup Kitchen on Saturday, June 1st. We will be preparing and serving a meal to those in need. We are in need of three volunteers and 12 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, call 892-2839 or contact Michele Halliwell at MicheleHalliwell@hotmail.com.

Book & Bake Sale



We will be having a Book and Bake Sale on **Saturday, June 8th from 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.** We are in need of volunteers to help with set up on Friday, June 7th (time TBA) and with helpers on Saturday, June 8th. If you are able to help out with either day please contact the office or sign the sheets at the entrance of the Sanctuary on Sunday.

If you have any books, puzzles or games that you would like to give to the Kirk for the sale then please drop them off to the office during the week, Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. or bring them on Sunday.

We are calling all Kirk bakers to bake for the sale. Items can be dropped off on Friday, June 7th to be priced.

Lobster Raffle Tickets are now available to be purchased. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. 1st prize is \$200 worth of lobster and 2nd prize is \$100 worth of Lobster. To purchase tickets please contact any member of Session or the Church office at 902-892-2839, or by e-mail at kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com. The draw will take place at the end of the Book and Bake Sale on Saturday, June 8th. The lobster will be delivered at an agreed upon time for the winners.

Posters are available for distribution at the table at the entrance of the Sanctuary for you to post in your area. Please feel free to take as many as you wish. Tell your neighbours and friends about this event!

Calling 2024 Graduates



It is graduation season again, and the Christian Education Committee is trying to identify all of our 2024 Kirk graduates. We plan to celebrate all of our graduates during worship on June 23. Please let David Robinson or the Kirk Office know the graduate's name, institution being graduated from, program being completed, and future plans, if known. We look forward to recognizing these milestones!

New Beginnings' Congregational Discussion

In October we relaunched our New Beginnings program after it was put on hold during the pandemic. Throughout the month of November small group meetings took place where people discussed the New Beginnings report and ideas for ministry and mission at the Kirk moving forward. The session, based on the feedback from the small groups looked at the possible ministry directions that arose. Some of the feedback around enhanced communication, how to better welcome people, and current mission activities were delegated to the relevant Kirk committees to start working on. This left the Kirk's enhanced ministry direction to be considered. Based on feedback from the community there was a strong sense on session that community engagement in areas like food insecurity/housing insecurity/vulnerable populations (people who are lonely, respite care etc.) were foremost on the minds of congregation members.

We would like to invite the Kirk community to gather at church on June 2nd after the service for a luncheon, to hear an update on Session's actions to date, and explore what dreams and ideas people might have. There have already been some ideas brought forward that will be mentioned as examples. We would love to have engagement from as many people as possible as we decide on the next steps. We will also be preparing a survey as an additional way for people to give feedback. This is an incredibly exciting place to be, poised on the edge of new ideas that people feel passionate about. It is also a wonderful way to grow our roots in the community in meaningful ways. Come dream and vision with us! We are asking people with last names that start with A-M to bring sandwiches and N-Z to bring sweets.