



Sunday August 9 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 service from a personal friend of his. This service is very short, with a lot of camera movement, an innovative way of doing worship in a digital format!

Link: <https://vimeo.com/438769823>

Church Office Hours: During August, Rev. Sturtevant will be on vacation and there will be no set office hours. However, starting on Tuesday, August 11th, 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 9 We praise you for the many ways you comfort and guide us, we pray that in our moments of fear, you speak to us with words of reassurance; that in our moments of doubt, you reach out your hand to save us; that in our moments of turmoil, you bring calm to the storm.

Monday, August 10 We pray for evangelism coaches, the Revs. Andrew Campbell, Jonathan Hong and Ross Lockhart. May they be blessed with wisdom as they guide congregations to share the good news.

Tuesday, August 11 We pray for the ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Essex-Kent.

Wednesday, August 12 We give thanks for all of the people who generously give their time to the church throughout the year in big and small ways.

Thursday, August 13 We pray for Lieutenant-Navy Mike Rundle, who serves as a regular force military chaplain in Kingston, Ont., and for his ministry of presence with the diverse communities that are part of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Friday, August 14 We pray for Dorica Nkhata, leadership development grant recipient, as she prepares to return to Malawi College of Medicine to continue her studies after the summer break.

Saturday, August 15 We give thanks for Project Ploughshares and their advocacy for policies that promote peace and disarmament.

News from the Pews

Please help if you are able:

This week, we're looking for a bicycle for Pok Mayen. His mother has asked for help in finding a bike for her son. Pok is a big boy and would be able to use an adult-sized bike. If you know of one, please contact Ken Templeton (kentempleton @bellaliant.net or 726-9511) who would be happy to pick it up for Pok.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Laura Reddick, who will be celebrating with family and friends on August 11th. Laura is the daughter of Helen and Brian Reddick and grand-daughter of Pam Bruce. Best wishes Laura from your St. David's family!

Birthday greetings to Nathan Ennis who will be celebrating his birthday on August 13th. Nathan is the son of Karen Bonnell and grand-son of Judy and Dave Bonnell. Happy Birthday Nathan – hope it's a great one!

Charlotte Aubrey-Bassler will be celebrating her birthday with her family and friends on August 15th. Happy Birthday Charlotte from everyone here at St. David's! Charlotte is the daughter of Christine and Kris Aubrey-Bassler, and the much loved grand-daughter of Gerhard Bassler. Have a wonderful day Charlotte!

Happy Anniversary to Joanna and Gordon Lo who will be celebrating their big day on August 13th. Joanna is the daughter of Penny and Stewart Gillies. You may be far away but your St. David's family is sending you best wishes for many more wonderful years to come!

Happy Anniversary to Jill and Tom Crosbie! Jill and Tom were married on August 13th, 2011. Congratulations to you both and best wishes from all your St. David's friends! Tom is the son of Suzanne Brake and David Crosbie and Andrea Crosbie's nephew.

Also celebrating a Wedding Anniversary on August 13th are Aimee Reardon and Michael Ryan. Congratulations to you both from your St. David's family! May there be many more wonderful years ahead! Aimee is the daughter of Marilyn Reardon.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Eleanor and Aubrey Bonnell who will be celebrating 52 years of marriage on August 14th. Congratulations from everyone here at St. David's and cheers to many more years of happiness yet to come!

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?



Last week we were delighted to pass along the contact information from the Wamsteekers who are now living in Calgary but who are always close to our hearts. Diana sent along this great picture of the boys - Cam, Grant and Marcel – out on a hike. We miss you all!

We haven't heard from Sheena Findlay for a while and we were delighted when she agreed to send us a little update on how she is doing. Like us all, Sheena is getting through this time with a combination of prayer, quiet reflection and enjoying the time shared with friends - new and old. We can all learn something from Sheena's words.

Bathroom Window View

Last week I was grumbling to myself about this Covid Pandemic, and about how quickly I can get "down" about it. As a single elderly person, living on my own, I can easily find reasons to have a real big "gloomathon" ...you know how this goes:

*- **suppose** we have a second wave and at 83, I'm in the most vulnerable group...*

*_ **suppose** somebody in my family gets sick, and I'm stuck here in Canada, not able to help, or contact them...*

*- **suppose** they suddenly stop my work pension, and I have no money to buy the pills or fix up my old house to keep the roof over my head...*

and so on, and so on !!!

There's a grain of truth, of course, in all these 'supposings', and no doubt each one of us could make up our own list of fears and worries. But for myself, I try not to give them any house room in my head, because when I look back, I realize that so many of the worries that at the time seemed overwhelming, I can now scarcely remember! And the struggles often turned out to be "blessings in disguise".

But back to the 'Bathroom Window' episode and my last week's gloomathon. I stopped to look out at my old lilac tree, and for twenty minutes had the sheer delight of watching two bird pairs giving the lilac a thorough going over scavenging for grubs (I presume), probably to feed their young in nearby nests. One pair were chickadees, very smart in their black and white, the second pair were American goldfinches, the male looking like a flying banana in his summer colours. No evidence of fighting, there must have been plenty for all, and certainly no place for gloom either outside or in!

And that display got me completely out of my self absorption, and downstairs to my Bible, to look up what Jesus said about worry of the gloomathon variety.

*Try Matthew Chapter 6: verse 25-27, titled **Do not worry.***

*"Look at the birds of the air : they do not sow or reap or stow away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not **you** much more valuable than they?"*

I hope you have enough time on your hands to read through the rest of the chapter. It seems to me that it's all about what really are our life priorities and what really matters. I think that the Covid pandemic's threat brings these into very sharp focus for us all.

There's nothing like long, warm summer days to bring out the "gardeners" in all of us. Here's one such person. Guess who?



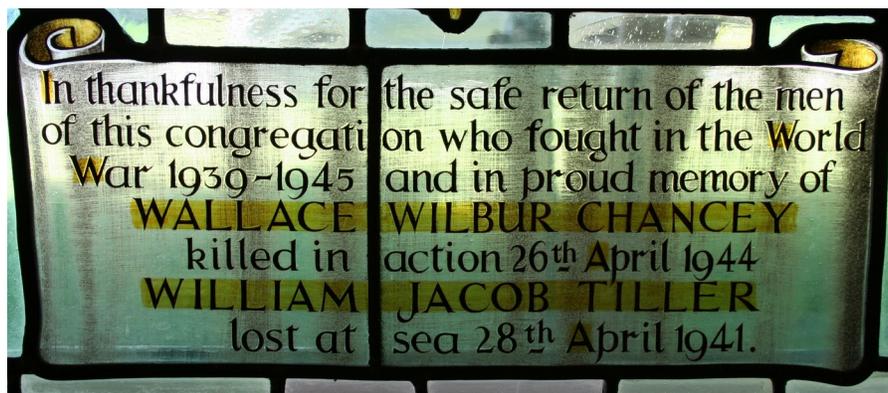
Association for New Canadians' Food Truck

The ANC's (Association for New Canadians) Global Eats Food Truck is back again this summer! Once again, St. David's is pleased to be able to support this training program for our newest Canadians. They have adopted their program to meet all the rules and regulations surrounding COVID19 safety standards. Their enthusiasm is contagious and if the aromas emanating from the food truck are any indication, the food is delicious! Consider supporting this initiative over the next few weeks.



Family Connections

This week we start looking at the Chancey family. According to “The Dissenting Church of Christ at St. John’s 1775 – 1975”, the Chancey family is “One of the oldest and most important families connected with our congregation...”. The earliest mention of the Chancey’s starts back in the 1700’s with the arrival of two brothers, Lionel and Thomas. Time and space prevent us from delving into the history of the family in depth but suffice it to say that they were very involved with and connected to the Congregational Church and many of the organizations and offices of the Church. One of the stained glass windows in our Sanctuary is that of Saint George – the dragon slayer. The verse “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends”, complements the inscription on the window. It give thanks to those who fought in World War II and to two men, Wallace Wilbur Chancey and William Jacob Tiller, who died in the conflict.



Two of the branches of the Chancey family tree bring us to a number of familiar names within St. David's today. One of the branches leads us to Roy Thackeray Chancey (1910–1975) who married Blanche Adams (1915-2003). Roy and Blanche had 5 children: Rita (Fred Stevens) <children: Sharon, Barry and Heather>, Shirley (Robert Fraize) <children: Linda, Bob, Susan and Beverley>, Joyce (Ralph Emberley) <children: Christina, Michelle and Deanna>, Robert, and David Wayne <children: Toni and David>.

Another branch of the family tree leads us to Stanley Chancey (1887 – 1981) who married May. May and Stanley had 8 children: Gordon, Harold (Effie), Ralph, Fred (Betty) <children: Cathy and Paul>, Edith, Tom, Clarence and Ern.

Next week stay tuned for some “get-to-know-you-better” stories about the Chancey families along with some pictures (I hope!)

An Archival Moment

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



Anniversary Dinner to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Church.

People in the picture are: Mrs. MacIver, Cathy Chancey, Margaret Armour, Afton Clouston, Fred Penny, Ada Barnes, Danny Bleeker. Can you pick out anyone else?

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: There is a round stained-glass window over the front entrance. What is the dedication on that window?

The answer is: This window was placed in St. David's in loving memory of David Duder Clouston 1931 – 1963 and lists the four apostles Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.



This week the question is: A 1541 Bible belongs to a St. David's family whose relatives obtained it back in 1713. What family is this?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What is the church's account number at the Green Depots? Hint: who do you call?

The answer is: The "ghost-busters" is NOT who you call! Our account number is our church's phone number (without the "-") 7222382.

This week the question is: What is the farm where church picnics were held on Nagle's Hill? Whose family farm was it?

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

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