

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.

Fellowship Time

Please join us following the morning service for fellowship time in the upper hall with the fellowship team as our hosts.



This Week's Music

We would like to say thank you to Peter Young for his wonderful solo today.

Pastoral Care

If any pastoral care concerns arise please call Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton at 902-894-5382.

Thank you

We would like to say thank you to all those who helped with the Kirk Ceilidh Fall Fair on Saturday. Also, thank you to those who donated items to make this event a success!

Office Hours

The Church office will be closed on Friday, November 6th as Amy and Rev. Amanda will both be out of the office.

Bulletin Announcements

Amy will be out of the office Nov. 5 and will be back in the office November 17th. Anyone who has any bulletin announcements for the Nov. 8 or 15th bulletins please have them into the office by Wednesday, November 4th.

Session Meeting

Session will meet on Tuesday, November 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Kirk Parlour.

New Piano

A few months ago, we were notified that our piano had reached the end of its musical journey, and was no longer serviceable. Unfortunately, at the same time we have encountered difficulties with our organ. Typically, the organ is serviced twice a year but since our tuner retired the replacement tuner has not been able find time to travel to the Island. There are actually five Island churches all waiting on the same person (it has been twenty two months and counting). The difficulties between the organ and piano have been a challenge and the only reason we have not been more disrupted is because of Fran's skill. A new piano was identified and a number of private donations have made it possible for us to order it and have it delivered before the advent season (November 5th we expect it to arrive). We are incredibly thankful for this. While donations have covered the bulk of the cost we will look to have a couple fundraisers in the New Year to cover the rest. We are so thankful for everyone who helps us make music here at the Kirk!

Upper Room Soup Kitchen



We will be preparing and serving a meal for those in need at the Upper Room Soup Kitchen on Saturday, November 7th. We are in need of two more volunteers to cook and serve. We have all the cookies we need. Thank you! If you are able to assist, then please sign the lists at the table at the entrance of the Sanctuary, contact the office at kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com or Michele Halliwell at mhhalliwell004@gmail.com.

Food Safety Course

Because various food-based activities for the Kirk (Christmas Tea, Soup or Chowder sales and the possibility of a community meal), we benefit immensely from having several people who have their food safety certification so that supervision of activities can be shared among a large group. Please give serious consideration to taking in a free food safety presentation happening on Tuesday, November 17th at St. Paul's Church from 9 a.m. -12 p.m. This free course is for volunteers. To register visit: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/volunteer-food-safety-presentations>.

Seniors Advent Communion Service & Tea

Wednesday, December 2nd, 1-3 p.m.

All are invited to a Seniors Advent Communion Service in the Sanctuary followed by Tea, Sandwiches & Sweets in the Upper Hall on Wednesday, December 2nd from 1 - 3 p.m. If you would like a drive, then we will be more than happy to arrange one for you! Please contact the Church Office at 902-892-2839 or kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com. Invitations are available at the entrance of the Sanctuary if you would like to pick one up to drop off to someone.



Christmas Centrepiece Workshop & Yankee Swap

Thursday, December 3rd, 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 3rd at 6:30 p.m. The evening will begin with mulled cider and a Yankee Swap before we make our Christmas centrepieces. All materials are supplied/included. Participants need only bring their garden shears. Cost is \$50 to be paid by placing it in an envelope marked Centrepiece Workshop or directly to the Church Office or Rebecca. All proceeds will go to the Kirk Choral Scholarship Fund. There will be a limited number of spots available so please sign-up quickly. Please sign-up by Friday, November 27th by signing the sheet at the entrance of the Sanctuary, contacting the office at 892-2839 or kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com or contacting Rebecca Wellner at 569-2247 or rebecca.wellner@gmail.com.

Kirk Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 13th, 3 p.m.



Tickets are \$37.50 for single tickets or \$140 for a table of 4/\$200 for a table of 6. They will be available for purchase at the Ceilidh, and online or at the Kirk office until we are sold out!

PEI Care Bridge

PEI Care Bridge offers non-medical companionship, light tidying, laundry, grocery help and basic technology help for older adults in Charlottetown. A free 15-minute introduction is available, with no obligation to book paid visits. Call Aly at 902-402-6616 or email peicarebridge@gmail.com.

Spotlight on Indigenous Ministries in the Presbyterian Church in Canada Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church – Mistawasis First Nation, SK

Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church was established at the Mistawasis Nehiyawak First Nation since shortly after the signing of Treaty Six in 1876. With weekly worship services, a girl's program for adolescents, and a sewing initiative, the church meets the needs of the community in tangible ways. The local culture upholds Indigenous language and familial practices to this day. Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church seeks to honour these practices. Much of the ministry is based in an ongoing connection with the local Health Centre, which allows them to use their building when the roads are impassable, and coordinate programming based on the needs in the community.

PCC Mission Moment

In Guatemala's Quetzaltenango region, many Indigenous farmers face food insecurity. Margarita is a single mother caring for her two nephews and her half-sister, who has a developmental disorder. Like many in her area, she must travel to access enough productive land to grow food. "What we harvest is not enough for the whole year," she shares. Margarita was chosen to help lead her community to greater food security through a program with Fraternidad de Presbiteriales Mayas, a locally based association of indigenous women supported by PWS&D. The project helped her grow consistent food for her family and share new techniques with others. "Now I plant my vegetables, even if it's only a few, because Fraternidad is training me." Regina adds that she also raises chickens now, as well as growing vegetables and herbs at home.

