

## **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.

### **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.

### **Fellowship Time**

Please join us following the morning service for fellowship time outside on the lawn, weather permitting, with the Oatways as our hosts.



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

Thank you, Tara, for returning to the Kirk to sing this beautiful Mozart aria. Tara Llewellyn and Ryan MacEachern recently had a beautiful wedding; congratulations to you both!

### **Thank you**

We would like to say thank you to Rev. Dawn Griffiths for speaking today.

### **200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook**

We are putting out a last call for recipes for the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary cookbook. These will be incorporated into one cookbook along with recipes from our other previous cookbooks. If you would like to submit a recipe then please email [kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com](mailto:kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com) or drop them off at the Church office. The deadline for recipes is September 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Special Congregational Meeting August 24, 2025**

A special congregational meeting will be held today, August 24, 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 Sept. 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 persons with disabilities 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.

### **Pastoral Care**

If any pastoral care concerns arise please call Rev. Amanda at 902-759-6543.

### **Summer Recital Series**

The final Summer Recital will be held at the Kirk on Thursday, August 28, at 12:10 p.m. with Shaw Nicholson, trumpet. Admission is by donation to the Kirk's Choral Scholarship program. All are welcome.

### **Kirk Ceilidh Fall Fair – October 25**

A 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.