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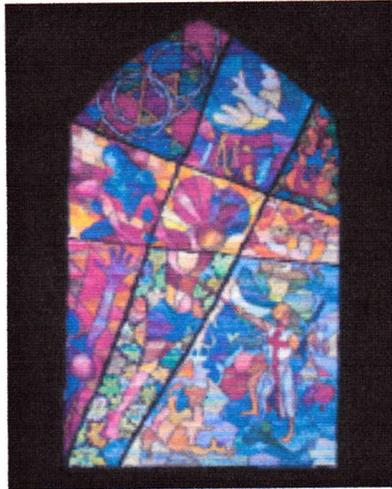
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I am reaching out to invite you and your congregation to a special performance we're having at Calvin Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, May 28th, 2019 @ 7 pm.

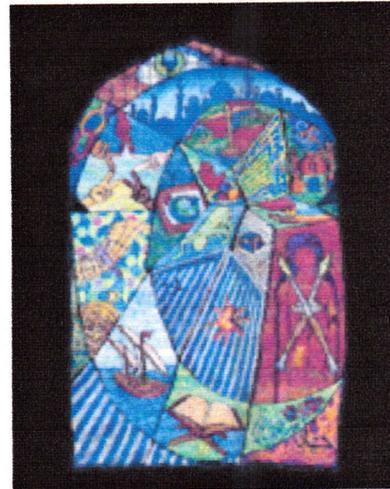
Knitter/actor/writer Kirk Dunn will be presenting his one-man play **The Knitting Pilgrim**, featuring his **Stitched Glass** tapestries. The large tapestries, designed in the style of stained glass windows, look at the commonalities and conflicts of the Abrahamic Faiths – Judaism, Christianity and Islam – and took Kirk an amazing 15 years to knit. They are each 5.5' wide x 9' high. Here's a photo of them:



Judaism



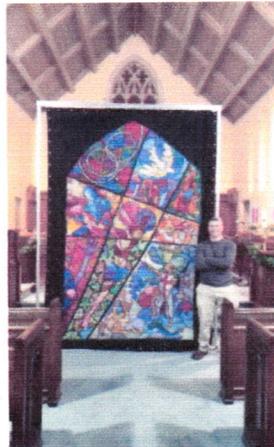
Christianity



Islam

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When they are in their frames, the tapestries are 7 feet wide x 11 feet high and are truly impressive:



As a quick overview, **The Knitting Pilgrim** is a multidisciplinary theatre piece that uses storytelling, image projection and the **Stitched Glass** tapestries to create conversation around the rise of populism, xenophobia, and fear of the 'other.' It speaks to our need to practice empathy – especially interfaith empathy – and to enter into complex conversations, that aren't black and white, about why people struggle to get along in the world today.

Kirk is a PK – a preacher's kid – the product of three generations of Presbyterian ministers. His play tells the story of his spiritual and artistic journey working on such an ambitious project.

The event at Calvin Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, May 28th @ 7 pm will consist of the one-hour show, followed by a talkback for about 30 minutes, with a chance for the audience to discuss the play and its themes, as well as see the tapestries up close.

We hope members of your congregation are interested in attending the evening – we would love to have you, and we think it would be a great chance to have congregations in North Bay experience this powerful show together.

The materials, thoughts and opinions contained in this performance are those of the author/script writer and are presented to promote discussion and are not necessarily those of Calvin Presbyterian Church, or the adherents of the Muslim, Jewish and Christian faiths. In the spirit of respect, we recognize that people of differing faiths should have an understanding of each other and be working together on issues that are important to all faiths.

Tickets are \$20 and available from Calvin Presbyterian Church and Stix and Stones, 147 Main St. W., North Bay.

For more information, you can contact me at jimclu48@gmail.com or Kirk at theknittingpilgrim@gmail.com.

Thanks so much,

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For more information:

Calvin Presbyterian Church web page: www.calvinnorthbay.ca

About the show: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QkcVLT3pZRI>

Knitting Pilgrim Facebook page: www.facebook.com/kirkdunnknits/

A short version of a longer documentary about Kirk and Stitched

Glass: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R8Bklfd0Zuw>

Presbyterian Connection article:

http://presbyterian.ca/magazines/pc_Issue5_Spring2018/mobile/index.html#p=1