

**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 June 14, 2020**" into Google. This Sunday's scripture reading will be: *Matthew 28:16-20*

**Church Office Hours:** Rev. David is at the church Tuesday – Friday, 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM, should you need to drop by.

**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, June 14** We pray that we may hear your Word in this week's service. We give thanks for all we have received from you which brings us hope and joy.

**Monday, June 15** God of new beginnings, we give thanks for the renewal experienced in congregations.

**Tuesday, June 16** We pray for the Rev. Gavin Robertson who serves as the convener of the Ministry Committee for the Presbytery of Kootenay.

**Wednesday, June 17** We pray that the Rev. Lyim Hong-Tiong, General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, will be restored to full health as he recovers from a medical condition.

**Thursday, June 18** We celebrate in prayer for the 525 latrines that have been constructed in the aftermath of Cyclone Idai by Presbyterian World Service & Development's partner in Malawi.

**Friday, June 19** We pray for Dr. Bernard Sabella, Executive Secretary, and the staff of the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees as they work tirelessly to provide services to Palestinian refugees.

**Saturday, June 20 (World Refugee Day)** We give thanks for congregations and groups engaging in refugee sponsorship to help provide sanctuary for those fleeing conflict and violence.

## **AMS Presbyterial**

The executive members of the AMS Presbyterial met this past week (via Zoom) to discuss future plans given the current COVID-19-related situation. The local NL Presbyterial meeting, scheduled for June, has been cancelled. We hope to meet together in the Fall should the public health guidelines permit. In the meantime, the executive officers have all agreed to stay on in their positions until elections can be held. Bouwina, Penny or Kathy will be accepting donations for the AMS until June 15. Finally, the national AMS Society AGM, scheduled for September in Nova Scotia, has also been cancelled.

## **News from the Board of Managers**

The Board has continued to meet regularly on the last Thursday of each month via Zoom meetings. New members are still welcome and encouraged.

We were very happy with the results of the heating wire installed by Steve Bruneau to melt and disperse the ice/water that builds up around the Church tower. It has been left unplugged until it will be needed for the winter season of next year.

The food truck that liaises with the ANC will return this year and we are awaiting the finalities regarding this issue.

We have been discussing what our church will look like upon return -- whenever that may be. Suggestions of blocked off pews or rows have been put forth and we are working on the best solution for all to make for an easy transition when the NL governing bodies have given clearance for that matter.

The asphalt at the front entrance of the church is in need of repair and we are looking into the matter. We do have a quote for repair and replacement and will hope to make a decision quickly to address the matter.

We have budgeted for a deficit this year and we are aware that things have been difficult for all. Our Treasurer, Anne Calver, has dutifully continued to manage the financial side of St. David's. For those that are not set up for PAD, St. David's is currently accepting *e-transfers*. Please visit the website for more details.

Please stay safe,  
Kyle Sampson (Chair of the Board)

### **News from Your Treasurer**

This may yet turn into an occasional “normal” entry in our bulletin. I am looking ahead to a time when we may meet to discuss the church’s business and approve those items which require approval, the 2018 Auditor’s Review, the 2019 Auditor’s Review, the 2019 Annual Report and the 2020 budget, soon to become revised. There are decisions to be made and implemented.

I so much appreciate all your support for St. David’s at this time and for your donations made through monthly pre-authorized debits (PAD), e-transfers, Canada Helps, and those donations mailed or dropped off at the church.

Please remember St. David’s throughout the coming months.

May you and your families have a safe summer. Take care!

## **News from the Pews**

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

On June 19, our own **Penny Gillies** is celebrating - yes it's her birthday! Best wishes Penny and we all hope you have a very special day and celebrate in fine style!

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

### **Remembrances**

This week we remember a long time member of St. David's Church – **Marjorie Pike** – who passed away on Monday, June 8, 2020. For many of us, Marjorie was part of our family and we have many fond memories of her that we will always cherish. Over the years, Marjorie was involved in many Church groups and activities from our Church picnics to the WA sales. Many of us remember Marjorie and her family - husband (Lew) Llewellyn (d. 1998), son, Paul and her siblings Lloyd, Art, Harry, and Bertha (Hillyard). Although in declining health for the past few years and not able to get out and about, Marjorie basked in the affection of a faithful and loyal set of friends, including Betty Wood and our own Penny and Sheena. We remember Marjorie and celebrate her life. Session has voted to add Marjorie's name to our Memorial Tree, and when restrictions allow, we will take time to remember her together.

Steve Bruneau took the time to look through some old pictures he has taken over the years of different events here at the Church.



*I attach some photos of Marjorie Pike or at least pics with Marjorie in them. It was a*

*trip down memory lane last evening to find these. Happy sad trip.*

*Interestingly I have surprisingly few photos of Marjorie compared to*

*others. She seems to be in the background, back-on or just out of view in many shots, perhaps indicating her shy nature.*



*A number of the attached images are from others sent to me for newsletter inclusion etc. Maybe Marjorie liked to be in the shadows a bit, I recall she resisted having her photo taken when outside with Penny and Jonathan, and then I captures three and*

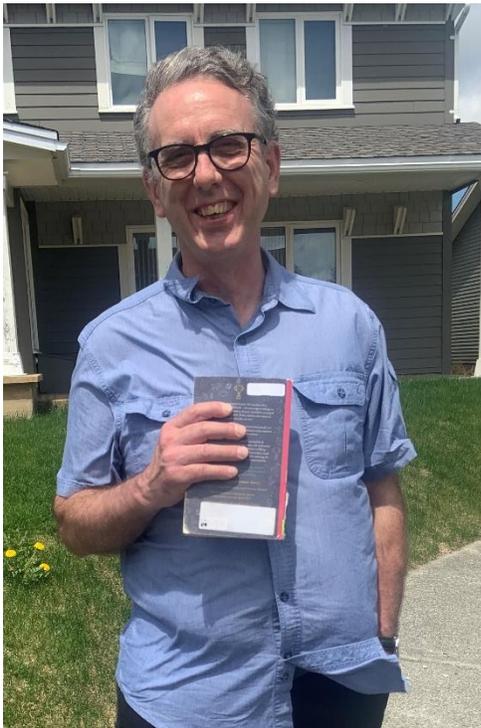


*they were all beautiful. I do have many photos of Marjorie in the sanctuary during services, of course facing forward in the fourth or fifth isle pew port-side, often alone. I believe she was more often with her older friends in the rear of the church in latter years. In any event I enjoyed occasionally lending her an arm walking out the front door and will miss her for sure.*



## What are People Doing?

Do you remember a couple of weeks ago, Penny offered some of her tomato plants to anyone who was interested in doing some “balcony” gardening? Well, Grace and David Artiss accepted the challenge and they are now the proud owners of one tomato plant! Whenever you pass by Elizabeth Towers, always look up to see if you can catch sight of this on the Artiss’s balcony (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)!



One of the great pastimes is reading and what better time to enjoy some books - and do so with friends - than during a pandemic? Ed Vanderkloet has sent along this little note about the St. David’s Book Club!

*There is a book club, sometimes called the St. David’s book club, which has no official connection with the church but most of the members have some connection with St. David’s. We meet once a month, and read*

*a variety of fiction and non-fiction books. Here is a list of the ones we've read and discussed so far this year:*

*January – “The Dutch House” by Anne Patchett*

*February – “Run, Hide, Repeat” by Pauline Dakin*

*March – “Britt-Marie Was Here” by Fredrik Backman*

*April – [various books people have been reading]*

*May – “From the Ashes” by Jesse Thistle*

*In February we met at Penny's house and it was quite a treat to have the author, Pauline Dakin, (a CBC journalist and professor of journalism in Halifax) join us via Skype or FaceTime to share her story and answer our questions. It was the first time our book club had invited an author, and the first time we'd communicated with someone by video. Little did we realize that we'd all be staying home and communicating with each other by video from then on. We all look forward to meeting each other face to face again and sharing some refreshments, but who knows when that will happen? In the meantime, this technology has given us the added opportunity of welcoming back some former book club members who have moved away (Christine, Dini and Lori-Kim). The rest of us, in our homes in St John's, are Kathy, Jenny, Elke and John, Lorna, Gail, Penny and Ed. Here is a screen shot of our meeting of May 31.*

*If anyone would like to join us for our next get together on June 28, please contact Kathy McKay. We are reading and will be discussing “History of Rain” by Niall Williams.*



Another great past time over the past months has been putting together jigsaw puzzles. There are some “expert puzzlers” in our midst. See the note below from Lillian and the pictures - one of her finished puzzle and the other a great picture of Kay Korpel with a bag full of puzzles!

*It's finally finished! This 1,500 piece jigsaw puzzle was quite a challenge but helped*

*pass the time when it was too*

*cold or raining, or both, to play golf. We had done 3 x 1,000 piece and 1 x 500 piece puzzles earlier in the lock-down. We were unable to get any puzzles locally and very little online; most were out of stock! I did order three online on April 25th but they still haven't arrived! When Kay Korpel read in the Bulletin that I was a "puzzler", she called and offered to share some of her "stash" so now we have four more to take us through. Thank you, Kay.*



Barbara Ellis sent along this little note and a great picture of her grandchildren – baking cookies virtually!

*During this time of separation I have been baking weekly with my great grandkids, Liam, Trinity and Blake who live in Carbonear. We go on Facebook messenger. It has been a great to spend time with them and become closer even with us being far away.*

*The big advantage is I don't have to clean up there mess but the disadvantage is I have baked goods every week but usually find homes for most of it.*

*The picture is of them with there sugar cookies they had just got out of the oven. Couldn't wait for them to cool.*



And finally, from our “unofficial reporter”, Eric Cumby, this mystery photo. Guess who is in the picture!

*“High Level  
Strategy  
Session”*



## **An Archival Moment: “Burning the Mortgage” Ceremony for the Queen’s Road Church, May 6, 1946**

Pam Bruce has dug into the archives and selected several pictures for us to look at and remember. These 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:



Piper, Mr. James McKinlay, Rev. Sass and Mr. John Calver

Setting fire to the mortgage

## Church Trivia Questions

### Way back when:

**Last week the question was:** Missing in action! It was meant to be about the small stained-glass window on the front of the church. So, this week the question is: what is the inscription on the small stained glass window on the left hand side of the church entrance?

**The answer is:** The inscription is “1775 – 1975”

### This week the question is:

There are eight stained glass windows in the hall, seven are the new ones in the kitchen, Armour Room and creche. Where and what is the eighth?

### Recent History:

**Last week the question was from Eric Cumby:** How many stained-glass windows are on the front of the church and on the west side (the side facing Elizabeth Towers)?

**The answer is:** There are two windows on the front of the church and there are eight windows on the west wall facing Elizabeth Towers.

### This week the question is:

As you look at the picture of the church on the first page of this bulletin, just to the left of the St. David’s sign and only a bit taller than the sign, is a blue spruce tree. This tree is now a little taller. The tree is named after a church family, what family and when was it planted?

Do you have any ideas for some church trivia? Email the church!

**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 the church 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](mailto: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](mailto:stdavids@nfld.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! Please keep in touch!

**Web Site** We'd like you to visit our web site, which is the place to find past services and any number of interesting things. The Sunday services are found on the web site and the text of the sermon is also available in the comment section. Our web site is **[stdavids.nf.ca](http://stdavids.nf.ca)**

Once there, choose ministries and look for the service you'd like to see or hear. There are 581 services on-line too listen to or see.

**How to reach us:**

**Minister:** Rev. David Sturtevant Cell phone: **699-3661**

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**Facebook page:** <http://www.facebook.com/stdavidsstjohns>

**Groups:**

**Women's Auxiliary – Lillian Crawford**

**Good Companions (Seniors) – Kay Scott**

**Bible Study Group – Sheena Findlay**

**Atlantic Mission Society – Kathy McKay**

**Session – Lillian Crawford**

**Board of Managers – Kyle Sampson**

**Prayer Shawl (Knitters) – Bouwina Fogwill**

**Willing Hands (Quilter Group) – Patsy Carmichael**

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

**Session:** the elders are:

Lillian Crawford

Jim Steele

Ken Templeton

Sue Templeton

Janet Calver

Kathy McKay

Penny Gillies

Steve Bruneau

Ian Bruneau

Aubrey Bonnell

**Board of Managers:** the members of the Board are:

Kyle Sampson

Ken Templeton

Ed Vanderkloet

Tanya Shalaby

Steve Bruneau

Allison Crawford

Andrea Crosbie

Sandra Perry

**Treasurer:**

Anne Calver

**Envelope Secretary:**

Ian Bruneau