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 Choral Scholars as our hosts.

Condolences

We would like to give our deepest sympathies to Paulette & David Hooley and family and friends on the passing of Paulette's brother, John Gaudet. Our thoughts and prayer are with them all.

We would also like to give our deepest sympathies to Jim and Barb Macnutt and family and friends on the passing of Barbara's brother, Allan Johnston. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all.

Pastoral Care

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



Upper Room Soup Kitchen

We will be preparing and serving a meal for those in need at the Upper Room Soup Kitchen on Saturday, December 5th. We are in need of three volunteers and 12 dozen cookies. 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.

Raffle Tickets

Have you supported our raffle yet? $2 per ticket/$5 for three/$10 for 10: for a chance at one of three prizes. They can be purchased during fellowship or by dropping by the Kirk office during the week. (And if you can sell a few tickets, let the Kirk office know.)

Tea Needs Update

We need a few more tea pots and tiered tea plates (2 or 3-tiered). Please bring it to the Kirk by Sunday, December 6th (mark your initials on the bottom or have a tag to we can ensure it gets back to you.) We also need people who like to be in hot water to help us with our clean up at the end of the Tea. Many hands make light work. If you can give us two hours on Saturday, Dec. 12th from 4:30 -6:30 p.m. to wash up, please let Constance or the Kirk office know.

Silent Auction Items

Our silent auction continues until December 12. We have art, an off-road recovery kit (if you need a gift for someone who loves to travel on ATVs, or side-by-sides), figurines, and a lovely gift basket for someone who loves chocolate. You can bid online at https://kirk2026.fundraiser.support or at the Kirk Christmas Tea.

Financial Update to November 24, 2026

This financial up-date is provided to inform the congregation of the amount of funds that will have to be contributed to meet the budget approved by the congregation at the annual meeting earlier this year.

Account	Revenue	Budget	Required
Envelope Offering	66,012	94,500	28,488
Loose Offering	2,865	6,800	3,935
Christmas Offering	2,955	35,700	32,745
PAR Receipts	91,521	107,100	15,579
Rent	23,954	32,000	8,046
Choral Scholarships	2,798	6,000	3,202
Fundraising Events	23,772	20,000	(3,772)
Helping Hampers	-	3,500	3,500
Other	12,169	15,600	3,431
Total	226,046	321,200	95,154

Expenditures are generally within budget to November 24th. Please remember that all contributions for 2026 must be received by December 31st to be eligible for a 2026 tax deduction.

Charpentier's Midnight Mass for Christmas

The delightful Baroque masterwork, performed by the Island Choral Society under Margot Rejskind, with Leo Marchildon, organ will be held on Saturday, December 5th, 7:30 p.m., at St. Paul's Church. $20 online (+ fee) at www.islandchoralsociety.ca, or cash (only) at-the-door.

A Very Forte Christmas - Sunday, December 13th, 2:30 p.m.

A Very Forte Christmas Concert will be held at the Kirk of St. James, music with a rich blend of TTBB male voices and fresh settings of traditional carols and contemporary Christmas tunes. Info: islandchoralsociety@gmail.com.

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 $30,
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
Thursday, December 3rd.

I (We) would like to donate a Poinsettia Plant (for $30)
in loving memory of

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From:

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Advent at the Kirk

Seniors Advent Communion Service & Fellowship
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. Please let us know if you would like to attend by contacting the office at 902-892-2839 or kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com. 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.

Youth Group Christmas Party
Saturday, December 5th, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Our children and youth are invited out to our Youth Group Christmas Party on December 5, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. There will be games, pizza, and lots of fun!

Advent 2 - Giving Sunday
Sunday, December 6th, 10:30 a.m.

We invite you to celebrate a baptism with us this Sunday! We are taking part in two projects this year, the Salvation Army's Christmas Food Hampers Program and the Upper Room Christmas Bag Project. See below for more info.

Mission & Outreach Christmas Projects

Upper Room Christmas Bags

We are once again working with the Upper Room and taking part in their Christmas Bag project.

This year, they are asking for donations of men's gloves, thermal (stainless steel) coffee cups and gift cards for Dollarama, Tim's, Robins and Giant Tiger 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 Thursday, December 10th. 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 15th. We thank you for any help that you are able to give.

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

Kirk Christmas Afternoon Tea
Saturday, December 12th, 3:00 p.m.



The Kirk Christmas Afternoon Tea will be held on Saturday, December 12th at 3 p.m. If you bought tickets then we look forward to seeing you there!

Advent 3 - Christmas Nativity Story Pageant & Luncheon
Sunday, December 13th, 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 4 – "The Light Shines in the Darkness"
Sunday, December 20th, 10:30 a.m.



Invite your friends and family to the Advent 4 service. In this special service we will share in a time that invites us to wait with hope and expectation.



Christmas Eve Service
Thursday, December 24th, 6:30 p.m.

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

