

PCC Mission Moment

"I could not get medical help in time because we did not have enough money," says 65-year-old Ruqaiya, who lives in Afghanistan. Ruqaiya's life took a challenging turn ten years ago when she fell on ice, resulting in partial paralysis. Despite her impairment, she helps care for her youngest son, who has a hand impairment, two daughters-in-law, and two young grandchildren while her two oldest sons work as porters in Kabul, struggling to earn enough. Before her injury, Ruqaiya was known for her skill in weaving and was able to earn a decent income. Now unable to weave, she faces significant financial hardship, made worse by the political and economic situation in the country. Relief came when Ruqaiya received cash assistance through a PWS&D-supported project. She purchased essentials like oil, pulses, flour, rice and salt, meeting her family's food needs during the harsh winter.



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 Fellowship Committee 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.

Mother's Day Memorial Flowers

The memorial flowers placed in the Sanctuary today by Barbara Holt and Rebecca Wellner are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their mother, Joan Wellner, and grandmothers, Marjorie Wellner, & May MacDougall.



This Week's Music

We are very grateful to Vivian Qiao for the violin solo in our anthem and also for the beautiful Brahms Prelude and Postlude. Vivian is a grade 11 student in the International Baccalaureate program at Colonel Gray. She recently had several fine performances on violin and on piano, in the Queens County Music Festival.

Pastoral Care

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

“The Water is Wide” - A Mother’s Day Bouquet Concert



Dr. Margot Rejskind's Forte Men's Choir concert will be held on Sunday May 11th, at 2:30 p.m. at the Kirk of St. James, downtown Charlottetown. This will be an hour of music by which to celebrate Springtime — sung in the rich four-part harmony of male voices. Tickets are \$15 - (cash) at-the-door. For more info: islandchoralsociety@gmail.com; 902-628-6778; Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FORTEPEI>.

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 which 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.

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. Two lunchtime sessions remain on May 14th and 21st 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.

Calling All Graduates



The Kirk wishes to acknowledge all of the graduates in the church family during the Sunday School closing event during worship on June 22. Please let the office know of any High School, College or University graduates for this spring. If possible, provide the name of the graduate, who they are related to at the Kirk, what institution and program they are graduating from, and some information on the graduate's future plans, if known.

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 2014, 2002 or 1964 versions then we would be interested in borrowing the cookbooks.

Sharon Mennonite Singers Concert

The Sharon Mennonite Singers from Pennsylvania will be at the Kirk on Sunday, June 1st at 2 p.m. All are invited to come out and enjoy their music.

Book and Bake Sale

Our Book and Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, June 14th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. 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.



We are also planning to sell soup at the book and bake sale so we are in need of a few stock pots. If you have a stock pot that we could use then please drop it off to the office.