

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 Alan & Kim Watts 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. 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.

This Week's Music

This is the last Sunday for the Choral Scholars to make their huge contribution to the choir, but we think they will all be returning in September. We greatly appreciate Emily Merriam, Beth Stokes, Marius Lavoie, and Tanner Burns, and shall miss them for the next four months. (Some will be able to do solos in the summer.)

Pastoral Care

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

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, (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.



Workshop with Elders

Just a reminder that Session will meet with Torrey Griffiths for a Workshop on Saturday, May 3rd from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Kirk in the Parlour.

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.

Lunchtime Study Group: "Luther in Springtime"

What brought Martin Luther to nail his 95 Theses to the door of Wittenberg Cathedral on All Hallows' Eve, 1517? What did they actually say — and how did this little disputation erupt into a bitter and deadly conflict with the Church of Rome? Come join us as we spend a little time with Luther this springtime. Three lunchtime sessions, beginning on May 7 at noon in the Parlour, with Rev. Kay. Don't forget to bring a lunch! Please sign the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the Church or let the office know you're attending.

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. Please email your recipes to 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 cookbooks.

Baby Needs Drive for the Island Pregnancy Centre



Once again this year, the Kirk will be collecting baby needs to assist at-risk mothers with their new babies. The Island Pregnancy Centre helps over 100 new mothers each year, so the need is great. The items we collect will go into gift bags that are usually given to new mothers at their one month check-in, although items for older babies will be distributed during appropriate visits later. We are seeking gender neutral baby clothes for ages 3 months and older, baby blankets, hooded towels and wash cloths, toiletries, disposable diapers and baby wipes, thermometers, soothers, soft hair brushes, stuffies, board books and rattles. Each year our project receives a grant of \$1,000 from Synod Missions. This sum has already been received, and used to purchase items like diapers, toiletries, baby formula, bottles and gift cards. These items were delivered in January. Our collection will continue until Mother's Day, May 11th. A basket to collect donations will be placed at the Pownal entrance. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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.



PCC Mission Moment

Supported by Presbyterians Sharing and generous donations, a dedicated team brings the hope of Jesus to people in 24 prisons in Malawi. Overcrowding and underfunding means a lack of basic necessities. Stigma associated with imprisonment can result in abandonment by families and communities, leaving many feeling isolated and alone. Through weekly visits that include Bible study, prayer, and counselling, as well as monthly distribution of necessities such as bed mats, soap, toiletries, clothing, medicines and meal supplements for the most vulnerable, the Friends of Prisons ministry brings friendship and hope to prisoners.

