

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 4 and up.

Fellowship Time

Please join us following the morning service for fellowship time in the upper hall with Simon & Jocelyne Lloyd as our hosts.



This Week's Music

Suite Gothique, Op. 25 is a suite for organ composed by Léon Boëllmann in 1895 for the organ at a dedication of a new Notre-dame cathedral in Dijon, France. The classic African American spiritual "Ezekiel Saw the Wheel" is based on the Old Testament prophet Ezekiel's vision of a divine chariot and interlocking wheels in Ezekiel 1:15–21, and it symbolizes divine power, deliverance, and the interplay between human action and God's grace.

Condolences

We would like to give our deepest sympathies to David and Christy Ashby on the passing of David's brother Michael Ashby. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families.

Pastoral Care

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

Kirk Ceilidh Fall Fair

This Saturday, October 31st from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Please share this information with your friends, family, neighbours and co-workers. A good turnout helps ensure good sales!

Last call for donations for Books and Treasures for the Ceilidh

Please bring them to the Parlour as soon as possible so that organizers will be prepared to display next week!

- 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
- 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: Christy 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.

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.

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.

Food Safety Course

Because various food-based activities for the Kirk (Christmas Tea, Soup or Chowder sales and the possibility of a community meal), we benefit immensely from having several people who have their food safety certification so that supervision of activities can be shared among a large group. Please give serious consideration to taking in one of the next free food safety presentations happening in the next while - Tuesday, October 27th at Our Lady of Assumption Church in Stratford from 6-9 p.m. or Tuesday, November 17th at St. Paul's Church from 9 a.m. -12 p.m. These free courses are for volunteers. To register visit: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/service/volunteer-food-safety-presentations>

Kirk Christmas Tea: Saturday, December 13, 2026, at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$37.50 for single tickets or \$140 for a table of 4/\$200 for a table of 6. They will be available for purchase at the Ceilidh, and online or at the Kirk office until we are sold out!

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.

Spotlight on Indigenous Ministries in the Presbyterian Church in Canada Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry – Saskatoon, SK

Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry (SNCM) provides prayer, crisis counselling, nourishment, clothing and a weekly worship Circle to people on the margins of society. The ministry provides a sense of belonging, care, and inclusion for people of all nations, though the activities uphold Indigenous cultural practices. Through a mid-week worship Circle and an art program, people from all walks of life experience the love of God and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Some individuals who seek refuge at SNCM face poverty, abuse, alcoholism and life on the streets, and the ministry honours those stories, while sharing the good news of Jesus' love.

PCC Mission Moment

In Mwanyesha, Malawi, Vincent Ng'ambi lives with his wife and five children. They previously struggled in a leaking thatched house and faced food shortages due to climate change, making farming unreliable. After joining the Lupembe food security project, they received training in climate-smart agriculture, self-help groups and household visioning. The training helped increase their maize production, enabling them to build a safe home. "We are grateful and proud. Thanks to household visioning, we dreamed bigger and set goals. Our new brick house with iron sheets symbolizes our hard work and a better future. We'll live in it and finish with cement flooring and windows next year," Vincent shared with tears. This project is an initiative of PWS&D's partner, the Synod of Livingstonia Development Department.



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