

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.



This Week's Music

We are very grateful to the UPEI Brass Quartet for their beautiful music this morning. The members are: Noelle Petitpas and Ivan Stewart, trumpets; Josie Thibodeau and Jacob Reddin, trombones.

We apologize, the junior chor and I, for doing Palm Sunday music on Easter, but it was our only chance to do this great song in a service. I am very grateful to them and their parents for the commitment.

Pastoral Care

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

Bulletin Info

Amy will be away the week of April 29th. If anyone has any announcements for the April 27th or May 4th bulletin then please have it in to Amy by Thursday, April 24th.

Memorial Service

There will be a memorial service for Doris MacMillan on Saturday, April 26th at 3 p.m. at the Kirk. All are invited to attend.

Heritage Committee Meeting

There will be a Heritage Committee Meeting on Sunday, April 27th at 9 a.m. in the Parlour.

The Armed Man: a Mass for Peace Concert

The Armed Man: a Mass for Peace — the Karl Jenkins masterpiece will be performed by the Island Choral Society and members of the Luminos Chamber Orchestra on Sunday, April 27th, at 2:30 p.m., at St. Paul's Church, downtown Charlottetown (Grafton @ Church St.) Admission: \$20 online at IslandChoralSociety.ca or cash at the door. Information: islandchoralsociety@gmail.com; 902-628-6778.



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.

Concert with Ian Soloman and Caitlin Strong

Ian Soloman, tenor, and Caitlin Strong, pianist, will be in concert at the Kirk of St. James on Friday, May 2nd at 7 p.m. They will be performing Franz Schubert's song cycle "Die schöne Müllerin" (The Fair Maid of the Mill). A reception will follow. All are invited to attend.



Upper Room Soup Kitchen



We will be preparing and serving a meal for those in need at the Upper Room Soup Kitchen on Saturday, May 3rd. 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, call 892-2839 or contact Michele Halliwell at mhhalliwell004@gmail.com.

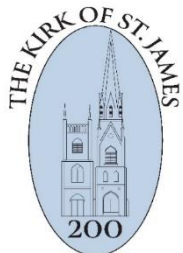
Book and Bake Sale

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.



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. Designed by David Robinson, the Kirk 200 logo shows distinctive features of the first Kirk building, as well as the Kirk we know and love today.



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:

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. If anyone has any previous versions other than the 2002 or 2014 versions then we would be interested in borrowing the cookbook to help create the 200th Anniversary Recipe Book.

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.

PCC Mission Moment

Mengesha Kebede lives with his 10 family members on a small plot of land in Tigray, Ethiopia. During the Tigray conflict, soldiers looted Mengesha's property, stealing farm tools, clothes and household utensils and destroying his home. This devastating experience left Mengesha traumatized and deeply worried. His concerns were alleviated when he was provided with seeds, farm tools and goats, helping him replace some of the assets lost during the war. Mengesha is grateful for the support he has received from this Canadian Foodgrains Bank project, supported by PWS&D, but he recognizes that the road to fully recovering from the conflict remains long and that continued support is vital.

