

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

Our nursery volunteers are off for the summer but please feel free to make use of this area for whatever needs you have. If there is anything you require please ask an elder on duty at the front door of the Sanctuary.

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 following the morning service for an ice cream social outside on the lawn, weather permitting, with the fellowship committee as our hosts.



This Week's Music

It is a joy to hear Tanner sing again at our service. We look forward to his rejoining the choir in September.

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.

Holidays & Pastoral Care

Please note that Rev. Amanda will be away for the next couple of weeks. Chad Bolton will be speaking on August 17 and Dawn Griffiths on August 24. If any pastoral care concerns arise you can still contact Rev. Amanda at 902-759-6543 as there are a number of people assisting with Pastoral Care and she will help connect you.

Office Closed

Please note that the office will be closed on Friday, August 15th.

Kirk Ceilidh Fall Fair

Kirk Ceilidh Fall Fair October 25 (last Saturday in October) reminder for bakers, makers, and creators to set aside some samples of preserves, pickles, and jams, and consider how you will contribute to the Kirk Ceilidh this fall. There are preserve/pickle jars available in the upstairs kitchen for the taking.

Summer Recital Series

We are having a Summer Recitals Series at the Kirk on Thursdays at 12:10 p.m. Admission is by donation to the Kirk's Choral Scholarship program. All are welcome.

August 14, Janey-Lynn Perrier, soprano, and Josie Thibodeau, trombone



August 21, Alexandra Sorensen, soprano

August 28, Shaw Nicholson, trumpet



PEI Friendly Visitor Program

Volunteer: The PEI Friendly Visitor Program matches mature (50+) adult volunteers with seniors in their community for brief weekly social visits. Only an hour of your time can make a huge difference in a senior's life. For additional information, contact Julie at 902 368 9008.

Request a Friend: Being a senior is not always easy. Wouldn't it be nice to have a senior friend stop by once a week for a cup of coffee, play a game or just chat? This FREE confidential program matches adults (50+) with individuals with common interests. If you would like to have a weekly visit please call 902 368 9008 or email peifvp@gmail.com.

PWS&D Gaza Appeal

As violence continues in Gaza and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, humanitarian needs on the ground worsen. Tens of thousands of families lack access to food and emergency supplies. Reports continue to highlight difficulties in aid transportation and distribution, exacerbating an already desperate situation. The scale of need is immense, and we need your help to respond. With your gifts, PWS&D and our partners will be able to provide cash and food assistance, access to water and sanitation services, shelter, primary health care and mental health support. If you are able to help please mark Gaza Appeal on your envelope and place in the offering plate. To donate online directly to PWSD go to <https://presbyterian.ca/donate/donate-to-pwsd/>.

Special Congregational Meeting August 24, 2025

Session has called a special congregational meeting for August 24, 2025, immediately following worship in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to approve a recommendation from the Session and the Restoration and Improvement Committee that the Kirk apply for a loan of up to \$90,000 from the Presbyterian Church Building Corporation to support building two accessible and gender-neutral washrooms in place of the existing upstairs washrooms. The loan would be interest-free for 15 years. The Stewardship Committee plans to launch a special financial appeal in tandem with this work, to raise the funds needed to pay off the proposed loan as quickly as possible. If the congregation approves this action, our loan application will be presented to Presbytery for its required endorsement on September 9.

This is a substantial project involving considerable demolition and re-construction, and therefore we need to tap several funding sources. We have already received a grant from the federal government to support this initiative. We are applying for a grant of \$10,000 from the national church's McBain-Barker fund. Kirk leadership have earmarked money from the Renewing Hope Capital Campaign and the Endowment Fund. These financial supports will go a long way towards realizing the washroom project, but additional funding will be required to ensure its completion, thus our desire to secure the interest-free loan.

This project was identified as a priority during the capital campaign, during the New Beginnings process and by the Sustainability Committee. These modern, accessible and gender-neutral washrooms will support our mission objectives of meeting the needs of disabled persons as well as LGBTQI people (especially trans individuals). It will also make the Kirk a more attractive venue for rentals and income-generating events.

We hope that you can attend this important meeting.

PCC Mission Moment

After participating in the New Beginnings Program, which guides congregations through a renewal process to discern God's call for their future, Tweedsmuir Memorial Presbyterian Church in Orangeville, ON shifted from being a "membership-focused" congregation to a "discipleship-focused" one, reigniting their sense of purpose. As a result, the church is putting its faith into action by exploring new and innovative ways to serve and engage with the community. In addition to organizing food drives, they have launched a laundry supply drive for local shelters. They are also experimenting with street and neighbourhood ministries, including a community meal program and a "Coffee on the Street" initiative, where volunteers set up a coffee bar outside the church and offer coffee and conversation to people passing by.

