

## **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**

Nursery is available for children from birth to age four. Please feel free to make use of this area for whatever needs you have and if there is anything you require please ask our nursery attendants who will be happy to help you.

### **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 Doug and Georgie Macmichael as our hosts.



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

We hope you enjoy the "surround sound" the choir is providing you this morning.

### **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. 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.

### **Pastoral Care**

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

## **Lorne Moose Vocational Service Award**

The Rotary Club of Charlottetown has named its Vocational Service Award in honour of Lorne Moose. The Lorne Moose Vocational Service Award is presented annually to a Rotarian who exemplifies Lorne's commitment to "Service Above Self", and who demonstrates high ethical standards in business, as well as commitment to the community. Shirley Moose was present to present the inaugural award to Rotarian Peter MacDougald. Lorne was a member of the Rotary Club of Charlottetown for 47 years and is much missed.

### **Congratulations**

We would like to give our congratulations to Joan MacFarlane on receiving the True Rotarian Award at the Rotary Club of Charlottetown's Annual Awards Ceremony recently. Her contributions to the Club and community are greatly appreciated!

### **Sharon Mennonite Singers Concert**

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

### **Upper Room Soup Kitchen**



We will be preparing and serving a meal for those in need at the Upper Room Soup Kitchen on Saturday, June 7<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).

### **Gardening**

We are looking for a couple of people to help with some rearranging of the gardens, including some digging, transplanting and edging along with adding mulch. They will be meeting on Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9 a.m. If anyone would like to help then please contact Philip Champion at [philip.champion@mac.com](mailto:philip.champion@mac.com) or show up Tuesday morning at 9 a.m.

### **Summer Fellowship Volunteers**

The fellowship team will be hosting a couple of special fellowship times over the summer and we are looking for volunteers to fill the other dates to give the fellowship team a break. Summer fellowship entails setting out a table and a few chairs on the lawn and bringing cookies and juice. If you would like to volunteer then please sign the sign-up sheet at the entrance or let the church office know.

## Sunday School

As many of you know David will be completing his time as Sunday School Superintendent at the end of June. Words cannot express how thankful we are for the time, dedication and care he has given to our young people. Knowing these are big shoes to fill, we have been looking at ways to continue to move forward with our programming for the incredible young people we have each Sunday. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to take on one month of Sunday School classes at a time. We can work on curriculum and planning together if you would like the extra support. We hope this format allows people flexibility and also for people to be involved. While I might be biased, I know we have one of the sweetest and most energetic groups around! If you are interested please speak to Rev. Amanda.

## 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.

## Book and Bake Sale and Heat n' Eat Soup Take-Out - Help is Needed

Our Book and Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 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 have posters available at the entrance of the Church or in the Church Office. Please take at least one of the posters to post in your workplace lunch room, share with a friend or a neighbour, and help us get the word out.

Bakers are needed to make your favourite delectable treats for the bake table.

Not a baker? No problem, your help is still needed. We need people to help us wash, peel and chop vegetables on Thursday, June 12 (a morning shift or an afternoon shift), or help cooks soups on Friday, June 13 (a morning shift or an afternoon shift). Please let Constance know at 902-330-1814 or [constanceerobinson@gmail.com](mailto:constanceerobinson@gmail.com).



We need big soup or stock pots -- please bring to the Kirk office with a tape tag on a handle to ID owner.

## News Articles and Clippings

We are looking for news articles and clippings for the Kirk 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. If you have any to pass along then please email them to the Church at [kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com](mailto:kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com) or drop them off during office hours - Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

## Historic Kirk Publications Available Online

Some years ago, the Kirk arranged with the UPEI Library for several historical publications produced by our congregation to be made freely-available online to all with an interest in our history, as part of the Library's IslandLives initiative. The Heritage Committee is working with the Library to make more Kirk material available digitally as part of the Kirk 200 initiative, but if you wish to see the titles already available -- which include The Women of the Kirk (1977) and several editions of the Kirk's historical booklet (1962, 1982, 1992) -- in the meantime, simply point your web browser to [islandlives.ca](http://islandlives.ca), click "Search", and type kirk.

## Community Events

### Stratford Community Choir

Stratford Community Choir will be in concert, celebrating 25 years, on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m. at Spring Park United Church, Charlottetown. With Special Guest, Kelley Mooney. Tickets at the door: \$15 per person or \$20 per family. A reception will follow. All are invited.

### PCC Mission Moment

At 23, Tamala developed a passion for banana farming, inspired by the small plot of banana plants behind her family's home in Malawi. However, her lack of knowledge and resources limited her efforts, making it difficult to expand beyond subsistence farming. Her circumstances changed when she was invited to join a training session on modern farming practices and how to work with banana seedlings. Motivated and equipped with new techniques, Tamala began expanding her farm, applying the practices she had learned to improve her yields. Reflecting on her journey with this project supported by PWS&D, Tamala explained, "The training opened my eyes to my potential as a banana farmer. It is now my pathway to securing a better life for me and my son. I will scale up my banana farming business to increase my income."

