

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 and will be held in the parlour for the time being until the nursery painting, cleaning and organizing is completed. 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 4 and up.

Fellowship Time

Please join us following the morning service for fellowship time in the upper hall for Anniversary Cake with Session as our hosts.



This Week's Music

Christopher Tye, c. 1505 - before 1573, was an English Renaissance composer, organist and poet. Sir Charles Villiers Stanford, September 30, 1852 - March 29, 1924, was an Anglo-Irish composer, music teacher, and conductor of the late Romantic era. The Postlude is Bach's arrangement of the movement from his Solo Violin Partita in E. It was a common practice to reuse your compositions! Bach also "stole" Vivaldi compositions.

Pastoral Care

If any pastoral care concerns arise please call Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton at 902-894-5382.

Congregational Care Meeting

There will be a congregational care meeting held in the Kirk Parlour on Thursday at 10 a.m.

175 Years of the Kirk Bell

Our bell has been welcoming us to worship and marking significant occasions for 175 years. In 1851, the Ladies' Aid Society was formally thanked by the Trustees for purchasing the bell from the United States. This is one of the first official mentions of the women of the Kirk. The Ladies' Aid Society was dedicated to assisting in financial matters in connection with alterations and improvements as well as expenses and debt reduction and raised funds through bazaars, teas, and fancy sales. Two years after it was purchased, the bell would be a central element in the supernatural tale of the Kirk's phantom bell ringers.

UPEI Food Bank

We would like to say thank you to those who donated items for the UPEI Food Bank. We are continuing to collect canned and dried goods - they can be placed in the baskets at the entrance of the Sanctuary. A big thank you to Barbara McPherson for organizing and packing the meals for the UPEI Food Bank.

Pickling/Jam Jars

There are a number of pickling/jam jars available for the taking in the upstairs kitchen for those who would like to do any pickling or make jam for the upcoming Kirk Ceilidh Fall Fair. Please note that the jars are in need of lids.

Upper Room Soup Kitchen



We will be preparing and serving a meal for those in need at the Upper Room Soup Kitchen on Saturday, November 7th. 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 or Michele Halliwell at mhhalliwell004@gmail.com.

PEI Care Bridge

PEI Care Bridge offers non-medical companionship, light tidying, laundry, grocery help and basic technology help for older adults in Charlottetown. A free 15-minute introduction is available, with no obligation to book paid visits. Call Aly at 902-402-6616 or email peicarebridge@gmail.com.

Kirk Ceilidh Fall Fair

The Kirk Ceilidh Fall Fair will be held on Saturday, October 31st, 2026 (yes, Hallowe'en 🎃) from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please tell your friends, family, neighbours and co-workers about our major fundraiser for the year.

- Books, Like-New Treasures (clean, undamaged), and Jewelry can be dropped off at the Kirk during office hours.
- Baked goods can be dropped off at the Kirk from 4 p.m. on Friday, October 30
- Silent Auction items are still welcome. Please contact Constance Robinson constanceerobinson@gmail.com.

Want to volunteer? You are welcome! Your baking, crafting, creations are needed. We also need workers to

- check Treasures contributions in the days leading up to the sale,
- set up for the sale on Friday,
- help with the sale on Saturday, or
- help clean up on Sunday after service.

Who to speak to?

Treasures: Georgie Macmichael

Jewelry: Shauna Sullivan Curley & Jocelyne Lloyd

Bake: Jennifer Moss

Books: Ian Scott

Crafts: Chrisy Ashby

Deli: Karen Forbes

Preserves: Rodney Dekker

Puzzles: Tim Rose

Friday set up or Sunday clean up: David Harrison

Not sure who they are? Feel free to contact the Kirk office at kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com or 902-892-2839. Amy will be happy to help you make the connection.

Spotlight on Indigenous Ministries in the Presbyterian Church in Canada

Winnipeg Inner City Missions – Winnipeg, MB

Winnipeg Inner City Missions (WICM) is a place of reconciliation and healing. The ministry provides a safe place to grow and learn for people in Winnipeg's North End and inner city. WICM serves Indigenous people who have suffered inter-generational and systemic injustices from Residential Schools and the 60's Scoop and non-Indigenous people seeking well-being. Through temporary housing, employment services, and children/youth programming, WICM supports healing and reconciliation initiatives. Our First Steps to Employment program offers transitional housing for adults age 30-50 which provides a safe place while they discover themselves through courses and education or during their job search. We operate 19 suites. Our After-School and Summer Day Camp for children and youth provide healthy food and safety, as well as fun and physical activity, offering a place of healing for the younger generation. The Learn and Play program for infants and preschool children helps to break the chains of systemic injustice by supporting parents and preschoolers with stimulating play and developmental activities.

PCC Mission Moment

Journey for Hope is a Canada-wide fundraiser for PWS&D food security work around the world. This year marks the sixth year that participants from coast to coast have raised funds to support food security in the world. Teams walk, roll, bike or take part in other activities their communities love. Ultimately, Journey for Hope is about partnership—people across Canada working together to plan local events that raise funds for the church's work to ensure that marginalized families in places like the Sudan, Gaza, Malawi, Pakistan, Nepal, Guatemala, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Ethiopia have reliable access to nutritious food. Journey for Hope is just one way to get involved.



The Renewing Hope Capital Campaign: A Celebration

This time last year we were celebrating our 200th anniversary as a congregation with a full slate of activities. As we took stock this year, we realized we never fully celebrated all the work that has taken place over the last number of years, and because these projects happened one piece at a time it was easy to miss the scope of how much was done. We want to acknowledge that work this morning. It has been countless hours of meetings, discussions, prayers and hard work that have brought us to where we are today. We want to say thank you to everyone for helping us keep the Kirk a safe space for people to meet, work, learn and grow. We are blessed by this community, and like Jeremiah we continue to look forward with hope to wherever Gods call leads us.

To date, the list of completed restoration work and building code improvements made includes:

- * New roofing on the Sanctuary and Hall
- * New gutters and drainage systems
- * Repairs to the woodwork along the clerestory facings of the Sanctuary roof and painting of the same
- * Construction and installation of new wood and Lexan coverings for 64 Kirk windows
- * Major stone and brick repairs to the south-west corner of the Kirk upper hall
- * Stone re-pointing and joint repairs on the lower part of the Sanctuary and Hall
- * Fabrication and installation of a new red sandstone pillar in the tower entryway
- * LIDAR survey of structural pillars in the Sanctuary basement intended to monitor their stability
- * Complete renovation of the Lower Hall bathroom
- * Updates to Kirk wiring and electrical panels and the installation of new exit signs
- * Renovation of the basement storage and electrical room
- * Installation of a new laser-based fire detection system in the Sanctuary
- * Replacement of flooring in the northern half of the basement
- * Replacement of all railings on exterior entryways and the Pownal accessibility ramp with stainless steel, code-compliant versions
- * Refurbishment or replacement of all exterior doors and the inner Sanctuary doors in the Pownal vestibule, along with custom woodgrain finishes on most of the doors, and the provision of crash bars where needed to satisfy building codes
- * Repairs to the "Hosts of God" stained glass window in the Upper Hall
- * The repair and painting of the main spire louvers
- * Provision of basement window drainage wells and infill
- * Improvements to exterior lighting
- * Replacement of worn stair treads on the stairways leading to the basement
- * The completion of modest plaster repairs to walls in the Sanctuary, including needed re-painting
- * The refurbishment of the Kirk sign on the front lawn
- * In addition, the manse kitchen was extensively remodelled, funded in part by a supporting bequest
- * The remodeling of our upstairs washrooms to create two accessible and gender-neutral washrooms