



**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 3, 2020**" into Google. This Sunday's scripture readings will be: *Psalm 23; John 10:1-10*

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 3 We pray for our mission partners in Canada and around the world, supported through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.

Monday, May 4 We pray for candidates for ministry and for guidance counsellors who will spend time engaged in dialogue about calling and discernment during Guidance Conference.

Tuesday, May 5 We pray for the Governing Board of Knox College as they oversee the work of the college and plan for its future.

Wednesday, May 6 We pray for those whose preparations for Vacation Bible Schools and day camps this summer may be affected by the current pandemic. Ask that God blesses them with an abundance of resourcefulness at this time.

Thursday, May 7 We give thanks for leaders of the National Indigenous Ministry Council. We pray your blessing upon them as they find new ways to lead the Indigenous Christian Prayer Retreat.

Friday, May 8 We pray for those in the Order of Diaconal Ministries who are called to serve the church in Christian education, pastoral care and social ministries.

Saturday, May 9 Pray that the members of the Committee on Church Doctrine are guided by the Holy Spirit to put aside theological differences and work together to glorify God and be an example of what it means to serve Christ in unity for the church.

News from the Pews:

- Michelle and David Sturtevant are happy to say that Orson has taken his first step, away from the coffee table and into mom's arms. Soon he will be running!
- **News from MUN** To the great delight of **Jill Bruneau** (and her family, Ian, Alex, Tim, and Samantha) Jill successfully defended her thesis for her PHD. in nursing while under lock-down. Despite the restrictions on gatherings she was able to defend on-line from the comfort of her dining room proving that there is always a silver lining congratulations Jill!
- Betty Chancey is requesting Large Print books, as she has read all of hers and the libraries are closed.
- Anne Calver is looking for egg cartons for her hens (and prefers the standard 12-pack cardboard cartons). If you have some, leave a message at the church. 722-2382
- St. David's is happy to continue our partnership with **NL Eats**, a small local volunteer family group who has started a delivery-only food bank which is currently running out of our church hall. They had previously been running out of their own living room, and are very grateful for the larger space! They have named their food bank "Food for Thought" (no relation to our own Food for Thought young adult group other than the catchy name), and they are currently providing upwards of 20 food hampers per day. It is encouraging to know that our building continues to shine a light in our community. Please continue to pray for this group as they navigate the difficulties that come with running a food bank for the first time!

- **Birthdays** - Several people have had significant birthdays in the past little while.

Our congratulations to **Bouwina Fogwill** who celebrated her 90th birthday on March 24th. Penny Gillies and Kathy McKay walked over to Bouwina's house, keeping a safe distance (1 fathom) apart, and sang "Happy Birthday" to Bouwina from her driveway.

Our congratulations to **Minnie Bonnell** who celebrated her 95th birthday on Sunday April 19th. Minnie currently resides at Tiffany Village.

On Tuesday April 28th **Hans Rollmann** celebrated his birthday. A belated "Happy Birthday" to you.

Have Something to Add?

To submit something for next week's News from the Pews, please send it to Rev. David at rev.sturtevant@gmail.com, or phone it in at 699-3661.

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/>