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The St. David's Connection

Greetings from the Interim Moderator,

Rev. David Sutherland

Once again it is an honour and privilege to include this brief note in our newsletter. First of all I would like to thank so many who have been supportive and encouraging during the vacancy here at St. David's. I thank you for your kind words and encouragement as we go through this time of change and growing anticipation in search of the next minister of this historic congregation.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the excellent leadership provided by our Elders through the Church Session, some of which has included leading services of worship. I would also like to thank the members of the Search Committee who are working diligently on your behalf. We are trying to be very sensitive both to confidentiality of applicants (what congregation wants to find out second hand that their minister is searching for a new place to serve) and to transparency so that we can keep you as informed as possible each step of the way. The Search Committee seems to be well representative of the congregation and I know they are trying to keep all aspects of the church's ministries and membership in mind.

I would also like to thank the many who have provided leadership in worship. Unfortunately I only know second hand but I would thank our Organist and Choir Director and the Choir for their leadership. I thank the Rev. John Duff who has accepted the major responsibility for conducting worship during the vacancy. I also thank Judy Kearsey, our Church Administrator who has tried to keep me up to date on special needs while I sit in my office at the "Kirk". Thank you to the many who work quietly behind the scenes, those upon whom the church is always dependent.

As we move into the summer ministry of the congregation, we look forward to our Annual Church Picnic together, this year on June 11th at the Rotary Sunshine Park and to the variety of preachers who have offered their gifts for the summer season. I am looking forward to being in St. David's for the service on Sunday June 25th and for the special dedication which will be part of that service. As we move through the summer season, while some of our people are visiting congregations where our future minister might now be serving, it is not out-of-the-question that he or she might drop by on vacation to check us out. If you are able, please be part of our summer worship life so that the congregation is well represented.

In closing I ask you to continue to pray for our church, for those in positions of responsibility and leadership. Pray for the Search Committee entrusted with the preliminary work, and for all of us that we might be not only safe, but blessed with the gifts suited to service in the body of Christ. May God bless you and all whom you visit and who come to our fair land and your home during the summer season.

Yours in Christ,
Dave Sutherland
Interim Moderator

"Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."

~Acts 14:7~



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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Alex Templeton and his wife, Vanessa, both graduated at the University of New Brunswick Convocation on May 18th. Alex has earned his LLB (Bachelor of Laws) and Vanessa has earned her Bachelor of Arts degree (English). Alex will give the Valedictory address at the Law Faculty Convocation Banquet. They both will return to St. John's, where he will complete his Articles with Patterson Palmer, and where she will continue her studies in the Faculty of Education at MUN.



PEW FUN before Children's Time

Michael Templeton will receive his Ph.D. in Engineering at the University of Toronto on June 15th. He successfully defended his thesis, entitled "Ultraviolet Disinfection of Particle-Associated Viruses in Water" on December 9, 2005, and is presently employed at the University of Toronto.

The family and friends of the late Lloyd and Betty Hodder are saddened to learn of their son Fraser's sudden death in Carrollton, Texas on April 28, 2006. Fraser served as Captain in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam war and was buried in Texas on May 2nd. Fraser's father and mother were both choir members at the former Queen's Road Church where Lloyd also served as an Elder. Some members of the present congregation will still remember them.

Our good friend John Abraham will be moving to Alberta at the end of May. John, who is from Sudan, has been worshipping at St. David's since he arrived in St. John's in February 2005. We pray the Lord will keep John in his loving care and bless him in all future endeavours.



Alexander Kennedy is busy raising money for the Janeway! He and his Mom (April) are rolling lots of pennies and Alex is hosting a community BBQ in Bay Bulls. The Janeway has helped Alex immensely over the last several years and he is very eager to give back. Also, Alexander, Cameron, Jack and their Dad, Tom Kennedy, will be appearing on the Janeway Telethon to present a cheque from the PharmaChoice Group of drugstores in the Atlantic Region. Hopefully, Alex will have a cheque to present himself. Watch for the boys on Saturday, June 3rd, between 5:30 p. m. and 6:30 p. m.



Born to Frank and Susan (Ellis) St. Croix, Luke Douglas, on May 3, 2006. Congratulations!

Best wishes are extended to the Reverend JSS Armour, former minister of this congregation, on the occasion of his special birthday. He will be 75 on June 3rd, and is very fondly remembered by his many friends here at St. David's



ANNOUNCEMENTS Some omitted from the Easter Newsletter

Marriage – December 29, 2005 – Karen Templeton and Jason Froude

Deaths – December 23, 2005 – Bertha L. Hillyard
 December 25, 2005 – Ralph W. Melendy
 January 4, 2006 – Roma Jean Pippy



BLEEKER, Zena - Lower Sackville, passed away peacefully in the VG Site, QEII, April 10, 2006, after a short but courageous battle with cancer. Born in her beloved Scotland in November 19, 1938, she was a daughter of the late Alistair and Isabel MacKintosh. She is survived by, and will be dearly missed by her loving husband of 41 years, Danny Bleeker; daughters, Christine Lane (Mike), Lower Sackville; Katherine Giguere (Patrick), Quebec City; Alison Bleeker, Halifax; Jennifer McPhee (Charlie), Victoria, B.C.; sister, Alice Coulter, Dartmouth; brother, Jack MacKintosh, Newtonmore, Scotland; adored grandchildren, Olivia, Kathleen, Zachary, Ian and Skyler; many nieces and nephews in Canada and abroad. Zena gave selflessly of herself to her church and to her community. She was an original volunteer with Sackville Meals on Wheels program. Zena volunteered at Hope Cottage, Beacon House, with the Nova Scotia Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Canadian Cancer Society. Cremation has taken place. Visitation will take place 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 13, in Atlantic Funeral Home, 125 Sackville Dr. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 15, in First Sackville Presbyterian Church, 60 Beaverbank Rd., Lower Sackville, Dr. Rev. George MacDonald officiating. Family flowers only please. Donations may be made in Zena's memory to Canadian Cancer Society. On-line condolences may be left by visiting the website: www.atlanticfuneralhomes.com



St. David's W. A. is pleased to report the results of its two recent fundraisers. The amount of \$1,752.00 was raised from the Flipper Dinner on April 26th and \$1,592.50 from the Garage Sale on May 6th.

With summer approaching and congregations thinning out due to vacations, **Bridges to Hope** has reminded us that the need for food items still continues. The suggested items they hope St. David's will provide for the remainder of 2006 are: Peanut Butter (500 ml), Jams, Baking Supplies (Baking Powder, Baking Soda, Raisins, Dates, Pancake mix, Cake mix – NO FLOUR, PLEASE). Other items needed on an occasional basis are: Baby Food, Diapers, Infant Formula, Personal female products, Toilet Tissue, Shampoo and Soap. Any and all items are gratefully accepted. Financial donations are also appropriate at any time. They can also use plastic shopping bags!

St. David's Auxiliary of the Atlantic Mission Society would like to thank members of the congregation for their generosity and support of two recent AMS projects. To date, nearly \$500.00 has been received from the Lenten "Loonie/Toonie" project and approximately \$800.00 from the Thank Offering on Mission Awareness Sunday. We also extend an invitation to the Annual Presbyterial of the Atlantic Mission Society which takes place on Wednesday, June 7, 2006. The meeting starts at 4 P. M., with dinner at 6:00 P. M., followed by a short worship service and guest speaker at 7:30 P. M.



In addition to your regular church offerings, there are several other ways you can support outreach projects at St. David's:

Recycling – St. David's has an account at Evergreen Recycling if you'd like to donate your recyclable beverage containers!



There are boxes in the church entrance for:

- **Grocery Tapes** – Dominion or Sobey's cash register tapes (used for fruit baskets and food hampers at Christmas)!
- **Magazines** – Distributed by volunteers to the library at H. M. Penitentiary
- **Canadian Tire Money** – Used to purchase small maintenance items, such as light bulbs, batteries, etc.
- **Bridges to Hope** – Items (cereal, tea and coffee in 2006) for their Food Bank and toys for their Toy Lending Library!



FROM THE REFUGEE COMMITTEE

Savory Soups

People of St. David's congregation responded generously with their donations on the occasion of the Refugee Ministries Committee's first "Savoury Soup Lunch" on Sunday, April 23rd. Donations to the fund during April totaled \$1237.00. Thank you to every one who helped in this effort!



We are assisting Leo Massaquoi in his application to bring Esther Banya and their son Kugbe Patrick Massaquoi to Canada under Family Class immigration. Members of our committee were honoured to be present at Leo's convocation with the degree M. Ed. at the MUN convocation May 24th. At the same convocation, his sister, Melrose Kinnie Koineh, received her B.A. degree. Their very proud mother was present to congratulate two of her children graduating the same day.





Community Mediation Services

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Community Mediation Services (CMS) held its Annual General Meeting on May 16, 2006 at St. David's Church. CMS would like to thank St. David's for the ongoing support by way of sharing space and photocopy machine. People directly involved with current CMS activities and attend St. David's include Don McKay (board chairperson), Ken & Sue Templeton (Board Member & Trainer, respectively), Lisa Paton (Board Members and many other things!), David Rudofsky (Fundraising Volunteer with Dinner Theatre), and Scott & Melody Morton-Ninomiya (Staff). We would like to thank all others who have helped out in various ways from computer support (Heather Patey) to attending our annual fundraiser dinner theatre event with Spirit of Newfoundland! CMS has grown immensely over the last year and has increased its budget with the launching of a Donor Campaign to help raise \$30,000 for this next fiscal year. Customized contract training in conflict resolution and related areas has been growing in demand and hence our trainer roster is increasing in numbers and diversity. Scott and Melody will be wrapping up their terms as Mennonite Central Committee Service Workers this summer. Scott will continue on with CMS as a paid employee (Executive Director) and Melody will return to school to pursue a Masters in Education. CMS will be hiring someone new to work, starting this summer so be ready to see a new face in the fall! To find out more about what CMS is up to, we encourage you to visit our website (www.cmservices.org) and on the homepage you will find a link with our AGM Report. Thank you for your ongoing support and we wish you a great summer!

FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE



To date, a total of twenty (20) profiles have been received, either from our National Church Office or direct to the Interim Moderator. Applications came from as far afield as Africa, eastern Europe as well as across Canada. We will be seeking tapes of sermons from approximately five in whom we are interested, for review at our next meeting.

EASTER SUNDAY IN SCOTLAND Tonya Bassler

Easter Sunday dawned sunny and crisp in Inverness, Scotland, where Gerhard and I were visiting Paul and Sarah, our son and daughter-in-law, who have been working there for the past two years. For Easter service we all went to the Church of Scotland's Ness Bank Church, one of nine lovely churches grouped along Inverness's Ness River. The congregation was so welcoming to us that we felt as if we were back at St. David's.

To our pleasant surprise, this particular service, including the sermon, happened to be conducted by The Moderator of the General Assembly, The Right Rev. David Lacy. The five hymns sung were "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," "This Joyful Eastertide," "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing," "Father Most Loving," and "Thine Be the Glory!" The anthem was "The Strife Is O'er" by Ley. The Right Rev. Lacy's sermon was "Teaching and Preaching with Fire," in other words, the importance of bring enthusiasm to our practice of Christianity. After the service, he greeted everyone warmly at the door.

We noticed several differences from St. David's Sunday services. For example, although beautiful flowers were in the church, no Easter lilies were around. I was told lilies were not an Easter custom. In addition, the communion bread and wine were in individual two-part mini containers and had been placed ready for consumption in their respective pew racks before the service began. This timesaving feature did not detract at all from the solemnity of the occasion. At the same time, it contributed to the conciseness of the service—a scant 60 minutes, with The Moderator's uplifting sermon being less than 15 minutes of that.

And now a final twist on our trip to Scotland. Returning from Heathrow Airport in London to St. John's, who should we be coincidentally seated next to but Christine and Eric Gray, themselves returning from a visit to Scotland (to their present home in Halifax). We had a good chat, and they send their best wishes to all at St. David's.



ADVANCE NOTICE - 2006 FLOWER SERVICES

General Protestant Cemetery, Topsail Road – Monday, July 3 – 7 P. M.
Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Hamilton Avenue Ext. – Monday, July 24 – 7 P. M.

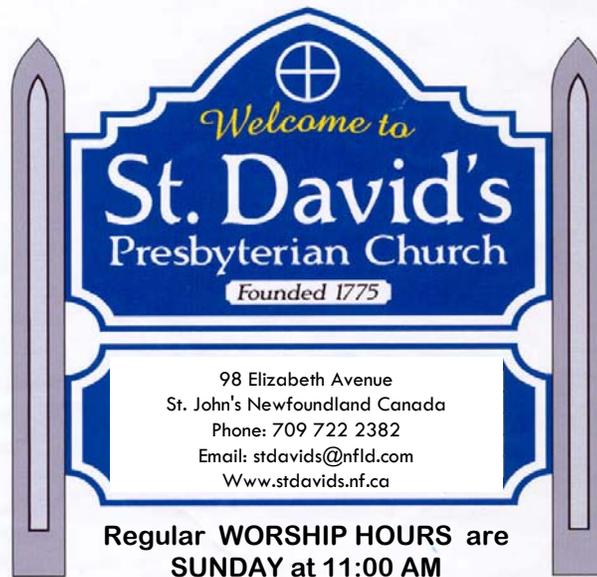
In the event of inclement weather, the services will move ahead to 7 P. M. the next evening.

JUNE SERVICES AT ST. DAVID'S

June 4, 2006 – Holy Communion – 11 AM – Rev. J. Duff
June 11, 2006 – Joint Church Picnic – 11 AM - Rotary Sunshine Park
June 18, 2006 – Sunday Worship – 11 AM - Rev. J. Duff
June 25, 2006 – Sunday Worship – 11 AM - Rev. D. Sutherland



Gardening Committee – ANNUAL PLANT SALE –
Saturday, June 10th – 9:30 A. M.



The editorial committee wishes to thank all those who contributed items to this edition of our St. David's Connection newsletter. Please feel free to drop items or notes off any time to members of the newsletter committee listed, or, leave them in the church mailbox.

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