



## UPLIFT 2024

We are excited to announce uplift 2024, a gathering of youth, young adults and church leaders under the banner of Audacious Hope from July 3-7 at Brock University, St. Catharines Ontario.

As in the past with previous CY (now known as uplift) gatherings, there will be three streams at the conference: Youth (ages 14-18), Young Adults (ages 18-25) and Leadership (ages 18+). Each stream will focus on that group's unique needs and faith expression, exploring Audacious Hope through activities, learning, worship, prayer, relationship building and fun. The whole gathering will worship, play, and dine together.

**Synod Council has approved the financial support for any youth in the Synod wishing to attend this year's UPLIFT. They will cover the registration fee of \$635 for any qualifying attendee.**

Registration is from April 15<sup>th</sup> - May 31<sup>st</sup> and you can register by going to <https://presbyterian.ca/canadian-ministries/lift-2024/>. For any questions please email [uplift@presbyterian.ca/](mailto:uplift@presbyterian.ca/).

## 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 Karen Forbes and David Toms as our hosts.

### Pastoral Care

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

### Condolences

We would like to give our deepest sympathies to Stuart Matheson and Marie O'Hanley on the passing of Marie's mother Gisèle O'Hanley. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their family.

### Session Meeting

There will be a Session Meeting on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Kirk in the Parlour.

### **Baby Needs Collection**

Once again this year, the Kirk will be supporting the Island Pregnancy Centre's baby needs baskets for at-risk mothers. You are invited to donate baby needs like: clothing, baby blankets, wash cloths, bath toiletries, diapers, soothers, board books, and plush toys. We will be starting the collection on Sunday, April 28 and concluding on Mother's Day, May 12. Our collection will be supplemented by goods purchased with a \$1,000 donation from the Atlantic Synod Mission Fund. A box to collect donations will be placed at the Pownal Street entrance. Last year we were able to provide supplies for about 25 baskets of goods for new mothers who lack social supports. Your assistance with this year's collection would be greatly appreciated.

### **Forte Men's Choir Spring Concert**

Dr. Margot Rejskind's Forte Men's Choir presents their Spring Concert, "Sing My Child" on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 p.m. at the Kirk of St. James. This will be an hour or so of pure-delight song, ranging from pulsing Biblically-based chant to the jazzy "Pink Panther" ... and a rousing finish with "When the Saints Go Marching In"! Tickets \$15 at-the-door. Info: islandchoralsociety@gmail.com; 902-628-6778.

### **Ascension Day Service**

On Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, St. Peter's Cathedral will celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord. As has been the tradition since 1992, the feast will be marked with a High Mass in which the music portions will be sung in Latin. As well as the usual Gregorian Chant Propers and Hymns, the choir will sing F.J. Haydn's lyrical Missa Sancti Nicholai and Gabriel Fauré's beautiful Cantique de Jean Racine, both of which will be accompanied by a small orchestra. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m., and there will be a reception in the Cathedral Hall afterward. All are welcome to attend.

### **Amabile Singers Concert**

All are invited to Amabile Singers Concert, 'To Spring', to be held on Friday, May 10, 7:30 p.m., at St. Peter's Cathedral. With vocal duo Ximena Godoy and Daniel Vazquez, instrumentalists, pianist Sarah White and organist Clement Carelse, the 20 member chamber choir, under the direction of Ruth Ann Read-Clay, will present a varied programme, celebrating love and the joys of the season. Admission is \$15 at the door, with no charge for children 12 and under.

### **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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **PCC Mission Moment**

Sydney Nkhata, a 27-year-old from Northern Malawi, is the chair of a youth network made up of 12 clubs. His management journey was significantly influenced by the "Every Youth Empowered" project, which provided valuable leadership training and is funded by PWS&D. Equipped with new skills, Sydney has become a mentor—guiding and nurturing club members. His efforts ensure that youth actively embrace and take ownership of the project, where they learn about sexual and reproductive health rights—turning it into an integral part of the community. As a result, girls and boys are more aware of the risks related to early pregnancies and transmission of diseases and are changing behaviours. Sydney's story highlights the transformative power of leadership training and showcases his commitment to mentorship and community development.

