

**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 7, 2020"** into Google. This Sunday's scripture reading will be: *Matthew 28:16-20*

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 7 We pray that we may hear your Word in this week's service; to listen, embrace your truth and understand. We give thanks for all we have received from you which brings us hope and joy.

Monday, June 8 We pray for the Rev. Dr. Blair and Vivian Bertrand, and their three children. May their transition to life back in Canada after serving three years in Malawi go well and be filled with many blessings.

Tuesday, June 9 We pray for and give thanks to God for those who would have been commissioners to the 2020 General Assembly, which has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wednesday, June 10 We pray for seminary students in their rural and remote summer placements. May this be a time of joy and learning.

Thursday, June 11 During **National Indigenous History Month**, we give thanks for Indigenous leaders of all ages and nations who are contributing to their communities, and to Canada, and pray for their well-being.

Friday, June 12 We pray for stewardship committees working on plans for fall stewardship campaigns.

Saturday, June 13 We pray for Captain Steven Filyk, who serves as a reserve force military chaplain in Kamloops, B.C., and for his ministry of presence with the diverse communities that are part of the Canadian Armed Forces.

News from the Pews:

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Betty Chancey will be celebrating her birthday next Saturday June 13th . Betty lives in Cambridge Estates and those of us who know her know that she is a walker! She has a phone and would love to hear from you! Her phone number is **576-0096**.

Birthday wishes this coming week to **Ian Bruneau**, an Elder and our Envelope Secretary. Ian's birthday is on June 9.

Contrary to popular belief **Anne Calver**, our Treasurer, does not have a birthday on February 29! Her birthday is on June 9. Happy Birthday Anne!

Marilyn Reardon is celebrating a birthday on Thursday, June 11. (Is there a surprise birthday quilt for you?)

Ashley St. Croix, will be celebrating her birthday on June 12. Ashley is the daughter of Susan and Frank St. Croix and the grand-daughter of Barbara Ellis.

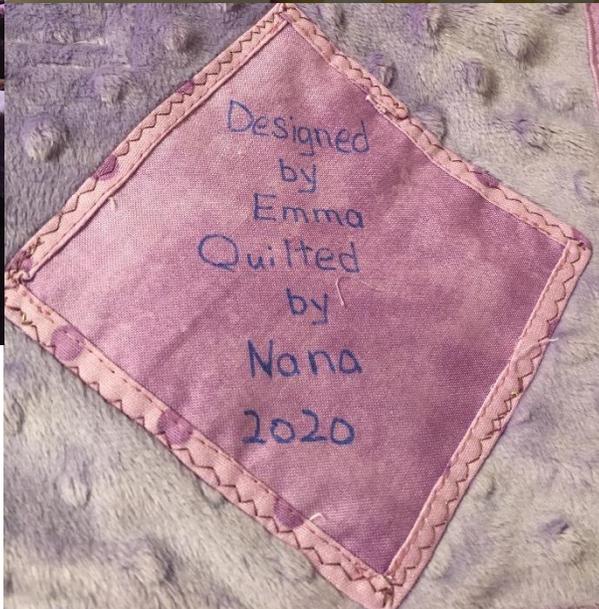
A "whoops" from last week. **Elizabeth Thistle's** birthday was on March 23rd (not May 23rd as published). Hope it was a wonderful day Elizabeth!

Big congratulations to **Jean and Bob Mallowney** who will be celebrating their **Golden Wedding Anniversary**. Jean and Bob were married on June 12, 1970! Jean and Bob have been big supporters of St. David's over the years - Jean is a member of the WA and the Good Companions - and they have gladly helped out at many of our functions and dinners. Jean and Bob have three sons – Robert Jr. (living in Ontario), James and David (both here in St. John's.) They would love to hear from you this week - give them a call at 368-5286!

Just a word of congratulations to **all our 2020 graduates** - Kindergarten, Grades 1 – 11, High School and of course University. Even though the celebration of your achievement may not have turned out to be what you had planned, your accomplishment is no less diminished. Your St. David's family would like to send our congratulations to each and every one of you as you define and seek out your future path in life!

We would love to see how your families did celebrate your scholastic milestones and/or graduation. Please send along your pictures to David, any of the elders, or email the Church and we'll share them through our weekly bulletin.

Due to a technical glitch last week, some of the pictures in the bulletin were mis-aligned. Emma's beautiful birthday quilt, designed by Emma and crafted by her "nana", Marilyn Reardon, deserve a second look, so here they are!



We always love to hear how our young families are doing. With miss seeing everyone of course, but our little ones are a special part of our St. David's family and we look forward to the time when we can hear their laughter floating through the Church and see them running around the Hall. A couple of weeks ago, we touched base with the Froude's – Karen, Madelyn, Drayton and Jayce. This week we hear from the Bassler family – Sarah, Paul, Julia, Timothy and Alex. They are busy but enjoying this special family-time together. Sarah sent along a little note....

These certainly are strange times. It's challenging trying to work and homeschool the kids at the same time but it's kind of nice not having to drive them anywhere. At least the homeschooling gives them some structure. They have a checklist of tasks they need to complete each day (Math, Read fiction, Read non fiction, Play outside 1 hr in AM/1 hr in PM, practice your instrument, bake something, and do your chores). For the summer they've planned themed weeks of summer camps to have at home and are now thrilled that we're bubbled up with their cousins so they can have bigger camps. Julia is holding a week of sports camp and a week of games camp. Alex is having a video game camp (I told him no screens allowed but that they can play outside and pretend they're in video games). Timothy is planning to have a week of Lego camp but Julia is allowed to read if she gets bored with Lego. I told them they could send their food list to the camp administrator (me) the week before. It's cute to see them organizing.

Below are some pictures



A special visit to Tonya's grave on Mother's Day

The banana bread is what Julia did for her "bake something" challenge



Painting and hiding rocks is what the kids did for gym class last week at Rennie's River. It was called Newfoundland Rocks!

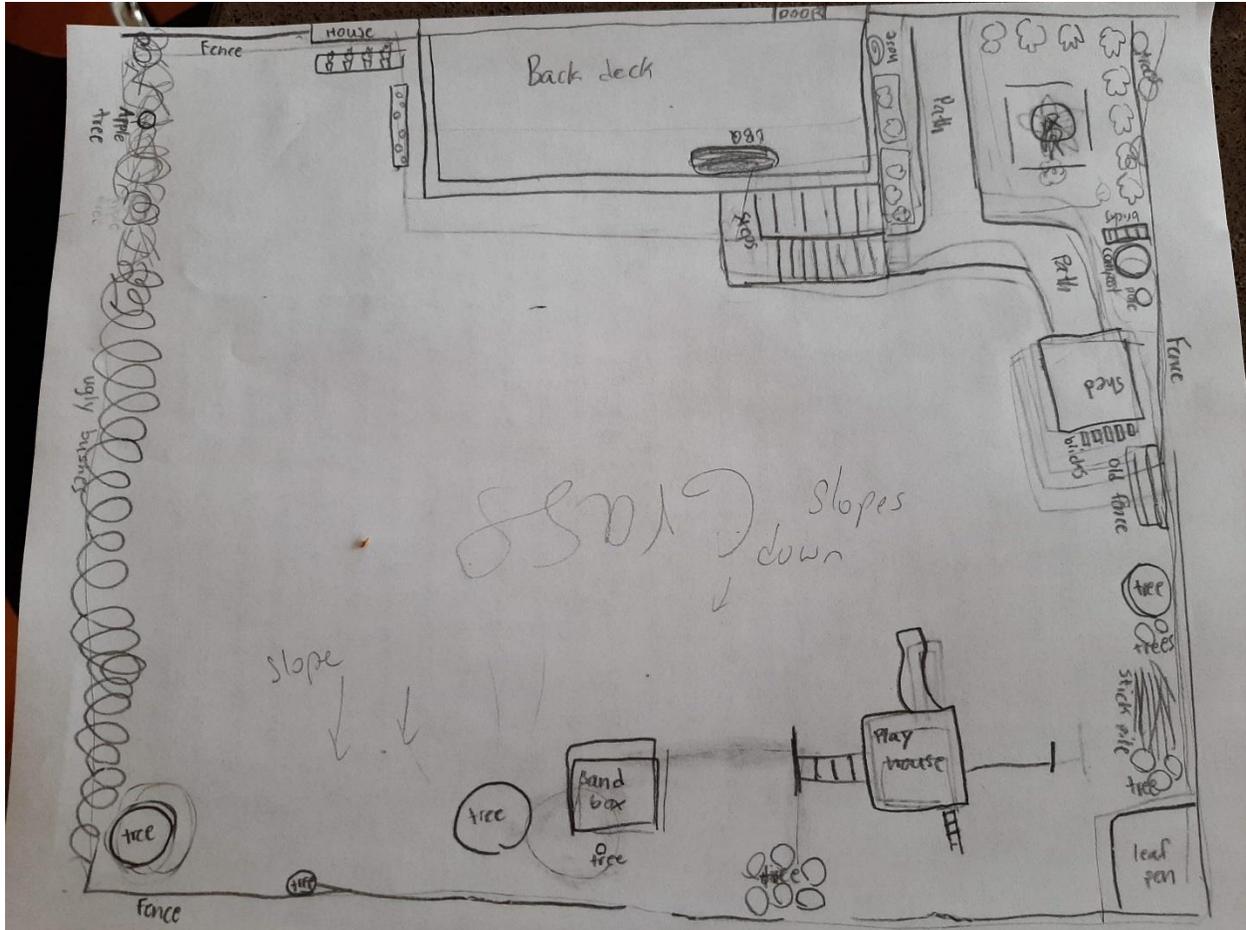




Timothy and Alex are playing a card game as part of their math bingo sheet.

Alex and Julia are eating lunch outside as part of “spend an hour outside each day”.





Julia and Alex mapped out our backyard and planned what to grow as part of another bingo sheet.

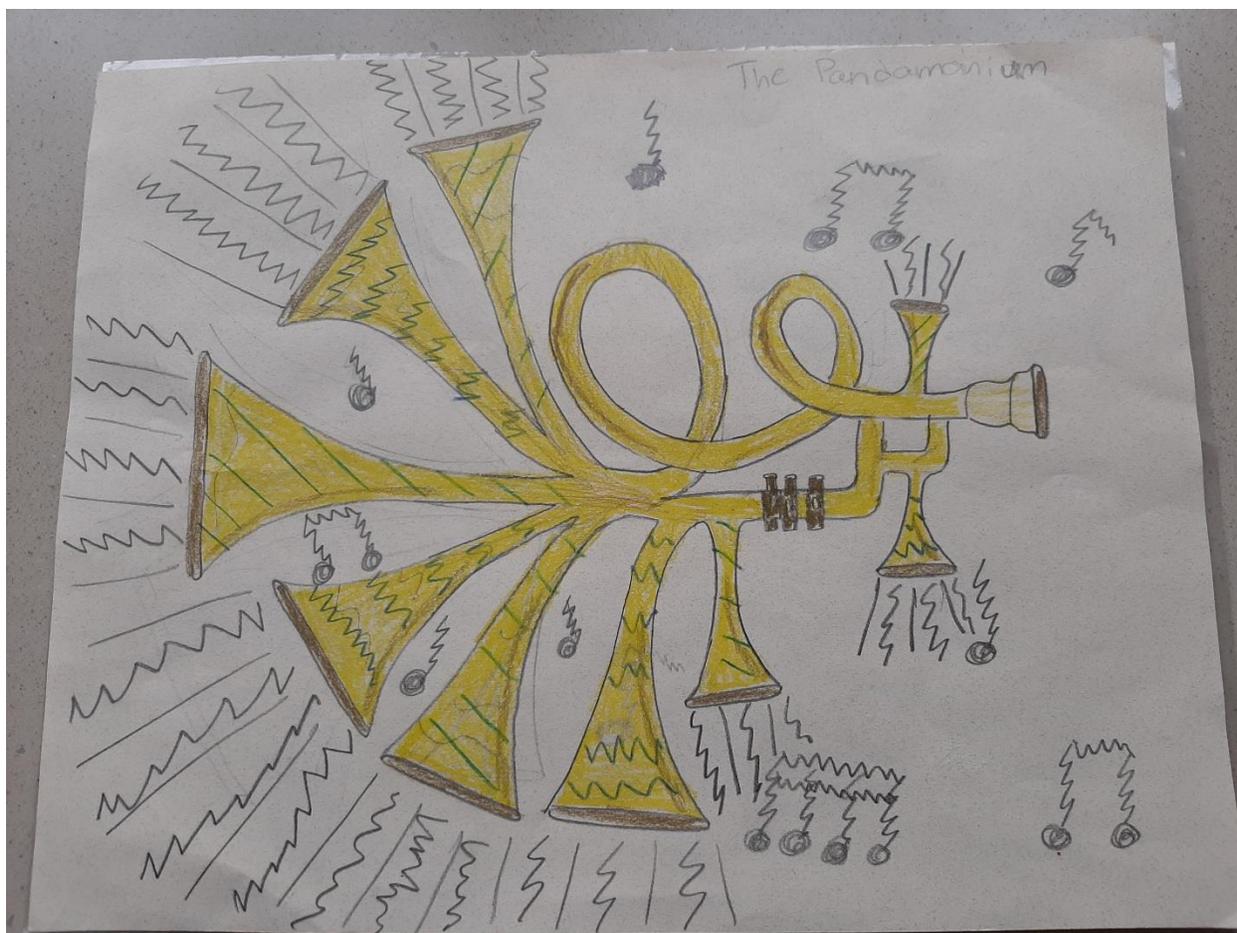


Some pictures from their group music lessons which switched to Zoom:

Alex doing his music theory lesson on “wear a costume day”

Violin group class via Zoom. Timothy in the top middle.





Julia designed an instrument called the "pandemonium."

Janet's Visits



Gracie and Joss Wood are missing St. David's and all their friends there. I've been dropping by their house every week with a copy of the bulletin and David's service. We always have such a great chat – from a safe distance of course! I look forward to this time with them and I'm picking up some valuable gardening tips along the way! One of these days we'll be able to have a cup of tea together again – can't wait!

This week when I dropped by, Joss was out in the garden digging up dandelion. Their garden is beautiful -each flower and bush has been

lovingly planted and cared for.

They have wonderful neighbours who always stop to say "Hello" and they have a great friend in Smokey, the 15 year old cat who lives next door. Smokey may be blind in one eye, but she knows Joss and Gracie and she has them wrapped around her little paw!





I've also had some wonderful visits with Eleanor Cummings – from the front step! Eleanor has been coming to St. David's for a while now but I've only gotten to really know her in the past few months. She is enjoying copies of the weekly bulletins, prayers and meditations and, like us all, is hoping to be able to return to St. David's soon. Her husband, Henry, is a resident of the Veterans' Pavilion and although she has not been able to visit him for quite a while, she talks with him every day. Thankfully, he is well and Eleanor hopes that soon, she will be able to drop off little packages for him and perhaps even visit! I enjoy my visits and chats with Eleanor and look forward to seeing her beautiful smile every week!



How Can You Help Us?

This is a new segment. This week we are looking for a carpenter or two, or someone who understands wood and wood finishes. The Good Companions normally help us out with a purchase, like the fridge in the “old” kitchen, or a donation towards the “ramp project”. This year they think the front doors of the Church need some help. A refurbishment project on the front doors to the church is suggested. If you are a carpenter or enjoy working with wood - or know of such a person - please just pop by the Church sometime and have a look at the doors and give us your opinion/thoughts/ideas. And of course, if you have any spare time on your hands – your help!! Please contact Anne Calver (acalver@nf.sympatico.ca) or Kyle Sampson (kosampson@gmail.com) with your suggestions.

News From Anne Calver, Your Friendly Treasurer

In early March, Monica was working on the Annual Report and I was working on the 2020 budget. We put together the Annual Report including the budget and the Board met to discuss it on March 12th. Forty copies have been sitting on Monica’s desk ready to go out to the congregation in preparation for the Annual Congregational Meeting which had been scheduled for March 22nd. Along came COVID 19 and none of our plans happened. For a while, I was sending out emails to the Board and Session letting them know what I was and was not doing. Now I am back to doing financial reports for those groups. The Board has met (virtually) twice - the end of April and again last week. Session is also meeting regularly, every two weeks.

Here are some of the highlights of what has happened since the middle of March:

I sent off the 2019 information for our auditor, Pauline Downer, and she is looking at last year's books.

At the end of March, Monica and Brian were relieved of their jobs for an indeterminate period.

David continues as our minister and is being paid. (Very good news!)

Frank, whose cleaning duties have lessened to a great degree, still does daily walkabouts to ensure the Church and hall are in good shape and that we are meeting the requirements set down by our insurance company.

I am paying what bills I can, when I can. The items not being paid are, in the main, those owing to the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Synod and Presbytery.

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!

An Archival Moment: Choir December 2016

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



1st: Sue Templeton, Jacqueline Redmond, Marijke den Otter, Lori-Kim den Otter, Jenny Griffioen

2nd: Ben Jessome, Ed Vanderkloet, Brian Way, Robert Humber, Josh McCarthy, Leith Quinton

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: You'll have to wait a week to find out!

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.

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. 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 TSO was with us for a special service before Christmas 2019, check out the Dec 8th service and get ready for a musical special treat. Our web site is stdavids.nf.ca

Once there, choose ministries and look for the Dec 8, 2019 service.

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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