



Sunday June 28 2020

This Sunday's Service will be available on Sunday, 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 28, 2020" into Google. This Sunday the scripture readings are:

Genesis 22:1–14 and Psalm 13 OR Jeremiah 28:5-9 and Psalm 89:1–4, 15–18

Romans 6:12–23

Matthew 10:40–42

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 21 For the energy of your Spirit to inspire us in times of challenge and change, we give you thanks. Strengthen us in these difficult days to show your love to others as we pray for the church and those who lead it as we adapt to new ways of worshiping and being together.

Monday, June 29 Merciful God, strengthen us by your Holy Spirit that today we may be witnesses to your great love for the whole world in Jesus Christ.

Tuesday, June 30 In Christ we are all one family. We give thanks for the work of KAIROS that brings together many denominations to work together ecumenically for justice and peace.

Wednesday, July 1 (Canada Day) We pray that Canada will be a just and fair country, and we pray for politicians and public servants who form our laws and for judges, lawyers, law officers and others who help keep them.

Thursday, July 2 We thank God for the diversity of age, gender, culture, experience and theological perspective that enriches the church. May our unity in Christ grow as we acknowledge our differences.

Friday, July 3 We pray and give thanks to God for Jo Morris, organizer of Canada Youth 2021.

Saturday, July 4 We celebrate in prayer as Presbyterian World Service & Development provides families in Malawi with the tools they need to start rebuilding their lives after Cyclone Idai.

Presbyterian Message: Check out the June/July Presbyterian Message which is attached as a separate file. There are lots of interesting articles on the work of the AMS and the people who support it.

News from the Pews

A note on re-opening:

I know that many of you are anxious to get back into this building and worship together in person. I am too, it is not fun or easy preaching to a camera instead of the smiling faces of friends. But we will not re-open until we are certain that we have taken all the precautions we can to safeguard the most vulnerable among us. Jesus cares for the vulnerable, for the “little ones” who are at risk, and so do we. We are working towards offering some sort of services within the next few weeks, but please understand that until a vaccine is developed and produced in enough quantity for us all to receive it, we will not be able to all worship together like we once were. Once our services start back up in a temporarily reduced capacity, it seems to me that our priority must be providing spiritual care for the people who aren't able to even watch the YouTube videos, people who are stuck at home without internet access or much human contact at all. Please pray for us here at St. David's as we work towards offering in-person services, and look for more information in the coming days.

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

This past week, Sarah and Wesley King celebrated their 4th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to the Kings, and best wishes as you both continue to balance working and caring for 1 year old Dean.

Coming up this week, Patsy and Dave Carmichael will be celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary on July 5th. Your St. David's family and all your Good Companion friends send along congratulations and best wishes! We hope you enjoy your special day and may there be many happy years yet to come!

Also on July 5, David Artiss will be celebrating his birthday! David and his wife, Grace hold a special place in our hearts here at St. David's and let's not forget all their friends from Good Companions. We wish David a very Happy Birthday. We know Grace – and Caspar - and all his family and friends will make his birthday memorable!

Jenny Griffioen will be celebrating her birthday on July 2nd. Happy Birthday Jenny!

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.

What are People Doing?

Greetings from the Rollmanns

Covid-19 has kept us in but not down. Marcella enjoys gardening and is shown here with an early harvest of strawberries and radishes in the green house, hoping for an eventual harvest also of beans, salad greens, cucumbers, tomatoes, and peppers.



Outside Ernst does all the heavy lifting and tilling, where we are hoping for a harvest of potatoes, carrots, onions, and cabbages.

Peter plies his technical skills as needs arise. We have him to thank for the weekly posting of the YouTube service and the Bulletin on St. David's web page.

Hans is as busy as ever. Although now retired from teaching in the Religious Studies department at MUN, he continues with his active research as part of a partnership grant, "Tradition and Transition among the Labrador Inuit," between MUN

researchers and the Nunatsiavut Government of Labrador. Recently, he completed two articles, one for the journal Them Days about the Mitsuk family of Labrador, the other, a scholarly exploration of “Literacy and Awakening: The Hopedale Awakening of 1804/05,” for the Journal of Moravian History. In the latter article, Hans points out how Inuit literacy—the capacity to read and write—affected the Awakening of 1804 and contributed greatly to the acceptance of Christianity among the Labrador Inuit. Hans also gave a guest lecture via Zoom to a university class of a colleague on Moravian Inuit from Labrador in Europe during the 1880s. The Corona virus has thus not been able to stop him in his scholarly and academic work.



Hopedale Mission Buildings in 2018 (Photo: Hans J. Rollmann)

The Shalaby family's contribution to "News from the Pews" contains a beautiful family portrait and one of Tanya's gorgeous paintings which she gave to Christina for her birthday:



Christina hosted Father's Day at her new apartment on Kennedy Road. We had delicious homemade bean hummus with Tostitos, Chicken Caesar salad, lots of delicious desserts, eclairs, fruit salad and cronuts!

Everyone had a great time and will be happy when alert level 2 arrives so life will slowly get back to normal.

Tanya has been doing some painting to pass the time during the lockdown.



An Archival Moment: The Junior Choir – 1975

Thanks to Pam Bruce we have another picture from our archive collection. Here's this week's time to remember:



Top Row left to right: Stephen Bruneau, John Hammond, Jennifer Martin, Heather Steele, Alison Gray, Joan Mowbray, Helen Bruce

Middle Row left to right: Robin Tuck, Michelle Devereaux, Tine Devereaux, Kathryn Hudson ?, Jill Carmichael, Barend Kiefte, ?, ?, ?

Front Row left to right: Simon Hodgett, ?, Bernita Kiefte, Judy Carmichael, ?, Robin Tuck, Jimmy King, Geoffrey Thistle

Do you know the names of any of the unknown choristers? If so, please let us know!

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: In last week's bulletin was a picture of the burning of the mortgage on the old Queen's Road Church. There being no fire extinguishers, did you notice what they had on hand should the fire get out of hand?

The answer is: The single cup containing either water or, more likely, tea.

This week the question is:

This week's question is about the first minister of the church. He was John Jones and he was a member of His Majesty's Service. What service and what was his rank?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What is the full name of the string orchestra who plays, generally twice a year, at St. David's! Hint: it's the TSO, what does the T stand for?

The answer is: Kathy MacKay phoned in the answer and it's Tenacious String Orchestra. We keep all the services on our web site, to hear one of their concerts, check them out at Christmas or Easter each year.

This week the question is:

We have a lively seniors group called the Good Companions that meet on Thursday afternoons. Who is their leader and how long has that group been meeting at St. David's?

Do you have any ideas for some church trivia? Email or call 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. 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 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**

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.

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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

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