

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 Katherine Burnett and Karen Forbes as our hosts.



200th 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 200th 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.

Easter Mail-out

The Easter Mail-out is available for pick up at the entrance of the Sanctuary. All others will be mailed on Tuesday.

Holy Week and Easter at the Kirk

Thursday, April 17th, 5:45 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Seder Meal

Friday, April 18th
10:00 a.m. Organ Prelude
10:30 a.m. Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 20th
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 by Wednesday, April 16th. All flowers can be dropped off on Thursday, April 17th. 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 17th 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.





Afternoon tea with Rev. Dr. Michael Caveney

Please join us on Friday, May 2nd from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the Upper Hall as we welcome our former Minister, Rev. Dr. Michael Caveney, for a time of fellowship and catching up. Michael and his spouse Joe Robinson will be on the Island for a brief visit, and we look forward to them spending some time with us. Michael is currently the Lead Minister at Kamloops United Church in Kamloops, B.C.

Book and Bake Sale

Our Book and Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, June 14th. If you have any books that you would like to pass along for the sale then we will gladly accept them. You can drop them off at the church during office hours or bring them in on Sunday.



Donations to UPEI Food Book Bank

"Your support means so much to our community"

UPEI Food Bank Coordinator Dayana Balqis recently shared a message of appreciation to the Kirk congregation for your generous donations of groceries and clothing. "The Kirk's support helps address a critical need: the UPEI Student Union has highlighted food insecurity as one of its members' most pressing concerns, and the Food Bank has been serving, on average, 100-150 students weekly over the 2024-2025 school year. Many of those accessing the Food Bank are international students far from home and facing particularly acute struggles in making ends meet. Recognizing the ongoing needs, the Food Bank will be remaining open through May and June, and we plan to continue delivery of donations left at the baskets in the sanctuary during this period. Once again, thank you!"

Camp Keir Youth Weekend



Camp Keir is having a Youth weekend on Friday, May 2nd, at 5 p.m. – Sunday, May 4th, at 1 p.m. for ages 10-14. Come ready to explore, learn, grow, make memories and meet lifelong friends. Activities include Outdoor and Indoor Games, Crafts, Sports, Campfires, Songs, Great Food and Bible Studies. The cost for the weekend is \$75. To register please email campkeir@gmail.com.

Kirk 200th Anniversary Events

There are many wonderful people, groups and committee undertaking work, projects and events to mark this very special Kirk anniversary year. While some projects are still evolving, please mark your calendars for the following:

April: presentation and dedication of a special gift created by the Friends of the Kirk at **Easter** service on **April 20th**

May 11th, Mother's Day: theme celebrating the women of the Kirk

June 15th, Father's Day: theme celebrating the men of the Kirk

June: Adopt-a-Corner plantings with our 200th anniversary in mind

July: Strawberry Social with a special touch (more to follow)

August: Ice Cream Social with a special touch (more to follow)

September: Welcome Back Sunday & Old Fashioned Church Picnic

October 18th, Saturday: Anniversary Weekend Concert

October 19th: Anniversary Sunday Service

December: Kirk 200th Anniversary Christmas Tea

News Articles and Clippings - We are looking for news articles and clippings for the Kirk 200th anniversary. If you have any to pass along then please email them to the Church at kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com or drop them off during office hours - Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Recipe Book - We will be making a Kirk 200th Anniversary recipe book created from previous versions of our Kirk Cookbooks and new recipes that you would like to submit. If you have any recipes you would like to share then please email the office at kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com.

