

## **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**

The nursery is unstaffed at this time but parents are welcome to make use of the room for whatever needs they may have.

### **Children's Worship**

There is a children's worship class available downstairs for children ages 3 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 for fellowship time today in the upper hall following the morning service with the Macmichaels as our hosts.



### **This Week's Music**

Emily Merriam, our soprano choral scholar, will be having a voice recital on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the UPEI Steel Recital Hall. The recital will include pieces from Handel, Bach, Schubert and Faure. All are invited to attend.

### **200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Kirk**

From the time of its founding in 1825, our congregation has been a beacon of Christian worship and service in the Charlottetown community. In 2025 we will celebrate our past and look to the future with a series of activities to mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kirk - more on this as the year unfolds. Designed by David Robinson, the Kirk 200 logo on the bulletin cover shows distinctive features of the first Kirk building, as well as the Kirk we know and love today.

### **Pastoral Care**

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

### **Session Meeting**

Session will be meeting on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Kirk in the Parlour.

### **Lenten Taizé Service**

Join us on Wednesday evening, April 2, for an evening prayer service featuring the simple, beautiful songs of the Taizé Community in France. As we journey deep into the season of Lent, this quiet, candlelit service invites us into a time of meditative common prayer. With Rev. Amanda and Rev. Kay; 6:30 p.m.



### **Kirk 200**

We are looking for photographs (actual or e-version) of Kirk people or special events at the Kirk. Whether old or recent, if you have some pics we would love to have the opportunity copy/scan them to create a slide show we can use at one of the events to celebrate our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. You can bring them to the office (or email) by the end of March. If wanting a photo returned, please ensure contact information is provided.

### **Upper Room Soup Kitchen**



We will be preparing and serving a meal for those in need at the Upper Room Soup Kitchen on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com), call 892-2839 or contact Michele Halliwell at [mhhalliwell004@gmail.com](mailto:mhhalliwell004@gmail.com).

### **Eastern Star attending the Sunday Service on April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Members of the Order of the Eastern Star will be attending the service next week. They will be accepting donations toward the organization's scholarships for students in religious leadership. A light lunch will be provided.

## Holy Week and Easter at the Kirk



**Sunday, April 13, 10:30 a.m.**  
Palm Sunday

**Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:45 p.m.**  
Maundy Thursday Seder Meal

**Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00 a.m.** Organ Prelude & **10:30 a.m.** Good Friday Service

**Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:15 a.m.** Session "Sunrise" Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt  
**10:30 a.m.** Easter Sunday Service with Communion

### Easter Flowers



Anyone who wishes to place memorial flowers in the Sanctuary for Easter is asked to contact the office at 902-892-2839, or email [kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com](mailto:kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com) by Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. All flowers can be dropped off on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that due to allergies highly scented flowers such as Easter Lilies should be avoided.

### Maundy Thursday Seder Meal

As a child and adult, Jesus would have celebrated the Passover. On the night before he died, Jesus met with his disciples and together, they, once again, enjoyed the Passover meal together. At the Table of our Lord is a re-enactment of some of the elements of the Passover which Jesus celebrated. It includes rudiments of thousands of years of history when people celebrate freedom and recall the Exodus story. Passover is a creative festival combining food, family, storytelling, charity to strangers, games. Passover was, and continues to be, family oriented. There are lots of opportunities for children to participate. It is also experiential. It engages the senses—tasting, seeing, moving, hearing, and smelling. This is a wonderful inter-generational service for children, youth, adults, and seniors and will be held on Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. Please join us as we share in this meal and service together. If there is a youth or young person who would be interested in reading the youth section of this service please speak to Rev. Amanda.



### PCC Mission Moment

19-year-old Evidence Mhango is in her final year of secondary school in Malawi. She has endured numerous challenges to reach this milestone, including walking 15 km daily. Despite the long distance and societal pressures to abandon her studies, Evidence remains determined to finish school. The PWS&D-supported Every Youth Empowered project has played a crucial role in motivating Evidence to work harder. Joining the in-school club introduced and led by project volunteers, she discovered a passion for quiz competitions and gained the confidence to participate in interschool contests. The competitions enhanced her critical thinking and problem-solving abilities, boosted her academic performance and gave her self-assurance. Evidence shares, "My dream is to become a university lecturer, and nobody will take that away from me."

