



Sunday January 3rd 2021 also called Epiphany Sunday

This Sunday's Service will be available on Sunday, and can be found on our YouTube channel by typing "St. David's Presbyterian Message for January 3, 2021" into Google. The scripture readings for this Sunday are:

John 1:(1–9) 10–18

Church Office Hours: Rev. Sturtevant is in the office Tuesdays through Fridays from 9:30 am to 2 pm daily, should you wish to drop by. In case of an emergency, he can be reached on his cell phone at 699-3661. 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, January 3 We celebrate in prayer that farmers in Malawi are growing and harvesting more produce using conservation agriculture techniques taught by Presbyterian World Service & Development partners.

Monday, January 4 We pray for God's blessing and guidance as students begin their studies in January at PCC theological colleges.

Tuesday, January 5 We pray that congregations plan with creativity and faith as they prepare for their annual meetings.

Wednesday, January 6 We pray for the wisdom to see clearly the reality of racism and bigotry in the institutions of our country so that we may work to challenge and uproot these institutionalized concepts in ourselves, our churches and our society.

Thursday, January 7 We pray for the many Women's Missionary Society groups as they begin a new year.

Friday, January 8 We pray for people discerning how they may use their gifts to engage in God's mission in Canada or globally in uncertain times.

Saturday, January 9 Spirit of life and liberty, we pray that you save us from all that inhibits the abundant life you give us.

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

Coming to Church: Self Assessment Guide and Sign-in / Sign out Sheet: The Streamlined Process

St. David's has a process for completing our Self Assessment Guide (SAG) and the sign-in procedure for Sunday's church service. The manager on duty will ask you the questions on our SAG and will complete it for you. They will also complete the sign-in sheet allowing you to proceed directly into the sanctuary if all is well. The manager will also complete the sign-out sheets allowing you to leave in an orderly manner.

The sign-in and sign-out form is to allow contact tracing, should we ever need to do so. If you are a member of the congregation, we only need your name and phone number. If you are not a member, you will also be asked for your address.

Sunday January 3rd Service

This Sunday we will continue to follow the process described above for the completion of the SAG and the sign-in sheets. We will again have people enter through the breezeway and come in through the side narthex door or the front door. The person or the "bubble" will be seated. The exit plan is to leave via the door to the lobby and out through the tower door. There will be managers and elders to greet you and if you are new to the process, they will help you through it.

We are including singing as part of the service and are adhering to all provincial public health guidelines. Please remain seated and wear your mask while singing.

Meanwhile, people have been asking whether we still provide **“Wheels to Worship”**? And the answer is **“Yes!”**. If you need a ride to church, please call Newfound Cabs (744-4444).

Getting the Service and Bulletin using our website

This bulletin and the Sunday service are placed on our website as soon as the Rollmann family get Monica’s email. The website is **stdavids.nf.ca** and if you type this in as your search, our website will be right there. At the top of the main page is a “Sunday Service” which will take you to this week’s service link and bulletin. Since our Sunday services are now live-streamed, the link is already posted so people can experience the Sunday service at home live beginning at 11 am on Sunday. If you click on Video Service for Jan 3rd now, you will see the screen and the note: live in “a number” of hours. After the fact, you can see the You-tube video of the service. If you would like to catch up on previous services all are available, simply scroll through the services and choose the Sunday service or bulletin that you would like to see or read.

Public Health Guidelines

This statement comes directly from the Public Health guidelines: “While not a requirement, Public Health maintains their warning to people 60 and above, or with additional risk factors, to avoid any non-essential gathering.” We feel duty bound to openly communicate this statement. We will certainly welcome and include anyone wishing to join us in person for worship. Meanwhile, we will continue to offer on-line services for those who may prefer that option. Everyone should feel comfortable participating in or engaging in any activity in which they take part. Do not feel compelled to participate, nor be barred from participating, by virtue of age or underlying medical condition. Every precaution to meet and exceed the Public Health

guidelines will be taken. However, that is not a guarantee that we can make our gathering a risk-free activity. We all look forward to a day when this Public Service warning is no longer required. We would like to thank you for your co-operation in helping us ensure we are all protected.

Treasurer's Report

Thank you all who are continuing to donate to your church through envelopes on Sunday mornings, by e-transfers, or by your monthly PAD contributions. My thanks go out to elders and friends who happily and gladly pick up envelopes from those not able to get out to church and drop them off at the church office.

By the way, the sole email address we are using to accept donations is stdavidsnfld@gmail.com and this one is linked to our bank account and it will automatically accept all donations.

As a Reminder your Year-end Donations: The year 2020 is quickly winding down and if you would like to ensure your 2020 donations are included with this year's income tax, please ensure your:

donation arrives at the church by **noon January 4th 2021**; cheques are **dated December 31st 2020 or earlier**; and

E-transfers are made **on or before December 31st 2020** to be included in 2020.

Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

Announcements

Christmas Eve

On Christmas eve, our sanctuary was full of angels, shepherds, animals, and townspeople as we remembered the story of Christmas together with costumes, readings and song. It was a light-hearted and joyful celebration, and reminded us all that Christmas is a time when we celebrate God doing the unexpected and irreverent, being born as an infant to a common family. The Christmas message reminds us that God loves us so much he's willing to look a bit ridiculous to show it, to the point of even needing to have his diaper changed! If you weren't able to attend this year, we look forward to seeing you next year, when gatherings will hopefully be a little less restrictive. Due to a technical issue, our Christmas Eve service was not properly recorded, and is not available online. This is really too bad, because it was a great success! The service was well attended in-person, but with enough people kindly opting to participate over Zoom that we were all able to keep up our safety protocols. Thank you to all of those who chose to participate virtually so that those who were unable to do so could keep safe.

ENVELOPES FOR 2021

The envelopes for 2021 are here. Due to an increase in the number of people using PAD, we have ordered only 25 sets of envelopes. We would like to ensure that these envelopes go to families that wish to continue using them. Please contact Monica if you would like a set of envelopes for 2021 Church givings.

Thanks and have a Happy New Year!

Bridges to Hope

Non-perishable food items are being accepted at BRIDGES TO HOPE once again! Your help is needed, so as you return to weekly worship at St. David's, remember to bring in your food items for the trolley. Below is a list of the items most needed:

Canned Beans

Mac and Cheese

Canned meats (Meatballs, Beef Ravioli, etc.)

Canned Milk

Tins of Fruit and Vegetables

Tins of Soup

1 l Juice

Pasta Sauce

Cereal

Cash donations are always acceptable, and very much appreciated.

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Belated birthday wishes go out to Paul Chancey who celebrated his birthday on December 10th. Paul celebrated the occasion with family and friends, including (from afar), his mom, Betty Chancey! Congratulations Paul from all the folks here at St. David's. We hope you had a wonderful day!

Happy Birthday greetings to Stephen McKenzie who will be celebrating his birthday on January 8th. Stephen is the son of Cynthia and David McKenzie. Best wishes Stephen for a great day spent with family and friends. Congratulations from everyone here at St. David's!

A correction regarding the anniversary date for the Rollmann's. Marcella and Hans were married 52 years ago on December 30th (not the 28th as previously stated.) The sentiment is the same - Happy Anniversary to you both and congratulations from everyone here at St. David's!

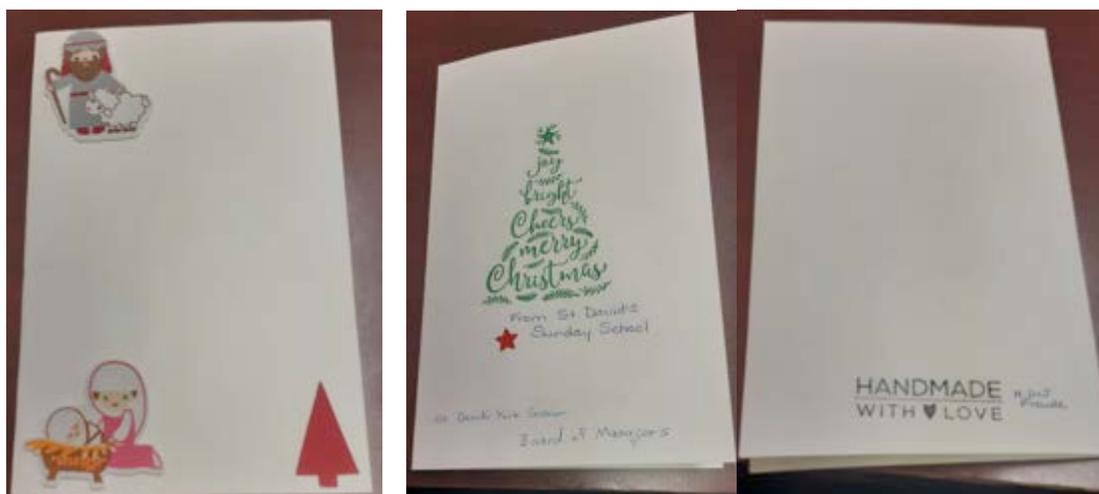
Belated Happy Anniversary wishes go out to Judy and William (Bill) Barnes who celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on December 26th. Best wishes and congratulations to you both from all your friends here at St. David's!

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.

News from the Pews

Christmas Cards

A big thank-you to all our Sunday School children who made and delivered numerous Christmas cards for many of our congregation, especially those who have not been able to come back to our services here at St. David's due to COVID-19 restrictions. Their little hands and their thoughtfulness brought much joy and many smiles to the recipients. These cards will be treasured for a long time to come and will be remembered with love. Many thanks!



Monica's lovely card that she loves!

A Note from the Wamsteeker Family

This note came from Dianna Wamsteeker just before Christmas and she said she would be pleased to share it with you:

Hello dear friends and family;

We hope this note finds you warm and well, close to those you love. 2020 started off with a bang as we experienced "Snowmageddon" in St. John's NL. The city was shut down for 10 days in order to clear the 100cm that fell overnight, on top of the existing 50cm that had already fallen. It was a week and a half of shovelling, snow fort building and xcountry skiing around town. This unprecedented snowfall resulted in a fantastic base for a season of xcountry skiing and ice fishing, which extended all the way to the beginning of covid.

In May we received the bittersweet-notice to move back to Alberta in the summer. It was a challenging time to say goodbye to some very dear friends that we had made in 4.5 short years and we continue to miss seeing their faces and life on the East Coast. We were welcomed home with (socially distanced) arms and it is good to be close to family and old friends once again.

In the midst of an unusual year, we are so thankful that the outdoors have not been cancelled and the boys have continued to learn and explore outside. Some great fish were caught, mountains hiked and trails skied. Mike and I were thankful to celebrate our 15 year wedding anniversary this year and look forward to many more adventures together.

To our dear friends, if you are ever stopping through town, please look us up. The back deck is always open and we'd love to catch up with old friends from near and far.

Much love this Christmas season;

Mike & Di,

Cam, Grant, Marcel Wamsteeker

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An Archival Moment

I was lucky enough to find this great picture tucked away in an old file folder from Millie Hammond. This is a picture of the WA Christmas Meeting held on December 2, 2008 at Edith Peach's home. There was more to this "meeting" than budgets and minutes as you can see from the table! From left to right around the table: Betty Best, Marjorie Pike, Jean Hibbs, Hazel Gamble, Gracie Wood, Elizabeth Thistle



WA Christmas Lunch at Edith Peach's Home 2008

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: Where did they meet over the winter of 1775-1776?

The answer is: The little group met in the courthouse over the winter months while the governor (fishing admiral) was back in England.

This week the question is: Being a tenacious group, what was their next plan about where to meet?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: The Advent wreath has five candles, the four lit on Sundays during Advent are: "Hope", Peace, "Joy", and "Love". What is the large centre candle called and which will be lit this Christmas Eve?

The answer is: Last week, the Christ candle.

This week the question is: January 6th has meaning for the two reasons, what are they?

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 592 services on-line too listen to or see.

How to reach us:

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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 Eleanor Bonnell Jenny Griffioen

Jennifer Waterman Ed Vanderkloet Tanya Shalaby

Board of Managers: the members of the Board are:

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