



## Sunday August 23 2020

Since Rev. David is on vacation for the month of August, we will be taking some time during this month to enjoy online services from other churches. This is a great opportunity for us to experience other forms of worship, and be enriched by new ideas and practices. This week, Rev. David is recommending the service from our sister congregation, St. Andrew's Presbyterian here in St. John's. The link is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7MrdMeu0W4>

**Church Office Hours:** During August, Rev. Sturtevant will be on vacation and there will be no set office hours. However, Rev. Derek Krunys is covering for David and can be called at 726-5385 should you need to reach out for someone. Alternately, you may contact your elder. The elder's list is on the back of this bulletin.

**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, August 23** We pray for everything we work for in our church and community, and everything we hope for in the face of so much change. We pray for the choices we face in our country and community, in our homes and workplaces, and for all the responsibilities we bear in our different roles. We pray for the troubles that weary us, the situations that puzzle us and the uncertainty that surrounds us. Fill us with the strength and hope we need to walk with you, united in your love.

**Monday, August 24** We pray that we catch a glimpse today of God's reconciling love so that we may not lose heart but get caught up in your mission for Christ's sake.

**Tuesday, August 25** We thank God for Canada's fresh lakes and running rivers.

**Wednesday, August 26** We pray for the PCC Archives staff as they endeavour to organize, preserve and make available the rich historical collection held in the archives, all of which serves to provide vital information to those within the denomination and also the general public.

**Thursday, August 27** We thank God for ecumenical ministerials and councils. May the diverse gifts of the Body of Christ enrich and strengthen our ministry and mission.

**Friday, August 28** We pray for congregations embarking on the New Beginnings congregational renewal process.

**Saturday, August 29** We pray for The Presbyterian College in Montreal, Que., as it goes through a time of transition in leadership. May those involved be guided by the Spirit of God.

## **News from the Pews**

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations**

Happy Birthday to Sam Bauer who will be celebrating his birthday on August 25th with family and friends. Sam is the son of Shelley and Larry Bauer. Best wishes Sam from your St. David's family!

Birthday greetings to Claire O'Grady who will be celebrating her 5<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 28<sup>th</sup> with her mom and dad, Heidi Wells and Sean O'Grady, younger sister, Grace, and proud grand-parents, Debbie and Doyle Wells. Happy Birthday Claire from everyone here at St. David's! Hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy Anniversary to Catherine and Richard Bailey. Catherine and Richard were married on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2003. (Catherine is the daughter of Judy and Dave Bonnell.) Congratulations and best wishes for many happy years to come!

We have special Wedding Anniversary wishes going out to Pearl and Peter Clouston who were married on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1956, yes, 64 years!

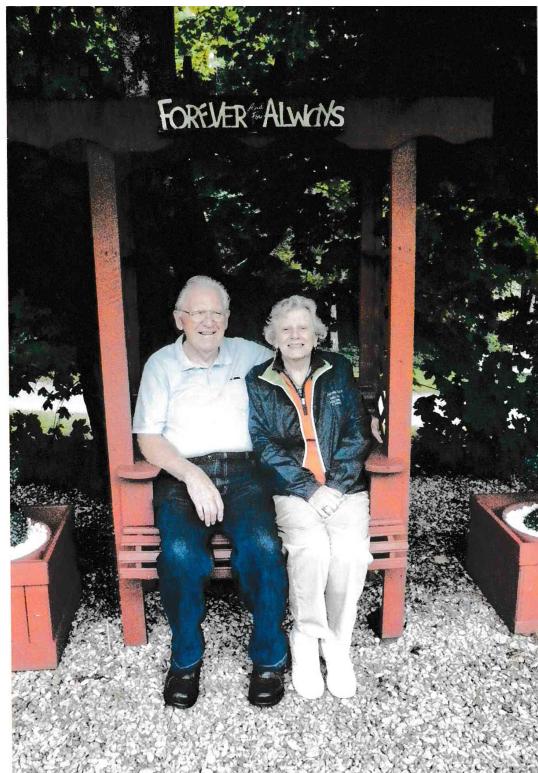
Pearl Gosse, was a Bishop Spencer girl and worked as an usher part-time at the London Theatre. There, she would meet a handsome chap from PWC and the rest, as they say, is history!





Peter and Pearl were married in the All Saints Episcopal Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida by Rev. Lebaneau. Fourteen years ago they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in the Bungalow at Bowring Park with family and friends. They were kind enough to share some pictures of those happy times – their wedding day photo, their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary celebration, and a more recent picture.

Congratulations from all your friends here at St. David's and we wish you many more years of happiness! May the adventure continue!



*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?

Michelle Sturtevant is in the middle of an exciting project and we wanted to share it with you. Michelle's challenge runs until the end of August so there's still time to offer encouragement and support! Here's Michelle's note....

*This August, I am taking part in the Great Cycle Challenge to fight kids' cancer!*

*My goal is to pedal 100 kilometres throughout the month.*

*Why am I doing this? Because cancer is the largest killer of children from disease in Canada. Over 1,400 Canadian children are diagnosed with cancer every year. It's awful to think so many young lives are lost to this terrible disease. Kids should be living life, not fighting for it.*

*To show my support, I am taking on this 30-day challenge to support cancer research and give these kids the brighter futures they deserve.*

*It will be tough, but it's nothing compared to what these brave kids face every day as they battle this disease and fight for their lives.*

*So today, I'm asking for your support.*

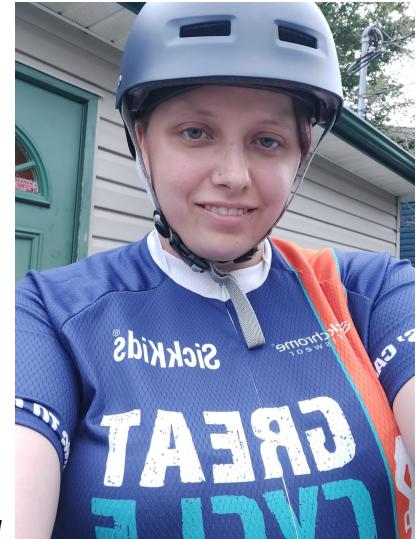
*Please make a donation through my fundraising page to support my challenge and join me in the fight to save little lives.*

*<https://greatcyclechallenge.ca/Riders/MichelleSturtevant/b>*

*All funds raised will support SickKids Foundation in their work to develop treatments and find a cure for all childhood cancers.*

*Thank you so much.*

*Love and blessings, Michelle*



A couple of weeks ago, we introduced the Chancey family, one of the oldest families in St. David's history. Many of us in the congregation know of Betty Chancey and of course have fond memories of her husband, Fred. Betty and Fred have carved out an important place in our Church family and in our hearts and it's good to get to know them a bit better.

Fred was one of seven children (Gordon, Harold, Ralph, Edith, Tom, Clarence, Ern and Fred) born to May and Stanley Chancey. Fred was born in 1924 and although we don't know much about his younger days, we do know he was very much involved in the Congregational Church on Queen's Road and later with St. David's. Fred never hesitated to lend a helping hand to whatever project was on the go and he gladly served on the Board of Managers and later on the Session (appointed 1962). Always thoughtful and considerate, you could count on Fred to say the right thing at the right time and to inject a bit of humour into a conversation when things got too serious during a heated discussion.

Fred was always a family person, starting with his brothers and sisters. They often did things together growing up and on one of his trips to Trinity Cabins with his brothers, he met a young lady who happened to be there with her friends from "Commercial School". Yes, it was our Betty and she stole his heart!

Now Betty was a bit of an adventurous young lady. She was a Higdon from New Harbour and was one of six children (Peggy, Al, Eric, Sidney, Babbs, Betty). Always one who wanted to "explore the world", Betty completed her education and went to work – not in New Harbor, but Buchans. At the age of 16, she arrived in Buchans two weeks before Christmas in 1947 to work in the Royal Stores. (Buchans was a thriving town in those days with shops, businesses and a movie theatre!) Although Betty enjoyed her time there,

her sister, Peggy, convinced her to return to St. John's and enroll in the Commercial School run by the nuns. There she thrived and met some life-long friends, including Marge Frampton. (Marge and Betty are still great friends to this day and make sure they talk with each other daily.) Betty had various jobs over the years including working the switchboard at the Grace General Hospital for two summers, working with the Department of Finance on Harvey Road and working at the US Base in Pepperrell for 8 years in the personnel department.

On September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1958, Betty and Fred were married. They spent their honeymoon at Trinity Cabins – where they met. By then, Fred was working for CN (Canadian National Railways) as a shipwright (later working as a diver as well). It wasn't long before Betty and Fred had 2 children, Catherine and Paul and had settled into their home on Mayor Avenue.

For many years, Fred and Betty had a cabin on Blast Hole Pond (Portugal Cove-St. Phillip's). Betty can tell many stories about their time there - their wonderful friends and cabin-neighbours who had built cabins around the pond, the boat ride across the water to their cabin (always an adventure apparently!) and the struggle of lugging along all their clothes and supplies in a couple of huge suitcases! Yes, they were good times and talking about them always brings a smile to Betty's face!

Fred passed away in 2006 and today, Betty resides in Cambridge Estates on Portugal Cove Road just a little walk away from St. David's. She's made many friends there and on fine days, can be seen walking around the grounds or sitting under her favourite tree. Be sure to wave if you see her! She gets together with her family (Paul, daughter-in-law, Holly and 2 grandsons, Joshua and Noah) on a regular basis and talks with Cathy (British Columbia) on a daily basis. Betty enjoys coming to Church and meeting all her friends from St. David's. She helps out with our WA events – setting the tables, tiding up and drying the cutlery! She is also a big fan of Good Companions

and can throw a mean carpet-bowling ball. Betty would love to hear from you so don't be afraid to call and have a chat (576-0096)!

Below are a couple of pictures from Paul.

*Here is a picture of Dad (Fred) with his diving helmet. Dad was a hardhat diver*

*back in the 50's and 60's. Just a note: You can actually see Fred's diving suit and helmet in the Railway Coastal Museum.*

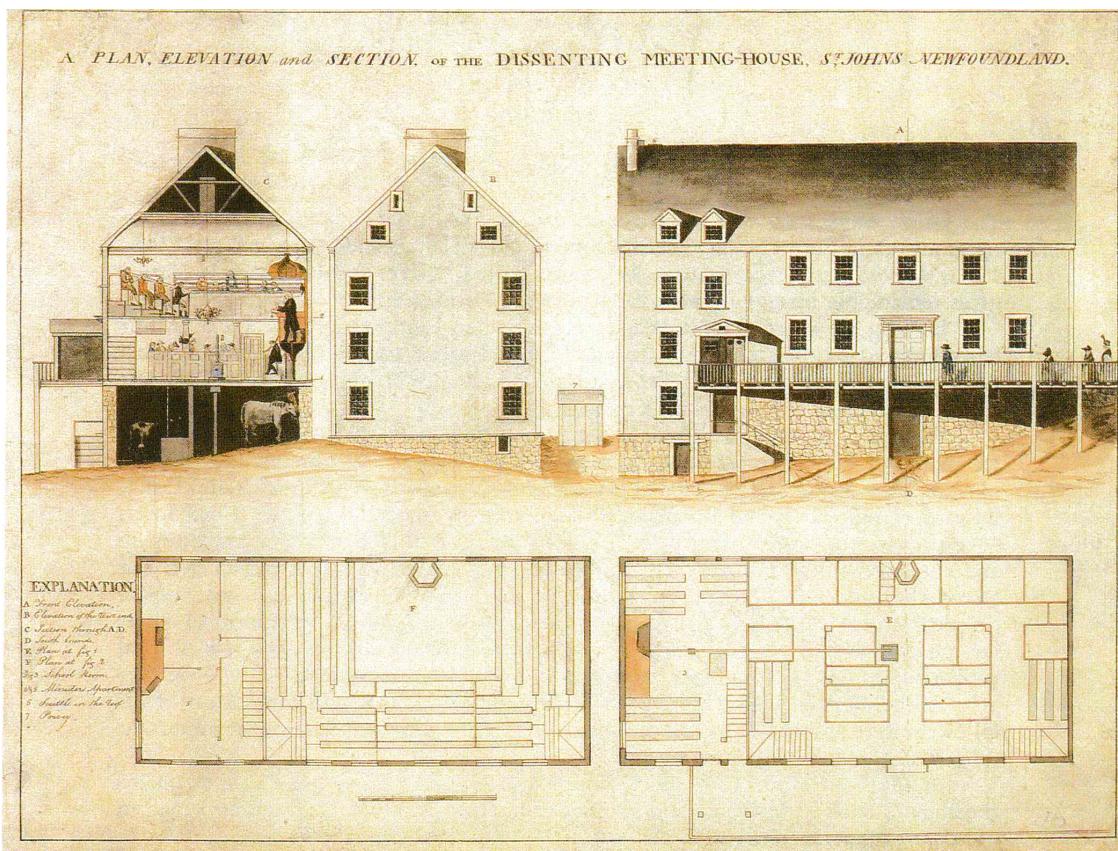


*Here is a very recent picture of mom (Betty) that I took last week up where they used to have their cabin.*

## An Archival Moment: Meeting House 1798

Thanks to Pam Bruce for providing another picture from our archives. This week's picture is done in pen and ink with watercolour and it's a representation of the Second Meeting House (circa 1789). It shows the plan, elevation and section of the Dissenting Meeting House.

Here's this week's time to remember:



## **Church Trivia Questions**

### **Way back when:**

**Last week the question was:** Who was the caretaker at the Queen's Road church, a decorated soldier from World War I?

**The answer is:** Tom Pittman was the caretaker at the Queen's Road Church. He was from Little Bay East in Fortune Bay and in World War I joined as #1733 Royal Newfoundland Regiment. While stationed in England he posed for the sculptor Basil Gotto and the result is the statue of "The Fighting Newfoundland" in Bowring Park.

**This week the question is:** Who was the minister at the Queen's Road church, who later visited the mission in Fortune Bay?

### **Recent History:**

**Last week the question was:** Where was Glendale, the site of several Sunday School picnics in the 1930's and early 1940's?

**The answer is:** The picnic was held at Glendale, in what is now Mount Pearl at the cottage of Louis Calver. There is still some discussion over the exact location, but the family had a summer place at the current location of Coastal Outdoors (Marine Recreation) just east of the "old overpass" on Topsail Road.

**This week the question is:** Who is the longest serving member of Session?

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](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**

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:

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