



**St. David's
Presbyterian Church
~Welcomes All~**



St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

Congregation founded in 1775

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39)

Sunday Service This Sunday's Service will be available on Sunday Morning, and can be found on our YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFCfIHeNnDk-dINWCrfNdag>

Or by typing "**St. David's Presbyterian Message for May 10, 2020**" into Google. This Sunday's scripture reading will be: *John 14:1-14*

We pray for health workers, including physicians, doctors, nurses, social workers, therapists, paramedics and support staff.

Prayer Partnership: The Presbyterian Church in Canada offers a prayer partnership that may form part of a daily devotional, please consider these prayer partnerships:

Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day/Christian Family Sunday) Pray for strength for mothers in Afghanistan, Malawi, Haiti, India and Nepal who travel by foot to visit Presbyterian World Service & Development partners' maternal and child health clinics.

Monday, May 11 We pray for the ministry and mission of the students who graduate virtually this month from our three theological colleges and prepare to seek calls to congregations.

Tuesday, May 12 (International Day of Families) We pray God's blessing on families. May they be places where spouses, parents and children experience a reflection of God's unconditional love.

Wednesday, May 13 We pray for all those international guests who were to travel to take part in the upcoming Presbyterian Women's Gathering in Richmond Hill, ON, may they remain safely at home.

Thursday, May 14 We pray for our incoming Women's Missionary Society president, Cathy Reid, as she prepares to take on her responsibilities. Offer thanks for outgoing president, Janet Brewer.

Friday, May 15 On this day in 1919, the Winnipeg General Strike began. We pray for fair and just working conditions for all workers.

Saturday, May 16 We pray for small-scale farmers around the world who are learning new agricultural techniques to increase crop yields and improve nutrition with the support of Presbyterian World Service & Development.

News from the Pews:

Members of our Congregation

This week we salute members of our congregation who are working in our health care system, either as frontline workers or behind the scenes as medical professionals, lab workers and in support services. These include Kris and Christine Aubrey-Bassler, Shelley Bauer, Jackie Brockerville, Jill Bruneau, Matthew Culp and Jamie Noel Culp, Lynn Drake, Andy Effiong, Fiona Ellis, Derek and Jennifer Fleming, Olive Goobie, Helen (Bruce) Reddick, Laura Reddick, Rebecca Rudofsky, Sonia Sampson, Frank and Susan St. Croix, and there may be others. We extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all your hard work!

Kitty O'Meara's Poem

And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.

-Kitty O'Meara

This poem comes via Eun Go and Lillian Crawford. In the past week it's gone viral on the internet after being discussed by Deepak Chopra and the OprahMag.com. Kitty O'Meara and her husband Phillip live at home outside Madison, WI. Check out the article in OprahMag.com who got in touch with this lady by searching "Who is Kitty O'Meara?".

News from away

Janet Aitken's nephew, Dr. James Barnes, PHD works for the company, Bergenbio out of Oxford, UK. He and his team have been working on a cancer drug which has been selected for a British trial of potential COVID19 treatments. The study will test the medicine in 120 hospitalized patients, with half getting the drug and half receiving standard treatment, across six public hospitals in Britain. If successful, the drug could help reduce the recovery time of those with the virus. Please check out the Telegram article in the April 30th 2020 edition concerning this.

Closer to St. David's

The food bank **NL Eats** is operating out of our hall. For more information, check out their entry line in the online database at the Food First NL website at www.foodfirstnl.ca and click on the database of community food programs. While they have signed the regular rental contract, we are not charging them. However, they are responsible for their own garbage and cardboard removal.

If you would like to donate in support of this group, they have provided a link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6RVZZQ8>

We would like to recognize and thank **Frank Fogwill** for taking such good care of us during this time. As well as doing a daily walkabout, Kay Scott says he's managed to greatly improve the look of the church by sweeping and cleaning up the area at the front of the church. Thanks Frank!

Brian Way has been uploading a daily "Patio Series" of performances from, you guessed it, his patio! To hear Brian and friends play and sing, you can find his videos at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsYxI-RW73bm04OI4xfX4Gw/videos>

Birthdays

Our congratulations to **Andrea Crosbie** whose birthday is Sunday May 10th. Andrea can be contacted by phone or email.

If you know of someone who is going to celebrate a birthday or anniversary in the coming days or weeks, please call or email the church.

An Archival Moment

As you know Pam Bruce draws us to the cabinet in the lobby where there are interesting displays of the goings-on at St. David's in the present and the past. Here's this week's time to remember:

Good Companions Tim Horton's Bus Trip - October 1996



Left to Right: Harriet Byars, Murdock Hunter, Connie and Ken Calcutt, Lily Storey, George Finney, Dorothy Whittick, Wilson Gamble, Jim Steele, Cyril Barnes, Sheelagh Gamble

Offerings

While COVID-19 keeps us from church each Sunday, please consider other ways to keep up your weekly donations. For those of you who are not on PAD, please consider signing up. Simply email us at stdavids@nfld.com and we will put you in touch with Ian Bruneau, our Envelope Secretary. He will answer any questions you may have.

Alternately, you can donate via e-transfer to stdavidsnfld@gmail.com. Using your bank's comment section, you can specify information like your envelope number and how you would like your money distributed; to Current, Presbyterian Sharing, or any of our outreach programs. You may also donate through Canada Helps. You may also mail your donation, drop it off at the church, or call the church and someone would be pleased to pick it up for you.

How can we help you at this time?

Do you need any help getting groceries, having something picked up, or having something dropped off (like this bulletin or the minister's weekly sermons). Would you just like to have a chat with the minister or your elder? Please call the church at 722-2382 or email us at stdavids@nfld.com, or get in touch with Rev. David at 699-3661 (rev.sturtevant@gmail.com) and we'll see what we can do to help.

Ideas to keep in touch

Do you have any ideas how we can keep in touch with one another or what you'd like to see us do over the next period of time while we're all under orders to stay safely distant from one another? Call and let us know!

For pictures and some of the signs of spring here at St. David's, check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/stdavidsstjohns>

For past services and any number of interesting things, like the Dissenter's Way (in the History segment) or a walk through the church looking at our stained glass windows, please visit our website at <http://stdavids.nf.ca/>

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Groups:

Women's Auxiliary – Lillian Crawford

Good Companions (Seniors) – Kay Scott

Atlantic Mission Society – Kathy McKay

Session – Lillian Crawford

Board of Managers – Kyle Sampson

Prayer Shawl (Knitters) – Bouwina Fogwill

Willing Hands (Quilter Group) – Patsy Charmichael

Food For Thought (University and Early Career) – The Rollmanns

Sunday is Mother's Day. This is for brave dads. If you have a printer and can print this next page out, do so. Then - this is where the brave part comes in - get some water color paint, smear it all over your kids hands and have them sign the page. There's nothing cuter than tiny hand prints.

**HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY**