Sunday July 12 2020

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

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFCflHeNnDk-dINWCrfNdag

Or by typing “St. David's Presbyterian Message for July 12, 2020” into Google. This Sunday the scripture reading is:

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

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, July 12** We give thanks for camps and conference centres which create “sacred places” for retreat, leadership development, education, missionary training, vocational discernment and so much more. Please pray for PCC camps and conference centres so that they may continue to provide vital, life-giving outreach for many years to come.

**Monday, July 13** We thank God who made the world, and all life, with incredible beauty and diversity. We pray for the wisdom and strength to honour these gifts and protect the world’s biodiversity.

**Tuesday, July 14** We give thanks for the pastoral ministry that our Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rev. Amanda Currie, is offering to our church. Remember her in prayer as she continues to serve in this office over the coming year.

**Wednesday, July 15** We pray for Major Kenneth MacRae, who serves as a regular force military chaplain in Edmonton, Alta., and for his ministry of presence with the diverse communities that are part of the Canadian Armed Forces.

**Thursday, July 16** We pray for the ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Cape Breton.

**Friday, July 17** During the summer heat, we pray for our fragile environment and consider using air conditioning sparingly.

**Saturday, July 18** We give thanks for the creative ways that children’s ministry leaders are engaging with families this summer.
In Remembrance

Alice Moseley “Babs” (nee White) Parsons who passed away on June 30, 2020 at the Health Sciences Center in St. John’s at the age of 98. Predeceased by her parents Arthur and Jessie (nee Dawe) White, her husband Frederick Butt (1976) and her second husband Lamont Parsons (2002). At Babs’ request, cremation has occurred, and a memorial service and celebration of her life will be scheduled for a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Babs’ memory may be made to The Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in St. John’s, or the charity of one’s choice. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Carnell’s Funeral Home.

http://www.carnells.com/?obituaries=alice-moseley-babs-nee-white-parsons

This from Steve Bruneau:

Babs, some of us knew, was married to Lal Parsons a major force within the St David's family for many years. Lal was a celebrated war vet, pilot, and leader that was amongst other things a force behind the building of our church hall christian education building. 
I was acquainted with Babs, who attended St David's when Lal was living, in later years at Tiffany Village. She was always dressed "like a stick of gum" and very active.

And from Sue Templeton:

I had the privilege to have Lal and Babs on my very first district list as a new Elder in the St. David's congregation.
Our visits at their lovely home on Kent's Pond/ Portugal Cove Road were so special, especially because Lal and Ken's dad were close wartime friends and colleagues. It was truly an honour to meet with them, to pray with them and enjoy their company, especially during Lal's last years. Babs also encouraged me when I was studying at Queen's College, for which I will always be grateful. Her faith, her sense of humour, and her love of life were and remain an inspiration. She will be so missed by all who were so lucky to have known and loved her. God bless and keep her and those she loved!
Notice About Upcoming Flower Services

Due to COVID-19 restrictions that prohibit large gatherings, the memorial service for the General Protestant Cemetery, Mount Pleasant Cemetery, and Memorial Gardens will be combined and is scheduled for **July 19 at 7 pm.**

The service will be led by Rev. Bill Mercer and broadcast live only on VOWR and on-line through Wesley United Church’s web site (www.wesleychurch.ca), Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy belated birthday wishes to Aubrey Bonnell, who celebrated his birthday on June 30th! According to all reports, Aubrey enjoyed his day. The staff of Curtis Dawe (Aubrey’s law firm) presented him with not 1, but 2 birthday cakes - one white and the other chocolate – and then in the evening there was a family dinner. Eleanor and Aubrey’s two boys, Steve and Scott and their families are living away, but there was a lively joint Zoom birthday call on his birthday. The birthday celebration continued with the delivery of a special birthday gift from the boys a few days later. Best wishes Aubrey from all the folks here at St. David’s!

Birthday greetings go out to Joss Wood on his 85th birthday coming up on July 17! Congratulations Joss from all your friends here at St. David’s! We know you and Gracie will celebrate in fine style. If you would like to congratulate Joss, give him a call at 579-4863 – he’d love to hear from you!

Birthday greetings go out to Colin Brockerville who will be celebrating on July 16th. Colin is the son of Jacqueline and Max Brockerville, and grandson of Jeannie and Clayton Collins. Happy birthday Colin from your St. David’s family! Hope you have a grand day!
Happy birthday greetings to Luke Rudofsky. Luke is having a birthday on July 19th. Luke is Rebecca and Michael’s son, and grandson of Judy and Dave Rudofsky. Hope you have a great birthday Luke with your family and friends. All the best from your St. David’s family!

On July 5, David Artiss celebrated his 88th birthday. By all accounts he enjoyed a great day. He and Gracie – and Caspar - joined Kay and Eric for cake and tea! All in all, a wonderful day, with a picture from the festivities below. Congratulations once again David!

If you know of someone who is going to have a birthday or an anniversary in the coming days or weeks, please call or email the church.
What are People Doing?

Christine and John Mclean

Christine and John McLean moved to Nova Scotia in 2016 and although we still miss them terribly, we are delighted to know they are doing well and still staying in touch with St. David’s. It was fun to see Christine as part of the St. David’s Book Club too! John has sent along a brief update on what they have been doing along with some terrific pictures of the wildlife in their back-yard!

We have settled into our home in Hammonds Plains, N.S. almost 4 years now since leaving St. John’s and St. David’s church. Emily obtained her CPA from MUN and moved to Halifax where she is working as a financial controller at a Halifax based company. Jackson remains in St. John’s and is the manager of The Seed Company by E.W. Gaze (in the old Templeton building).

Christine has an incredibly busy life with Mount Saint. Vincent University where she is on faculty with the Department of Child and Youth Studies. I keep busy with yard work, golfing and skiing depending on the season. Christine and I have found a church home at St. Andrew’s United Church in Halifax where I volunteer at a drop-in centre during the colder months. We now have two toy poodles who keep us on our toes and encourage us to do morning walks. During Covid lock-down, I tried to learn how to juggle tennis balls (juggling knives is not in the future) and rejuvenated
a dilapidated outdoors golf putting green on our property. Christine moved her teaching on-line where it will remain until at least January 2021.

We live outside of the city in a wooded area with lots of flora and fauna. We have been entranced by a pair of barred owls who have nested next to our house for the past couple of years. Their babies are adorable.

We’ve also been entranced/frustrated with our latest pastime of pandemic puzzling and have worked through two 1000-piece puzzles so far. The last time either of us have put together a puzzle was probably over 50 years ago and it was likely the 25-piece variety. All things considered; life is good. We hope all our friends at St. David’s are doing well. We certainly miss you and think about you often.
Here are some more photos – notice the injury to one owl, caused by fight with a murder of crows. The crows are always after the barred owls. I can usually tell when an owl is there because all the birds start chirping loudly. Also included a ring necked pheasant this spring. We have a wooded backyard so get a lot of wildlife back there including deer. It’s pretty fun to watch.
Jenny Griffioen

We have been delighted to catch sight of Jenny Griffioen in some pictures that have appeared in the bulletin and to know that she is doing well and is keeping busy and active. We certainly miss her singing in the choir and playing the piano and organ for us in Church on some Sundays. Jenny sent along a little write-up and some pictures. We miss you too Jenny!

I have been doing well, enjoying copious amounts of outdoor activity, hiking and biking and swimming in ponds along the way. Rainy days find me baking and doing odd jobs around the house. I started a wee vegetable garden but am keeping my expectations low - we’ll see what comes of it! I’ve also been teaching piano online, and playing lots for fun. If you’d like to hear some of what I’ve been working on, you can tune in to a live stream concert this Sunday July 12 at 7:30 pm. I’ll be performing a few sonata movements with a friend, violinist Daniel Fuchs.

Here’s the link:
https://youtu.be/rwrFriezB3c
I am also thankful for opportunity to get to know a few St David’s people better, and am looking forward to more adventures together hiking and paddling and paddle-making this summer.
Don McKay and the Terry Fox 'Virtual' Run!

In celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Terry's Marathon of Hope, Donald McKay and his teammates on the *Beached Whales* are participating in the 'virtual' *2020 Terry Fox Run. One Day. Your Way*. Please consider joining the team. As the race is virtual, there is no running required, so everyone can participate! The *Beached Whales* are committed to raising funds for cancer research. Please consider joining our team or supporting our efforts for this very worthwhile cause. The *Beached Whales* are based in St. John's NL near where Terry started his Marathon of Hope! This coming **28 July**, Terry’s birthday anniversary, members, friends and sponsors of the *Beached Whales* are asked to take a few moments to reflect on Terry or some other great Canadian of their choosing who has given selflessly for the betterment of others.

http://www.terryfox.ca/

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Picture Perfect!

Eric Cumby captured this shot just the other day…. Must be a great view from up there! Eric wrote this little note:

*Look up, look all the way up!*

*That's a bird resting on the very tip of the church steeple.*

*The birds name is Jonathan Livingstone Seagull. (and if anybody hasn’t read that little book than they could have a feel good, inspirational and enjoyable read in their future.)*
An Archival Moment: St. David’s Early Days

Thanks to Pam Bruce we have another picture from our archive collection. Here’s this week’s time to remember.
Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: Last week’s question was about the minister of this church who served the longest. Who was he and when was he minister here?

The answer is: John Jones who served 25 years, 1775 – 1800.

This week the question is: This week’s question is about the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. What was the earliest regiment called, when did it come into being, and who is its Colonel-in-Chief?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: Earlier this year, we had a large snowstorm. Was St. David’s shut down for one Sunday or for two? With last week’s weather that was something chilling to ask.

The answer is: With last week’s weather that was something chilling to ask. Being a very hardy people, only one Sunday did we miss.

This week the question is:

This week’s question is about the camps in the Atlantic Provinces that we used. There are four, can you name all of them? I’m sure you know of at least one!

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 584 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

Envelope Secretary: Ian Bruneau