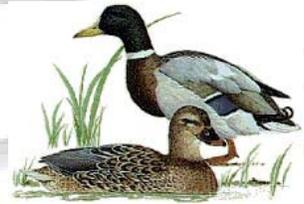




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A Time to Look Forward

Quarterly Newsletter – Summer, 2008

By Dr. Jonathan Dent

It only takes a day or two with blue skies and moving cirrus and cumulus clouds across the city to remind us of the warm days of summer coming. The winter has been long, but the beauty of the days to come will be all the sweeter.

I hope we can say that in our lives not only about the weather, but also about our spiritual lives and the life of our church, our congregation. Because if all we can do is remember back to how good it used to be, or be trapped by past difficult and painful memories, then we do not have much for which to look forward. But if we can capture some of the same anticipation that we savor as we gaze into the eyes of summer, and place some hope anew in the Lord for our church and our individual spiritual lives, then we truly can look forward to the coming season.

The Session recently gave permission for the establishment of a second worship service. This is not because we've outgrown the first one, nor to compete with it. We are looking to add a contemporary service in a different time slot, probably Saturday night, to address a number of comments over the years of students and people of all ages looking for such a service. A committee has been established, and we are looking for your input. It will likely be weekly and start as a small group, probably in the church building, but probably not in the Sanctuary.

You can hear the tentative nature of the details of this new endeavor. We don't believe this will be for everyone, but it will be something for God that is new for us. I personally am hopeful and enthusiastic for this new offering. We're certainly not the first congregation to offer such a service, with newer music and prayer, Scripture and the teaching/preaching of the Word all within our Presbyterian context and theology.

Your prayers and your interest are important to us. We hope you will talk about this, and give feedback, positive or negative, as we seek to honor the Lord and break new ground. This might be a way for you to invite others who have not participated in the congregation for a while. This might also be a way to encourage newcomers, indicating that there is a now a choice of both time and styles of worship.

We have not worked out all the details, nor anticipated all the challenges. Please pray not only for this new endeavor, but for the many ministries which continue across St. David's, during the Summer and into the Fall. Together we have much for which to be thankful. I believe also that together we have much for which to be hopeful.

Some Quotes to Ponder

“God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars.” Martin Luther

“It ain't those parts of the Bible that I can't understand that bother me, it is the parts that I do understand.” Mark Twain

“Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right” Abraham Lincoln

“Prayer is when you talk to God; meditation is when you listen to God.” Diana Robinson

“No man ever believes that the Bible means what it says: He is always convinced that it says what he means” George Bernard Shaw

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**NEWS FROM THE PEWS**

Congratulations to Sue Templeton as she recently received the degree of Master of Theological Studies (Honors) from Queen's College, Memorial University. The Convocation was held at St. Michael and All Angels Anglican Church here in St. John's. The occasion was very special for all the Templeton family and included a surprise visit by Michael and Jessica Templeton from London, England.

Congratulations to Leslie Stuckless of our choir as she recently convoked from Memorial with her Bachelor of Music Education degree. All the young choristers in her children's choir at St. David's are proud of her, too.

Eleven year old Catherine McKenzie has been accepted to the Atlantic Veterinary College's "Vet Camp" for a week this summer in PEI. The camp is targeted at kids going into Grades 7-9. Catherine's parents, David and Cindy, are invited to tour the Veterinary College Facilities with the Dean the first morning of vet camp. Catherine has been planning to be a veterinarian since November 2002 when she began writing her illustrated books on world cat species and horse breeds.

From Barbara Ellis .. This Spring, our travels back from Florida to Newfoundland brought us through Pennsylvania where we detoured to make a lunch visit with Rev. Sandy Wessell. She has a lovely mobile home in a park out in the country where she is very happy. Her son is now doing much better and has been moved to a home in a county near her so he can visit more often and is getting more assistance towards living on his own. From there we visited our son, Neil and family, in St. Catherine's, Ontario to see how the children have grown. While there we managed to have Neil's son Andrew also for the weekend. Then on to Brampton to see Stoyan, Tanitza and Kristoffer. Tanitza is adjusting well to Canadian living. To finish our journey we spent a few days in Nova Scotia visiting my sister Janet.

Congratulations to Sonya and Kyle Sampson and big brother Tyler as they welcome their new little boy, Barret, born April 4th. They will be traveling soon to Toronto and Vancouver to visit relatives and friends. During this journey they will celebrate the baptism of their new son by Kyle's father who is a Lutheran Minister. Rev. Sampson also baptized Tyler as an infant and had earlier conducted the marriage ceremony of Sonya and Kyle. Blessing to all.

Congratulations to Krysta and Keith Pike on the birth of their daughter Mila Rebecca on June 10th. She is the first grandchild of David and Judy Rudofsky of this congregation. Uncles Michael and Blake welcome her as well as an extended family here and in England.

Congrats to Laura Bruneau for school athletic awards and David Bruneau for recognition of scholastic achievements in Grade 10. Both are advancing in the Duke of Edinburgh awards through the summer.

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 Sobeys' 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 for their Food Bank and toys for their Toy Lending Library!





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deaths John (Scotty) Mudie on Sunday, June 29th survived by his wife Mary and sisters Elizabeth in Scotland and Gracie (Joss) Wood of this congregation. Funeral took place at St.David's on July 3rd.

Baptism Jack Isaac Porter son of Katie Berghuis and David Porter is lovingly welcomed at St. David's. Jack is the grandchild of John Berghuis and the first great-grandchild of Elisabeth Berghuis of this congregation.



ST. DAVID'S CHOIR NOTES

We welcome our new organist and choir director Gordon Stockwell to St. David's. The Choir is looking forward to making music with him when we gather together again for regular practices and services in the fall. We would also welcome NEW members to join us in the September. DO consider this possibility to serve the congregation. Mike and Kate Fisher are settling into life in Texas. Kate is very busy with Exxon-Mobile there . Mike is hoping to get teaching positions at schools/bands/choirs etc and in the meantime is training for a triathlon on Labor Day.



Gordon Stockwell is a teacher, performer, and student in St. John's. He plays first violin with the [Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra](#) and various other small ensembles. In 2006 he graduated from Cambrian College with a performance diploma and is currently completing his Bachelor's Degree in music performance under Dr. Nancy Dahn. In 2007 Gordon made his solo debut with the Sudbury Symphony playing Prokofiev's 2nd violin concerto. He is new to the Suzuki program having recently obtained his teaching certificate under the tutelage of Helen Brunner and looks forward to working with the Suzuki students and teachers



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RETURNABLE RECYCLABLES

Please place returnable recyclable items into the blue plastic crates in the "new" kitchen. These items can be Juice, water and soft drink bottles (glass or plastic), Juice boxes, pop tins etc. **DO NOT CRUSH** any of these items as the sharp edges are potentially hazardous to the recycling workers.

Also I would be happy to "make house-calls" to collect these items and any other returnable glass bottles that may accumulate from time to time. Just phone 722-6436 and we will arrange a convenient time for a pick-up.

Please note that all the money collected from returnables goes to the AMS and the WA at St. David's.



Thank You.

Jean Bruneau



From the Women's Auxiliary

April and May 2008 have been busy months for the W. A. with three major fundraising events taking place.

On April 23rd, the Annual Flipper Dinner was held and, although it may sound like a broken record, it bears repeating that this year's Dinner was the "best ever".

The Garage Sale on May 10th saw a steady stream of customers vying for the best bargains, and bargains there were!

The third event was our 4th Annual "Theme Tea" on Saturday, May 24th. This year's theme was "Books" and a "sold out" crowd enjoyed great food and good company in a warm and relaxed atmosphere.

All these events require a lot of work, co-operation and support, of which there is no shortage at St. David's. The Women's Auxiliary offers a sincere thank you to all who help in many and varied ways to make our events so successful!



NEW CHAIRS!

We are pleased to report that an order has been placed for the first shipment (24) of our new chairs. Response to this project has been wonderful, and we haven't really started yet! Anyone interested in "covering the cost of a chair" may do so by making a donation through the Church (eligible for tax receipt) or directly to St. David's Women's Auxiliary. One or more of our future fundraising projects will be designated especially for the purchase of chairs, our aim being to have 120 of them in place by June 2009. It's a challenge, but with the continued support and generosity of our congregation, we know we're up for it!





Sunday School "Scoop"

The Spring has been a busy time for those of us involved in Christian Education, and for the Sunday School, in particular! A well-attended Workshop in April provided insights into the aims and needs of the Sunday School, and allowed participants the opportunity to do some "dreaming in Technicolor". The outcome of this event was the establishment of a committee of three (Scott Morton-Ninomiya, Christine McLean, and Sylvia Hudson) who are planning a "Fall Gathering Event" to kick off the new Sunday School year, and raise the profile of the learning and sharing that goes on with our younger congregation. Keep your eyes on bulletins during the summer for updates about this event!



Part of the workshop involved looking at the physical spaces and resources used by the Sunday School, and suggesting what changes and improvements might be initiated in the next few months to make them inviting and appropriate for the children. You may have noticed that the Creche has been placed "off limits" during the week, to preserve that space as a clean and safe environment for our babies, toddlers and their parents. A "Wish List" has been posted outside Classroom #1 in the Hall. The need for new classroom furniture, shelves, Christian story books, supplies, bulletin boards, and a love seat/ easy chair for storytelling is evident, so we hope that some fund-raising can be done to accommodate those needs. Lori-Kim den Otter has also checked into the availability of age-appropriate Bibles, and a selection of samples has been purchased, in hope that we can obtain classroom sets for each of the groups. Of course, we encourage parents to be on the look-out for these resources for use at home too!

A display of resources we are currently using was set up at coffee hour on May 25, and many are available in the Armour Room Library. One parent has suggested that perhaps we should explore the possibility of establishing a lending library of Christian books and resources for our families, pooling and sharing resources we have in our homes which we think others might like to share, and adding to the library as gifts to the Christian Education ministry of our church. Sounds interesting....Volunteers???

Speaking of Volunteers: We are in need of more teachers and assistants as soon as possible. We are so fortunate to have a lot of young children attending Sunday School, and will likely need to have two early childhood groups next fall to accommodate the different learning needs of two and three year olds, and the four and five year olds. It would be nice to have four teachers and four assistants for those two groups to share the teaching responsibilities through the year. We also will need four teachers for the school-age groups with assistants to help out occasionally. Some of our faithful teachers and assistants have re-offered their service for the coming year, but we DO need others. You need not be certified teachers to join this important ministry! Training will be provided early in September, and the curriculum, Seasons of the Spirit, is excellent, offering Biblical background notes, lesson plans, photocopy-ready materials, activity and craft suggestions, music and posters, and even on-line assistance! Please consider joining our Christian Education team. Could you perhaps try teaching one Sunday during the summer?



Summer Sunday School: Beginning the last Sunday in June and through Labour Day weekend, we need volunteers to sign up to teach in a "one-room" Sunday School setting. The summer curriculum and resources are in a box on the shelf outside the Church Office, and your assistance during the summer while our regular teaching team is on holiday would be greatly appreciated. Alexandra Dent and Barbara Ellis have offered to teach during the summer, but many others are needed to offer classes each week!

PRESENTATION SUNDAY will be on June 22 during the morning worship service. Please do come to worship with the children and their families, and help us celebrate the children's work and give thanks for their teachers' dedication! Certificates of participation and books will be presented to the children. Bibles will be presented to Stephen McKenzie and Nicole Purchase as they graduate from Junior High.

Thank you to everyone who has assisted and supported the work of the Sunday School this year. Have a wonderful summer!

Submitted by Sue Templeton

After a hardy rainstorm filled all the potholes in the streets and alleys, a young mother watched her two little boys playing in the puddle through her kitchen window. The older of the two, a five year old lad, grabbed his sibling by the back of his head and shoved his face into the water hole. As the boy recovered and stood laughing and dripping, the mother runs to the yard in a panic. "Why on earth did you do that to your little brothers?" she asks as she shook the older boy in anger. "We were just playing "church", Mommy" he said.

"And I was just baptizing him In the name of the Father, the Son and inthe hole-he-goes."



The Atlantic Youth Synod

(local pronunciation . . . "d'alanik yute sinit")

by Stacy Dent

My experience at the Presbyterian Atlantic Youth Synod (PAYS) retreat was a positive, yet energy draining experience. Our flight from the airport in St. John's, left quite early in the morning (5:30am), but all five of us made it. Once we arrived in Moncton, Rev. Sandy Sutherland gave us a brief tour of the city, since none of us had ever been in that part of New Brunswick and we had time to kill before registration at Camp Wildwood. On the ride over, Sandy gave all of us hats, with the words, "Prayer. Just do it." on the front, and on the back the Christian fish symbol with "JESUS" written inside the fish. Prayer was the theme of the weekend.

Once we'd registered, we were directed to our extremely clean cabins (Chipmunk A and Chipmunk B) and settled in. There was well over 100 youth there from all four Atlantic provinces. The best part about the weekend for me, was the band "Latter Rain" which led us in worship and praise, through Christian rock music. We also had small groups, in which we discussed prayer, and different aspects revolving around prayer. These discussions challenged us to think at a deeper level. A few of the speakers spoke on the Lord's Prayer. Breaking it down into smaller chunks for us was helpful, making suggestions on how to keep it's meaning, and not become another repetitive routine in our daily lives, even though it's a good habit to have.

The meals at Camp were also wonderful. (That was almost the best part of the weekend for me... it may be a tie with the worship time). Overall, the time in New Brunswick was encouraging and enjoyable. I got to know some of the girls from St. Andrew's better, and have some fun times with them laughing, and hanging out. Eun Go (from the Kirk) was a wonderful "chaperone" and more so a good companion and friend to us all. The down side to the trip for me, was the lack of sleep, but I'm fully recovered now, and looking back, it was a superb time.

If you saw the CBC Land & Sea episode on "Where Old Horses Go," shown in March and repeated June 23rd, featuring the Equine Sanctuary, at Hopeall, T.B. and Bob Martin, its manager until recently, you probably were not aware of a St. David's connection. . . .

John Molgaard is the president of the Horse and Pony Protection Association of Newfoundland and Labrador, HAPPA-NL for short, which operates the Sanctuary. The picture shows Bob Martin on the Sanctuary with Miracle Cloud and Cloudy Girl, both Newfoundland Ponies with a remarkable story. Miracle Cloud, a lively orphaned foal, was adopted by 35 year old Cloudy Girl, who even produced milk for the foal! Miracle Cloud now has a good home in the US but, sadly, Cloudy Girl has passed away. Support and involvement, as well as visits (the Sanctuary is on R80 north from Whitbourne Jctn.) are very welcome.



Editor's Note:

This story has another St. David's connection also! Bob Martin, the man shown in the picture is the brother of Jean Collins of St. David's!



Presbytery of Newfoundland

The Presbytery of Newfoundland met on Saturday, 7 June 2008, in St. David's Church. Three guests attended the meeting, the Revds. Dawn Griffiths and Kenneth Stright, as well as Mr. Scott Marshall, elder at St. Andrew's. The latter was a delegate [with Revd. David Sutherland] to the General Assembly and came to report on his impression of the meetings. He and Revd. David Sutherland, the clergy delegate from Newfoundland, recalled that one of the highlights of the assembly were speeches by Irene Lindsay, a Cree Elder, and Ted Quewezance, a residential school survivor, followed by an apology by the Moderator, Dr. Cheol Soon Park, a new Canadian. Mr. Stright, Synod Mission and Educational Consultant, outlined the several responsibilities he has been assigned including congregational revival and youth work. Ms. Dawn Griffiths, who preached at St. David's some months ago, has become a permanent resident of St. John's and attends St. Andrew's.

The busiest committee to report at Presbytery was the Ministry Committee. Its primary responsibility at this time is the supervision of Ms. Katherine Burgess, who is studying for the ministry at Presbyterian College in Montreal. Next year, Ms Burgess will commence her third academic year after which, if she is successful, she will be eligible to take a congregation in the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Presbytery heard a report from the Congregational Life Committee concerning the highly successful Synod Youth Retreat in New Brunswick in mid-May. Financing from Presbytery's Susan McCorquodale Fund allowed four youths and one leader from the St. John's congregations to attend the weekend meeting.

Andy den Otter

BRIDGES TO HOPE FOOD AID CENTRE

Mission: Bridges To Hope is committed to reducing the effect of poverty for people in our society.
Program and Services:

Pantry Services: Bridges To Hope works in conjunction with the Community Food Sharing and other Food Aid Centres to provide assistance to our clients. This service is available four days a week

Toy Lending Library: The Toy Lending Library is a free service offered in conjunction with Day Break East End Downtown Family Resource Initiative. A large variety of toys is available for children ages 0 – 6 years.

Home Smart Classes: The Home Smart Classes are designed to provide a learning opportunity to clients. Clients are given basic lessons on food preparation, budgeting, shopping (Smart) wisely and understanding the need for all inhabitants of this world to be aware of food security needs.

Christmas Hampers: Bridges To Hope partner with the St. John's Rotary Club in providing Christmas hampers to over 300 individuals and families.

New Programs to be introduced:

Community Kitchen: The community kitchen will be located in the main Bridges To Hope building. The primary purpose will be to provide our clients with a place to come and prepare a cooked meal. They will be encouraged to work together with other clients to prepare meals that will be shared.

Computer Revitalization: Computers have now become a necessity for all families in the 21st century. Bridges To Hope will be examining how a computer revitalization program can be put in place so that our clients can be provided with an up-to-date system at either a nominal fee or free.

Provision of Affordable Housing: In partnership with the Stella Burry Community Services, Bridges To Hope will be investing in additional affordable housing units for the city centre neighbourhood.



**From Jennifer ML Whitfield, Food Aid Coordinator,
Bridges To Hope Food Aid Centre.**



Following are several special incidents with which I have been involved and I give thanks to God that I have been able to do this. I hope that these are the kind of "stories" you can use to illustrate what Bridges To Hope does. They are from the heart and filled with the spirit of God. Bridges To Hope is where individuals of all walks of life come when they are hungry. Often the client has not eaten for several days and is under a great deal of stress. There might have been a death or sickness, which is affecting them greatly, and their suffering is huge.

Story #1:

One day a young woman came in from the waiting area and sat opposite me at my desk. She was beautiful, with dark hair and eyes. She was sad and hardly able to verbalise her need. She finally told me that she has nowhere to go and her 4 children are hungry. I quietly asked her if she was able to tell me a little about herself and her children. Through tears, she managed to say that they had no money at that time and there is no family in St. John's. I gently asked about her husband. There was a flood of anxiety and sorrow through her steady crying as she recounted to me about her husband having an aneurysm in his brain rupture and she found him dead on the floor. There was no life insurance and no immediate monies available to her and the children at that time. She had nowhere to turn and her children were hungry. They were quite young and she had never had to deal with them on her own before. Because her husband had a good job, the family was never without anything, so she is now on a new life direction, which will be challenging to her.

I was able to empathize with her since I had this happen myself, so with my knowledge and my age, I was able to assist her in using the Food Aid Centre with grace and dignity. Bridges To Hope was able to give her a good amount of food, which her children liked. I was able to put her in touch with a grief counsellor. I was able to tell her that her life will get better slowly. She was able to return here to Bridges To Hope Food Aid Centre several times and acquire whatever food she needed and she has been able to keep her head up and get back on her feet, which she is doing one day at a time. She has received assistance from her husband's workplace and she now knows that she will be able to survive. She will not return to Bridges To Hope now as enough time has passed and with that her financial situation has righted itself.

I am glad that Bridges To Hope Food Aid Centre was here for this family in their time of need.

Story #2:

A man in his mid-40's has been coming to Bridges To Hope to receive a food hamper for many years now. I now know him fairly well and during the course of one of our conversations, I asked him if he thought he could go to work. He became quite excited at the thought and stated that he'd love to work and get off social assistance. I suggested that he could do up a resume and that I could help him. He was very positive about getting this done. So over the next several months we worked up a good resume and he took it to several stores and businesses in the city. Each time he came to Bridges To Hope, he would tell me how things were going and finally one day, he was ecstatic - he'd been offered two jobs. One was with a supermarket and one with a church. Each one asked him to provide a letter from his doctor stating that he was well and physical able to do a certain amount of lifting. His doctor would not do this. I was shocked and asked why. That was when he told me about a hit-and-run accident with which he was involved 15 years ago. We talked at great length as to what had happened then. At this point, I realised that this was the reason why he did not work. Upon asking various questions about money, insurance, police records and lawyers, I then pointedly spoke about any monies he had received as a result of the accident. He had been given a cheque for \$1,100 and that was it! He had not signed any papers. So I gently queried if he would go to a lawyer, even after all these years and to this he agreed. An appointment was made and, to cut a long story short, there was a court hearing last November. He won his case and was awarded a generous allowance each month, as well as the retroactive monies for 15 years, since it was the accident that stripped him of the opportunity to work. I then made an appointment for him - and went with him - to speak with an investment advisor!!

It has been interesting working with this individual as he makes the transition from Social Assistance to not! He is eternally grateful to Bridges To Hope and we are very happy for him.



**Story #3:**

A young woman with bright eyes and a beautiful smile sits down at my desk. She explains how her husband is a seasonal worker and she is trying to raise 4 children on a small pay and social assistance. It is very hard for them. She also tells me she would like to go back to school and get her Grade 12 and then, perhaps, go on to University ... "but how can I do this with so little money and 4 children?" she asks. We discussed just HOW she could accomplish this as her "full" hamper was filled. "I'm learning to bake" she tells me, so lots of baking ingredients are added to her order. I tell her of some of my own recipes and promise to make copies for her. The next time she comes in, I give her the recipes and another hamper is made ready for her and her family. On her third visit, she has registered for the college in her area and is ready to go back to do her grade 12. Her baking and canning knowledge has increased and she is making as much as she can for winter months.

This conversation took place early in the summer of 2006. She came in over the Christmas holidays and brought me up to date on her activities. All was going well with her studies; her husband had some work and the children are fine. She was back in here at Bridges To Hope in July 2007 with her lovely smile and happy countenance. She had finished Grade 12 with high marks and has been accepted to go to University to do a B. Comm. She started University in September 2007 with help from Social Assistance and a student loan. Her mother was with her and is so very proud of this 34-year-old daughter. She will not come back here often, however if she needs to, she knows she can get the assistance she and her family requires.

Story #4:

There are a number of clients who come here regularly each month throughout the year. The large percentage of these people is single men older than 45 years. They live alone. They often have mental health issues, or brain injuries, but mostly lack education. Some are not very clean and have teeth missing. They are mostly very grateful and humble to receive the food that they need. They also come here to our offices out of the cold – or heat - and socialize with each other as well as the staff at Bridges To Hope, where they know they are treated with grace and dignity. We have much joy and fun, as we know some of these characters well. St. John's is a small town and everybody knows each other's business, so when one is out walking in the downtown, I often meet my clients. I always let them acknowledge me first, as I would never want to embarrass anybody. How happy I am when a client sings out to me across the road greeting me with my name. These clients will always be there and we, at Bridges To Hope, are glad that we are there to serve them. We are all children of God and only by the Grace of this God go I.

On behalf of Bridges To Hope, may I take this opportunity to thank you for the support we receive from St. David's congregation.

Yours in Christ, Jennifer ML Whitfield,
Food Aid Coordinator, Bridges To Hope Food Aid Centre.

Editor's note: Bridges to Hope is a partnership of the two Presbyterian churches, several United Churches and other organizations within the City. Any and all non-perishable food items are appreciated but they have asked St. David's congregation to consider providing particular items, namely Peanut Butter (500 ml), Jam, baking supplies (baking powder, baking soda, pancake mix, raisins, walnuts, dates, chocolate chips, cake mixes, etc. – NO FLOUR, PLEASE). Contributions placed in the Food Box in the narthex are picked up on a weekly basis. There is also an opportunity to make monetary contributions to Bridges to Hope on an individual or regular (pre-authorized debit) basis. Bridges to Hope is a registered charitable organization and any donations are tax-deductible.

KIDS IN CHURCH (submitted by L. Nap)

3- year-old , Reese: "Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen."

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

A Sunday school class was studying the Ten Commandments. They were ready to discuss the last one. The teacher asked if anyone could tell her what it was. Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and quoted, "Thou shall not take the covers off the neighbour's wife."

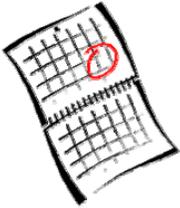
After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied: "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."

I had been teaching my three-year-old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings. At bedtime, she would repeat after me the line from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listed with pride as she carefully enunciated each word right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail."

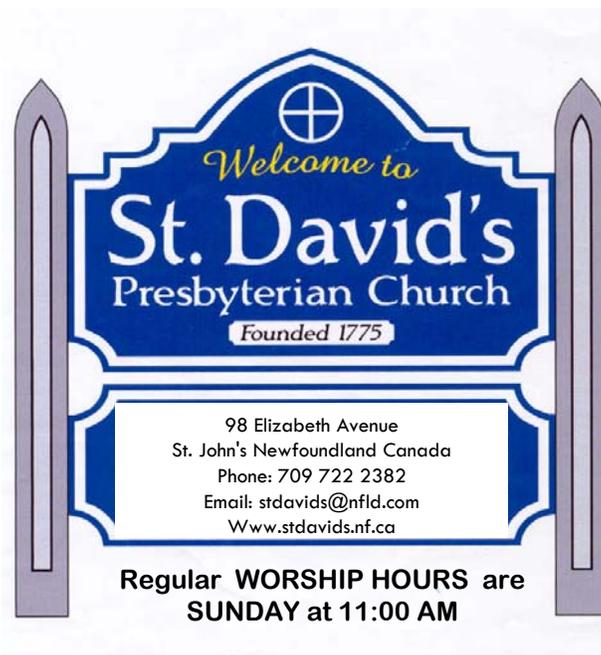
One particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

A Sunday school teacher asked her children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."



Worship hours will remain unchanged for the summer and so services begin at 11:00 Sunday.



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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