



Sunday August 30 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 a series of videos about the bible and key biblical ideas and themes: The work of "The Bible Project" (<https://bibleproject.com/>)!

For a more standard service, we can again turn to our friends over at St. Andrew's: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GDjEMm2lG0s>

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 30 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 31 We pray for the Atlantic Mission Society executive as it meets to prepare for the AMS Annual Meeting to be held in September.

Tuesday, September 1 (Labour Day) We pray for the Leading with Care Committees in congregations, camps, colleges and other ministries.

Wednesday, September 2 We pray for congregations that are encountering struggles to support all the areas of ministry they would like to do in Christ's name.

Thursday, September 3 We pray for children who are starting school this week. May this year be a time of growth and learning.

Friday, September 4 We pray for a smooth transition as the Graduate School of Nurses in Indore, India, partners with the Christian Hospital in Indore to start a four-year degree program in Nursing.

Saturday, September 5 We pray that the faculty of Knox College, The Presbyterian College of Montreal and the Vancouver School of Theology find joy and wisdom in and for the work of theological education.

News from the Pews

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Adam Kearsy will be celebrating his birthday on September 4th. Adam is the son of Judy Woolridge. Happy Birthday Adam from everyone here at St. David's! Hope you have a wonderful birthday.

Happy Anniversary to Michelle and Joseph Craig. Michelle and Joseph were married on August 30, 1991. Congratulations from your St. David's family! May there be many more wonderful years ahead for you.

Congratulations to Heather and Brad Burness who will be celebrating their 22nd wedding anniversary on September 5th. (Heather is the daughter of Edith Peach and Brad the son of Brenda Burness.) Best wishes to you both from all your friends here at St. David's and much happiness in the future!

Also celebrating a wedding anniversary on September 5th are April and Tom Kennedy. April and Tom were married in 1996, yes, 24 years ago! Congratulations to you both and your St. David's family wishes you a wonderful day! (April and Tom are the proud parents of our drummer, Alex Kennedy; April is the daughter of Hugh Cumming.)

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?

For many of us, having a loyal pet is better than family sometimes. In these COVID-19 times, having a little friend to cheer you up makes every day special. Judy and Dave Bonnell have just such a little bundle of joy – Bella. Bella is a Havanese dog with a super friendly disposition. At 13 years of age she still looks like, and behaves like, a puppy. She is a constant companion of Judy and Dave and she has them wrapped around her little paw!!



(If anyone has more pictures to share of their pets, please send them along!)



I had a great conversation with Judy Woolridge and we got caught up on all the news including how our gardens are doing. Judy happened to be going through some old photos and came across one of my Aunt Jessie and her son Adam (Adam is celebrating a birthday this coming week.). When Aunt Jess was alive, she would join Judy and her family for dinner every now and then and she always took the time to play with Judy's children – Adam and Jana. One game they played was "Fox and Geese" or a more

common name is “X’s and O’s” . I never heard who won the games but I can guess!

With the beautiful weather we’ve been having, it’s a fantastic time for outdoor activities – including hiking and blueberry picking! Kathy and Don McKay along with Jenny Griffioen had a wonderful day on the East Coast Trail last week – and met some friends there. Here’s Kathy’s note:



Don has been wanting to do the hike from

Maddox Cove to Cape Spear. So last Sunday we decided to do it with Jenny and another friend. We enjoyed the hike and had snacks of blueberries along the way. Near Cape Spear we ran into Andem and Christina. What a lovely surprise. The last time I had been at Cape Spear I had also run into Christina. We topped off the day with fish and chips at Chafe's .



This week Jenny, Sarah King and I went blueberry picking. We had a great time. Dean learned to pick berries and navigate roots and rough terrain.



A couple of weeks ago, we shared a conversation I had with Bouwina Fogwill. This past week I spent a wonderful afternoon with Bouwina's sister, Kay Korpel, and over a lovely cup of tea learned about her inspiring life.

Kay was born in northern Holland in the province of Groningen on December 28, 1931. Kay was the middle sister (in between Bouwina and Johanna). Kay explained that the town where they grew up was much like Conception Bay South today – close to the big city but with the freedom that comes with living in the country. As a child, Kay

was an excellent swimmer and diver and in the winter she spent many hours skating on the frozen canals and lakes.

Kay has vivid memories of all the factories and ship-building yards near their town. She recalled having witnessed the launch of many a freighter and ship. (They had to do this sideways – port or starboard - because the canals were too narrow to launch a ship from bow to stern.)

It was during the war, that Kay would meet her future husband, Cornelius Korpel. Cornelius came from the Hague. There were major food shortages in the Hague and his family sent him off to Groningen where he stayed with Kay's family. He continued his education there and later he trained as a pastry baker. It wasn't long before the beautiful young lady, Kay, caught his eye and they started dating. They had plans to marry but Cornelius wanted to start a new life in Canada. So the decision was made that he would go to Canada first, get himself established with a job and then Kay would join him.

Cornelius moved to Newfoundland and soon got a job with Holland Nurseries. It wasn't long before he started a bakery making specialty pastry delicacies. Before long, Kay joined him. They were married in 1952 at the Kirk.



Now Cornelius might have been the pastry chef, but Kay helped in the business in many ways. It was a good partnership and the bakery's reputation grew. The family moved to a bigger house on Thorburn Road and their bakery was set up in the large basement. Their sponge cakes and Dutch spritz cookies were much in demand!

The bakery wasn't Case's only job however – Case also worked for a period of time at the US Base in Pepperrill. When he got sick, both he and Kay recognized that there would have to be changes made in their lives. This was the beginning of their association with Mary Brown's.

They ran the Mary Brown's franchise in the Avalon Mall for a short while and then bought it from the owner. Later they would go on to own other Mary Brown stores including Freshwater Road, Water Street, Goulds, etc. Kay worked in the stores and as you can imagine, has many stories to tell. Ask her about the time the students from the high school dropped off a marijuana plant to the store and how it was there for a good while before she realized what it was; or about the time a guide dog smelled the aroma of freshly cooked chicken and pulled his owner off his feet and up the steps to the door; or about the 6-year old who showed up with an empty box of chicken – only bones remaining – and a message from his mom saying that the meal wasn't good and they wanted a replacement! Yes, some interesting stories indeed.

At the same time they were running Mary Brown's, Kay was looking after a pet supply store in the basement of her house on Thorburn Road. She sold a variety of pet foods and pet supplies that were hard to come by. I know we bought a good many items at her store for our dogs over the years. The Korpels were also members of the Newfoundland and Labrador Kennel Club and made many lasting friendships through this group. The stores and the house on Thorburn Road are all sold now but the memories remain!

Kay and Cornelius had three children – Rita, Michael and Ariane. All three live with their families here in Newfoundland – CBS, Clarendville and St. John's respectively. Family and friends mean a lot to Kay and over the years the Korpels have made many lasting friendships. All of the pictures and treasured ornaments in Kay's condo have a special meaning to her and a story to go with them.

Kay is still active and takes pride in being independent. She enjoys putting together jig-saw puzzles, and looking after her houseplants. She has many friends at the Highgate and in non-COVID times, they regularly get together for a friendly game of cards. She is a wicked carpet bowler and enjoys the Good Companions' get-togethers. Kay is a fabulous knitter and has been a mentor to many newbies in the Prayer Shawl (Knitter's) Group. She is a member of the AMS and always supports the functions and events held in the Church.



It was a wonderful way to spend an afternoon. I hope we can do it again soon!



Archival Moment

Thanks to Pam Bruce for providing another great archival picture this week. This is a picture of the WA in 1975. See who you know/remember!



Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

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

The answer is: The Rev. Joseph Thackeray was the minister at the Queen's Road Church from 1897 to 1912 and again from 1932 to 1937. At the time the church had a mission in Fortune Bay at Pool's Cove and another at Little Bay East (Tom Pittman's home community).

This week the question is: Why did Monica McNeill think her mother was married to Sam Johnson in the Queen's Road Church?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: Who is the longest serving member of Session?

The answer is: The longest serving member of Session is Mr. James Steele, who has been on Session since 1956.

This week the question is: What was SUPPOSED to be the date of the 2020 Annual Congregational Meeting?

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

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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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