



Sunday February 28th 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 28, 2021" into Google. The scripture readings for this Sunday are:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Mark 8:31-38

Church Office Hours: Rev. Sturtevant is working from home. 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 28 (Second Sunday in Lent) God of Lent, we pray your grace moves us beyond our desires so that we may offer ourselves to you and put our faith into action.

Monday, March 1 We pray for presbyteries of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, that they have a spirit of cooperation and collegiality as they oversee the work of ministers and congregations.

Tuesday, March 2 We pray for stewardship and mission committees as they work to inspire their congregations and generate enthusiasm for the ministry God is doing through them.

Wednesday, March 3 We pray for food banks as they find ways to meet the increased demand for their services.

Thursday, March 4 We pray for Atlantic Mission Society groups and members as they find new ways to meet together for worship, fellowship and to support the mission work of the church.

Friday, March 5 (World Day of Prayer) We pray for wisdom and guidance to be better neighbours, to better care for the homeless, the elderly and those who are different from us, and to live in harmony with all of your creation.

Saturday, March 6 We pray for members of the Benevolence Committee and those who receive support thanks to generous gifts that people have made over the years.

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 28th 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 receipts for 2020 will soon go in the mail. All receipts will be mailed out this year. However, if you would prefer to pick up your receipt from the office, please call Monica and she will take a note and will call you when they are ready.

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.

Advance Notice – Annual Congregational Meeting

The Board and Session are looking forward to being able to prepare and release an Annual Report and have an Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM). The report may look a bit different this year since many groups were not able to carry on as before. However, the main information from Session, the Board, the Minister and the Treasurer will be there. We hope to hold the ACM earlier this year. Again, depending on the situation regarding the pandemic, it will most likely be virtual and will be held sometime this spring. For those not able to attend virtually, if you have any thoughts on how we may receive your feedback or thoughts, please get back to the Board. Thanks and stay tuned for more information!

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 is 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)

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

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy Birthday greetings to Jean Bruneau who will be celebrating her birthday on the 3rd of March! Jean is a longtime member and supporter of St. David's and all our events and initiatives. Over the years Jean has played – and continues to play - an important role in the life and fellowship of our congregation. Jean holds a special place in our St. David's family. She has served on the Board of Managers, edited and published our St. David's newsletter for many years, ensured we all did our part with recycling, and up until COVID-19 , was an active and enthusiastic member of our Good Companions group. (Yes, Jean is a wicked carpet bowler and more often than not, sends all the balls scattering to the four corners of the hall!) Jean will be celebrating her birthday with her “bubbled-family” – sons, Stephen and Ian and their families, including her many grand-children, near and far. Best wishes Jean from your St. David's family! We hope you have a wonderful birthday. We'll be thinking of you!

Also celebrating her birthday this coming week, on March 4th, is Edith Peach! Edith and her family have a long history with St. David's and continue to be a big part of our Church family even to this day. Edith is a long-time supporter and member of the WA (Women's Auxiliary) and must have made and served thousands of sandwiches and cups of teas over the years! As a Church Trustee, Edith has always been there to provide guidance and encouragement. Edith will be celebrating her birthday with her family – Heather, Lori, David and Jim and their families - here in St. John's and far away, along with many good friends. Best wishes Edith from everyone here at St. David's! We hope you have a wonderful day and may there be many more birthdays 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.

News from the Pews

Gardening with Gerhard

My question to Gerhard was “Can you grow carrots in the same bed where you had potatoes the year before?” I asked this because our gardening space is somewhat limited due to the size of our backyard and the fact that we are surrounded by big leafy trees – meaning full-sun-growing conditions are limited. Here’s what Gerhard had to say.

Growing potatoes has a long tradition among Newfoundland fishermen. They know that if you plant potatoes in the same plot the following year, they will have a reduced yield, and a fungal disease called canker may ruin the entire crop. This is one of the first things I learned when I started gardening after my arrival in St. John’s in 1965. Most gardeners know that planting the same crops in the same bed year after year encourages the growth of pests and diseases, and produces inferior crops. But how about rotating carrots with potatoes?

Since most of my gardening experience is the result of trial and error, I took me a while to find out that a potato bed may not be good for much else for a year or two unless the soil is treated or enriched, or you are using certified and treated seeds. In my earlier garden years I used to have an ample supply of manure to overcome some of the problems other potato growers were facing. Potatoes are heavy feeders and deprive the soil of the nutrients most vegetables need. They also tend to attract and proliferate pests in the soil that will damage roots crop such as carrots, turnips, and beets if planted in the same bed. Tomatoes and peppers belong to the same plant family as potatoes and their roots are subject to the same diseases.

Growing carrots after potatoes may be problematic if the soil is infested with pests from untreated potatoes, and if the potatoes were grown close to the top in a shallow and newly cultivated bed just below the sod (as

Newfoundland fishermen used to grow them). In my experience, however, carrots have done relatively well in former potato beds where the soil is well broken up and deep .

Most home gardeners have small gardens and cannot afford to leave a former potato bed unplanted. So what else can you grow there beyond carrots? The safest and most successful crops to rotate with potatoes are leek, onions, garlic, parsley, and chives. They rid the soil of pests and bugs. Strawberry plants also like former potato soil but they end up staying in the same ground for several years. In my experience beans and peas have been two of the most important veggies to rotate with any other crops because they replenish nutrients in the soil that most other vegetables need, especially nitrogen. Some leaf vegetables like endive, radicchio, and certain lettuce varieties, have also have tended to do well in my former potato plots, especially when the soil is enriched with fresh compost. Members of the cabbage family, such as kale, cauliflower, and Brussels sprouts, were the least productive in potato soil. But I found them problematic wherever I planted them and, except for Brussels sprouts, abandoned them some time ago.

I have not always rotated plant varieties in a systematic fashion , simply because my garden grew too big while the time available to cultivate it shrank, insightful information was difficult to find, and the weather often did not cooperate. As a result, I paid the price of inferior crops. Vegetable rotation and companion planting go hand in hand, I have learned. Only in recent times has their interaction and beneficial results become more widely known and appreciated. Information about this was difficult to come by when I started gardening in Newfoundland more than half a century ago. It has added immensely to the fun of home gardening.

Cheers,

Gerhard

News from St. Matthew's, Grand Falls-Windsor

Here is a little note from Lynne Allan from St. Matthew's Church in Grand Falls-Windsor

I am glad people liked seeing the progress St. Matthew's has made. It's hard to believe it's been 16 months since the fire. We are in the straight stretch now but still don't know when we will feel comfortable gathering for service. Time will tell.



Pictures of Cross

On the left is the cross that hung in the sanctuary of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor before the fire of October 2019. On the right is the cross as it is today, cleaned up and showing the damage caused by the fire's smoke and heat. This is one thing we won't be restoring to its original condition. The symbol of Christianity is now also a reminder of what St. Matthew's has overcome with the help of many both near and far.

The Carmichael Family – Part II

The Carmichaels of Newfoundland

Last week, we started exploring the history of the Carmichael family. This week, we look closer to home and start to learn about the Carmichael family here in Newfoundland. (The Carmichaels of Newfoundland is taken from “The Carmichael Family – A Brief History” written by David Carmichael)

James Adamson Carmichael was born at Shettleston, Lanark, Scotland on May 9th, 1860 to Thomas and Annie (Adamson) Carmichael. He was educated at the Shettleston Parish School, learned his trade as a Draper and Salesperson in Glasgow and emigrated to St. John’s Newfoundland c. 1881 where he joined the firm of Bowring Brothers Ltd.. From 1887 to 1892, he was associated with the firm of S. O. Steele in St. John’s and later managed the general firm of G. C. Fern of Harbour Buffett, after a brief period of employment with John Anderson. In 1915, he established Direct Agencies Ltd., a commercial travelling sales company. It was during his association with this firm that he became known as the “Father of Travelling Salesmen in Newfoundland”.

James married Mary Ellen Colton, the daughter of John and Rosanna Colton, in the Stone Chapel of the Congregational Church at St. John’s on June 9, 1888, thus establishing the Newfoundland Carmichael Family. James and Mary had four surviving children – Annie Rosa, Mary Beaton (Molly), Thomas Colton, and Florence Thackery. (A son, John Adamson, was born on June 16, 1889, but died on November 25th of that year.)

In 1925, upon retirement from work, he was elected Secretary Treasurer of the Commercial Travellers Association. As an avid sports enthusiast in his youth, James played football in St. John's and later covered the sport as a press correspondent under the pseudonym "Onlooker". He was subsequently appointed Honorary Life Member of the Football League in 1896. He died at St. John's on April 30th, 1920 and is buried in the Family Plot at the General Protestant Cemetery on Waterford Bridge Road.

Annie Rosa Carmichael, eldest daughter of James A. and Mary E., was born in St. John's in 1891.

Educated at the Presbyterian College, her record there was outstanding. In 1910, she was awarded the Jubilee Scholarship (the first woman in Newfoundland to win that covered prize) and had a brief teaching assignment at the Pool's Cove Mission of the Congregational Church in Fortune Bay. In the autumn of 1910, she went to Scotland and in 1914 she graduated from Edinburgh University with a Master of Arts Degree.

Upon her return to St. John's, she began her teaching career at the Presbyterian College and also became deeply involved with Sunday School and other areas of work at the Queen's Road Congregational Church – a labour of love that she continued throughout her entire life.

In 1918, she joined the staff of Bishop Spencer College and remained there until her retirement in 1950. During that period, she was given a year's leave of absence to accept an invitation from the Government of Newfoundland to travel to Kalamazoo, Michigan, to study the role of School Supervisor. Upon her return, she resumed her position at Bishop Spencer and was appointed Vice Principal of the school. She also made annual supervisory

visits to the Congregational Schools at Pool's Cove and other communities in Fortune Bay.

She was a charter member of the Canadian University Women's Club and played an active part in its organization in 1945, rarely, if ever, missing a meeting.

In 1953, she joined the Faculty of Memorial University as a Lecturer in English and Modern Languages and continued in that capacity until her untimely death in 1958. Her funeral took place from her beloved Queen's Road Church and was attended by Faculty members of Memorial University resplendent in full academic dress. She is buried in the family plot in St. John's.

Molly Carmichael, born in St. John's in 1894, remained at home for a short period following completion of her education at the Presbyterian College. She apparently inherited her father's skill in penmanship and accounting and worked in that capacity with the well known firm Milley Firm of St. John's. During this period, she was active in the Queen's Road Church where she sang in the choir. She subsequently moved to the Boston area and was married. She is buried in Malden, Massachusetts.

Next week, we continue with the Carmichael Family and learn about Florence and Thomas Colton Carmichael and how they are related to Dave Carmichael and Jean Mallowney!



The Carmichael Family – Early 1900's

Caption: Carmichael Family Picture

Back Row (l to r): Molly, Rosa, Thomas

Front Row (l to r): James, Mary, Florence

An Archival Moment

March 1st is Saint David's Day, the patron Saint of Wales, and our church's namesake. In honour of this day, here are some pictures for you. Many thanks to Steve Bruneau for sharing these pictures with us!



Picture of St. David



Article on St. David's (June 1966)



Evening Telegram Article (1965)



Inscription on Window



Plaque on Window

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: In January 1874 a Training School was opened in the basement of the church. What was the plan for this school?

The answer is: Education throughout Newfoundland was sadly lacking in many outports. The plan was to train teachers to move to the outports to teach our young. In January 1874 that school started with 5 pupil-teachers and was held in the basement of the church. By 1875 the number of pupil-teachers had grown to 14. A school was opened on Monkstown Road and in 1875 it had 80 pupils from all denominations.

This week the question is: Thomas Hall went on several missionary journeys. He once visited Fortune Bay with Mr. J. B. Saer. What was their reception like?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: It hardly seems that a year has passed. When was our last in-person church service pre-COVID and when did this version of the bulletin begin?

The answer is: *From Jenny Griffioen we got this answer: our last in-person church service pre-COVID was March 1, 2020. The March 8 service was cancelled (very last minute) due to snow. The March 15 service was cancelled due to COVID.* Thanks Jenny! And Part II of the question - This version of the bulletin started with a five page version on May 3rd and within two weeks (May 17th) it progressed to a 15 page version very similar in content to what it is now.

This week the question is: What is March 1st?

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.

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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:

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

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Treasurer: Anne Calver

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