



Sunday February 14th 2021

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 February 14, 2021" into Google. The scripture readings for this Sunday are:

Mark 9:2–9

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, February 14 (Transfiguration Sunday) We pray for the gift of love in our lives—love that is patient, kind, faithful and unconditional.

Monday, February 15 (Family Day) We pray for families of all shapes, sizes and configurations, that they may be filled with love and joy.

Tuesday, February 16 (Shrove Tuesday) We give thanks to God for seasons of feasting and fasting, and we pray for all who have chosen a discipline to follow in the season of Lent.

Wednesday, February 17 (Ash Wednesday) Loving God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive our sins. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until it rests in you. Help us to return to you and to your way, and create in us new hearts so that we might love you more dearly and follow you more nearly.

Thursday, February 18 We give thanks and pray for schools and teachers who are working to provide the best educational tools to engage and teach children both at home virtually and in the classroom.

Friday, February 19 We pray for those leading worship and study groups in this Lenten season.

Saturday, February 20 (World Day for Social Justice) We pray for the peacemakers and justice seekers who are working to reflect God's vision of justice in the world, where the dignity and well-being of all are protected.

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person Church Services Discontinued

St. David's is going to discontinue in-person church services for the next little while in accordance with the latest Public Health guidance. Once this outbreak is over and we are again allowed to participate in services together, we will do so. Meanwhile we will continue the virtual services as we did before we started meeting in person back in September.

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 Feb 14th, 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.

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.

Treasurer's Report

The 2021 envelopes have arrived and some are still sitting on Monica's desk. Please call Monica and she will have the envelopes sent to you.

Thank you to all who are continuing to donate to your church through your envelopes, by e-transfers, or through 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.

Announcements

Food for Thought, a Bible Study group for university-age / young adults, is meeting once a week during the pandemic via Zoom. New people are always welcome. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 13, at 8pm, when we will continue a timely discussion on anxiety. Anyone interested in participating should contact Ernst Rollmann (ernstrollmann12 at gmail.com) for the Zoom link. Ernst can also add you to the email list for instant updates.

Talent Show: It is with great excitement that I announce that we're looking for submissions for a **virtual talent show!** Are you a musician? A painter? A gymnast? A gardener? Do you have something you have learned to do during the pandemic or a quirky skill you are proud of? Or do you know someone else in our congregation or community who has something to share? Please send a video (preferred length between five seconds and five minutes) to me at rev.sturtevant@gmail.com before the end of the month and I will add it to a virtual talent show for all of us to enjoy!

Bridges to Hope



For the sake of clarity and consistency, Bridges To Hope recently updated the contents of its food hampers to Small, Medium and Large sizes. This was done to eliminate confusion, especially when hampers are needed for larger families.

For your information, below are the contents for a **SMALL** hamper, which is meant to provide 2-3 days food for 1-2 people. The Medium and Large hampers contain basically the same items, but in larger quantities. School kits and other extra items are added as required and when available. Personal care items - shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, etc. are very much in demand as well.

Using this as a guide, next time you're grocery shopping, why not add one or two non-perishable items to place on the food trolley at St. David's. If you're not back to Church on a regular basis yet, food can always be dropped off at the Church Office. As always too, cash or gift cards are helpful and greatly appreciated.

Regular Food Hamper (1-2 people; 2-3 days food)

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| Milk - canned evaporated - 1 | Beans, canned - 1 |
| Soup - Frozen homemade - 1 per person OR Canned - 2 small or 1 large | Dry Pasta/Rice - 1 package |
| Meat - Fresh/frozen - 1 OR Canned - 1 | Canned pasta – Beefaroni/ Ravioli, etc. - 1 |
| Crackers - 1 sleeve saltines OR 1 box other | Pasta Sauce - 1 |
| Cookies/Snacks- 1 box cookies OR granola bars | Cereal - 1 regular package |
| Fresh vegetables -1 package | Vegetables - canned - 2 |
| Juice - 1 Litre (or equivalent) | Kraft Dinner - 1 |
| Eggs - 1/3 carton (4 eggs) | Fruit - fresh - 2 per person OR canned - 1 |
| Margarine - 1 (1/2 cup block) | Bread - 1 |
| Tea/Coffee-1 portion (10-12 teabags, 1 cup coffee) | Sugar - 1 portion (1 cup) |

** Extra items, such as Noodles, Hamburger Helper, Scalloped Potatoes, Rice, etc. are included as available.

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy Birthday (belated) to Charlie Goobie who celebrated his birthday with family and friends on February 3rd! Charlie and Olive are long-time members of St. David's and are very supportive of all the events and activities here at our Church. Charlie has taken an active role with Good Companions over the years. He is an avid carpet bowler and is called upon many a time to measure close shots with his handy measuring tape! A special Happy Birthday from all the Good Companions Charlie and best wishes from your St. David's family! We hope you had a wonderful birthday!

Happy Birthday to Valda Morrissey who will be celebrating her 88th birthday on February 14th – Valentine's Day! Valda will be celebrating her special day with son, Fred, daughter-in-law, Heather(Steele), and many other friends and well-wishers. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a wonderful birthday, Valda, and may there be many more!

Happy Birthday to Alexander Bruneau who will also be celebrating his birthday on February 14th! Alexander will be celebrating his big day with family and friends including his mom and dad - Jill and Ian Bruneau, siblings, Samantha and Timothy, aunts, uncles and cousins and of course, his grandmother, Jean Bruneau. Best wishes for a great day, Alexander from everyone here at St. David's!

Happy Birthday greetings to Junup Chol who will be celebrating his 15th birthday on February 16th. Junup is the son of John Chol and Nyayalyal Gang-Luai. (John and Nyayalyal are former members of St. David's and are still in close contact with many members of the congregation. As many of you know, John is heading up the Dendor Project.) Best wishes Junup for a wonderful birthday from all your friends here at St. David's. We hope you have a great day!

Happy Birthday greetings to Jackson McLean, who will be celebrating his birthday on Monday, February 15th, with family and friends - near and far! Jackson is the son of Christine and John McLean, who are currently living in Nova Scotia. Best wishes Jackson from your St. David's family - we hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy Birthday to a very special little boy, Orson Sturtevant, who will be celebrating his 2nd birthday on February 19th! Orson will be celebrating his special day with his parents, Michelle and David Sturtevant, big brother, Oliver, his grandparents and aunts and uncles in Ontario, and lots of other friends near and far. Let's not forget Ozzy who is sure to be there for all the fun - including the cake crumbs! Your St. David's family wishes you a fun-filled day Orson. Much love from everyone!

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

The Garland Family

A few weeks ago, I sat down and had a lovely chat with Andy (Andrew) Garland. Many of you may remember that Andy's wife, Roma, passed away last October (2020). Even though Andy and Roma were not always able to make it to Church because of work commitments, they supported many of the teas, sales and other events here at St. David's. Whenever I paid them a visit, we always enjoyed a wonderful chat and they made me feel very much at home. I wanted to learn more about their early lives - their families, how they met, what their interests were, etc. - and now I can share that with you so that you can get to know this lovely family.

Roma was born in 1954 in the town of Mount Pearl to Ruby and William Spurrell. She had 4 brothers – Donald (died when he was a baby), Bill (d. 2010), Herb and Larry. Roma's dad passed away when she was only 5 or 6 years old and her mother was left to raise the children on her own. The family might not have had a lot of material things, but they were loved and had a happy home. Roma went to school in Mount Pearl and later attended Bishop's. She started working at an early age – at the Giant Mart in Mount Pearl, Woolco at the Village Mall, and then Wal-Mart, Mount Pearl.

Andy's family likewise had an interesting history. His father, Lenard married Gertrude, and they had two children, Marion and Gordon. Gertrude passed away and Lenard eventually married Jessie Mathieson. They had two children – Ada and Andy. Andy went to school at Holloway and then to Prince of Wales. He was joking that most of his teachers including Miss Dingle, Miss Leslie and Mr. McCurdy all retired the year after he was in their class! As it happens, I also went to Holloway School, although a few years after Andy had been there, but we both remembered Rev McKim and how he would conduct assembly every Friday morning. Andy was saying that Rev McKim was the Minister of George Street United Church and later was in charge of the United Church Residence which was right next to Holloway School.

After Andy finished school, he worked at a number of places including Ayre's Dominion and Prudential Insurance of America selling life insurance. In later years, Andy also worked at Wal-Mart making it a family affair – Roma worked there, as mentioned earlier, as well as Heather, Roma's daughter. (Heather still works at Wal-Mart and sometimes, if our paths cross while I'm shopping there, I get to have a little chat with her if she is not too busy!)

It turns out that Andy's grandparents had some land between present day Cornwall Avenue and (Old) Topsail Road. As a matter of fact. Andy's grandparents lived in a house on that property that belonged to the Anglo-Development Company. According to Andy, he remembers a long winding driveway with hawthorn bushes on either side, going from the front door of

the house down towards Topsail Road! As with most families, the land eventually got divided into different lots for family members. Today, Andy lives on what was the middle lot facing Cornwall Avenue – and his grandparents' original house is just east of his. Needless to say, Andy knows all his neighbours!

But how did Roma and Andy meet? Well, it turns out that both Roma's dad and Andy's dad went to St. Andrew's (The Kirk). They knew each other from there but it was another coincidence that brought them together. Andy was in the Jaycees, as were Roma's two brothers. (The Jaycees was the Junior Chamber of Commerce – a leadership training organization that encouraged management skills and community service.) Apparently, there was a dance coming up and Andy was looking for a date to take to the dance. He happened to run into Roma and her mother at the Supermarket, and because they knew one another through Church and through her brothers, she accepted the invitation. This was the beginning of many happy years for both of them.

Roma and Andy shared many interests but the one that stood out was their work with the Shriners. Andy, like his father and brothers, was a Mason. He later went on to become a Shriner. Roma was an active member of the Ladies of the Sabre. Together they worked on the many projects and activities sponsored by the Shriners and were great supporters of the Shriners' Hospitals for Children. These hospitals provide specialized care for children with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft palate, regardless of their families' ability to pay. Andy continues to be a part of this great organization and has made many lasting friendships as a result.

Thanks Andy for a wonderful afternoon of tea and conversation!

Gardening with Gerhard

This week, with so much discouraging news, my thoughts went to brighter times ahead and getting back into the garden. One of the things I have often wondered about is this theory about “companion planting” – that some vegetables do better when they are planted next to certain vegetables than others. I asked Gerhard about this and here is his response:

Companion planting is a newfangled way of gardening. I know about and have read articles about it. But I don't have much experience with it and therefore cannot speak with authority about it.

A long time ago when my vegetable patch was smaller, there was never enough space to grow all the varieties we liked and also try new ones. So I had to do much interplanting, which is growing different veggies in the same bed. I remember that the carrots coming up between lettuce and strawberry plants often tended to be noticeably bigger than average.

I am afraid this is all the wisdom I have for you this time, Janet.

All the best to you and stay safe.

Gerhard.

Thanks Gerhard! I don't feel so bad now just throwing plants in wherever there is space. I'm wondering though if there are other gardeners out there in the congregation who have heard of this or even tried “companion planting”. Gerhard and I would be interested in hearing from fellow gardeners out there - What planting strategy do you use and how do you organize your crops? Send us an Email!

An Archival Moment

Thanks to Pam Bruce, we have another great picture of warmer days - yes it's a picture of one of the Church's Summer Picnics! Do you recognize anyone from years ago?



Summer Picnic #4

Caption:

Background l to r: Susan McCorquodale, Danny Bleeker, Elisabeth Berghuis

Foreground: The Kiefte Family

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: Leaping ahead by almost 100 years, what was a project undertaken with respect to one of the church's missions? Hint, it involves Random Island!

The answer is: In March 1872 after raising 50 pounds, a Mission Boat was commissioned from Mr. Aaron Tilley of Shoal Harbour. Come that September, the 3-masted yacht was resting at the wharf of Messers S. March and Sons, to be used by Mr. Harrington, the missionary, to travel around the various harbours of Trinity Bay.

This week the question is: In August 1872 the Board of Trustees started a Minute Book and elected a Secretary who remained in the job for over 40 years. Who was this man with a well-known family name to this congregation?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What are the important items discussed at the ACM/AMG?

The answer is: Those items are: reports from the Church's groups, elections of various office holders (Board members, Treasurer, Envelope Secretary), the auditor's Review Engagement Report and passing the budget.

This week the question is: When was the first in-person service held last fall. Hint: there are two answers!

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.

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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 over 600 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 – Ken Templeton (Session rep)

Prayer Shawl (Knitters) – Bouwina Fogwill

Willing Hands (Quilter Group) – Patsy Carmichael

Food For Thought (University and Early Career) – The Rollmanns

Session: the elders are:

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| 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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| Ken Templeton | Ed Vanderkloet | Steve Bruneau |
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Treasurer: Anne Calver

Envelope Secretary: Ian Bruneau