



Sunday February 7th 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 7, 2021" into Google. The scripture readings for this Sunday are:

Mark 1:29–39, Isaiah 40:21-31

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 7 (PWS&D Sunday) We give thanks for congregations and individuals who continue to generously support the work Presbyterian World Service & Development is doing to bring abundant life for all.

Monday, February 8 We pray for The Presbyterian Church in Canada's staff as they work to carry out the decisions of the General Assembly and support the church's mission in the world.

Tuesday, February 9 We pray for those doing interim or transitional ministry, and for the congregations they are serving, that God will work with them to bring healing, new hope and renewed vision.

Wednesday, February 10 We pray for Sylvia Haddad, Director of the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service, as she supports Palestinian and Syrian refugees in Lebanon.

Thursday, February 11 We pray for those offering congregational and mission outreach programs and for those who receive food and clothing from them. May they all experience the love of Christ through these caring initiatives.

Friday, February 12 Today is the anniversary of the publication of the PCC's letter of repentance for how it has treated LGBTQI people. We pray for those harmed by homophobia and ask for God's guidance in becoming a more inclusive and whole church.

Saturday, February 13 We pray for Captain Gavin Robertson, who serves as a reserve force military chaplain in Trail, B.C., and for his ministry of presence with the diverse communities that are part of the Canadian Armed Forces.

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 February 7th 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 Feb 7th, 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 etransfers, 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.

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 6, at 8pm, with Ernst continuing a timely discussion on anxiety. After considering a number of examples from the Old Testament, this week we will move into the New Testament. 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.

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 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

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

News from Kathy and Don McKay

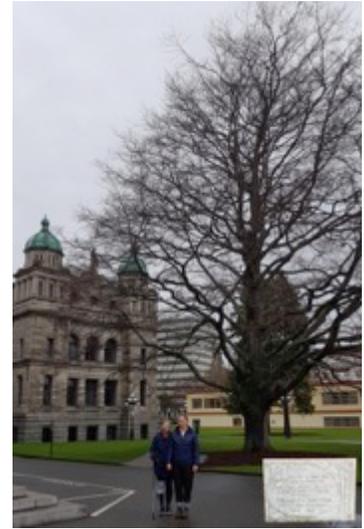
Don sent along this update on their last couple of months.....

Donald and Kathy McKay spent most of December 2020 and all of January 2021 in Victoria BC. Although much of their time spent there was in relative social isolation, Kathy and Don managed many 'properly socially-distanced' walks about the beautiful city of Victoria. On one such walk, they were joined by Colina and Brian Titus, both of whom were at St. David's in the late '80s to early '90s. In the accompanying photo, the Titus' and Kathy are standing with a view overlooking Victoria's Inner Harbour with the provincial parliament building in the background. On another walk, accompanied by their daughter, Kirsten, who lives in Victoria, Kathy and Don strolled around the 'well-manicured' grounds of the parliament building to visit what our family fondly call's 'Jane's tree.' The tree was planted in memory of Jane Green's grandfather, Ethelbert O.S. Scholefield, who served the people of British Columbia as their Provincial Librarian and Archivist from 1899 to 1919.

Knowing how annoying it can be for people to learn of flowers blooming in Victoria in the midst of a St. John's winter, Don and Kathy will not be mentioning anything about the roses still in bloom, the pretty pink daphnes or the tulips almost ready to flower. Instead, Kathy will report her readiness to return for some excellent cross-country skiing and Don his keenness to fire up his trusty snow blower for some great outdoor winter exercise.



Titus Photo, Victoria BC



Scholefield Tree and Plaque

We are glad to say that Kathy and Don have returned home to Newfoundland and are currently isolating for the required 2 week period. We wish them all the best and are looking forward to seeing them soon - in person!

Meet our Renters – the TSO

We continue to introduce our renters to our congregation. Today, we meet the TSO! Even in these COVID-19 times, our renters continue to use our Sanctuary and/or Church Hall. Many have been using our facilities for years and have become an important part of the St. David's "family" - even helping us out with our events and activities. We look forward to working with them in the future!

For almost two decades, the Tenacious String Orchestra (TSO) has rehearsed at St David's. We are a group of adults united by the joys of making music with friends and working together to make it a bit better. The group started with mostly Suzuki parents — including congregation members Kathy McKay and Heather Patey — and has grown to include players with a wide range of

experience. Johnny Hawkin, Rob Pitman, Alison Black and, currently, Nathan Cook have conducted and guided us. Anyone interested can join at any time, with no auditions: contact a TSO player or the church office.

We play a wide variety of music, spanning four centuries; William Byrd, JS Bach and Gustav Holst appear often. Each spring we give a free concert for family and friends, including friends from the congregation. For the past decade or so we have contributed to one Advent service per year, accompanying the choir, and more recently done the same for Easter Sunday. We have also reached other areas of the community, playing for the Cupids 400 celebration in 2010, for residents of St Patrick's nursing home in 2013, and at Orchestrafest (a festival of mainly student orchestras) at the Basilica in 2019. Smaller chamber groups, either organized or spontaneous, form from time to time.

Of course Covid-19 brought a pause, but we have been back playing since September. The church very kindly, and at their initiative, removed enough pews from the sanctuary that we can distance ourselves nicely. Instead of a live Advent performance, we were happy to provide a video of carols to sing along to for anyone in the congregation who wanted it. We continue to be profoundly grateful to St David's for making our experience possible and allowing us to share it.

Geoff Evans



The Prayer Shawl (Knitter's Group)

The Prayer Shawl met for the first time in 2021 this past Tuesday morning in the Armour Room. Bouwina displayed some of the beautiful knitted goods the ladies had completed over the past couple of months. As usual, there was lots of chatter and laughter as everyone worked on their knitting project – and don't forget the cup of tea/coffee and the snacks. (Many thanks to Beth and Kay for providing the refreshments.) We were delighted that Michelle brought along her family – including Ozzie – to the group. They made it such a special time!

If you would like to join our little group, we meet on the second Tuesday of the month (next time will be Tuesday, March 2nd). Beginners are always welcome!



First Get-Together in 2021



Refreshments for the Knitters



Knitted Goods So Far



Oliver on the Run



Orson Enjoys His Orange



Orson Watches Lillian



Kay and Oliver Share a Laugh

Oliver Sturtevant – Photographer

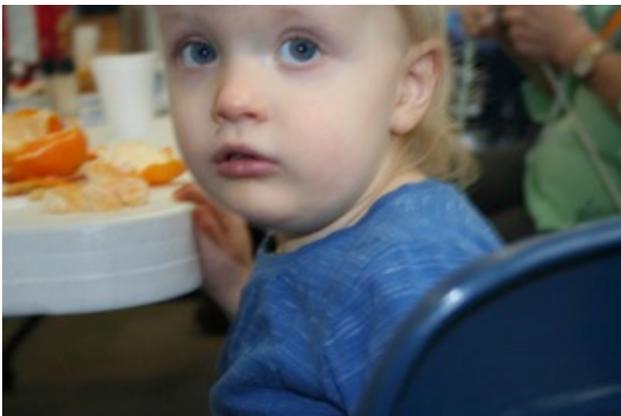
While Oliver was visiting the Knitter's Group, he took several pictures – on his own – and they were fantastic! We wanted to share them with you...



Picture of His Mom



Picture of His Dad



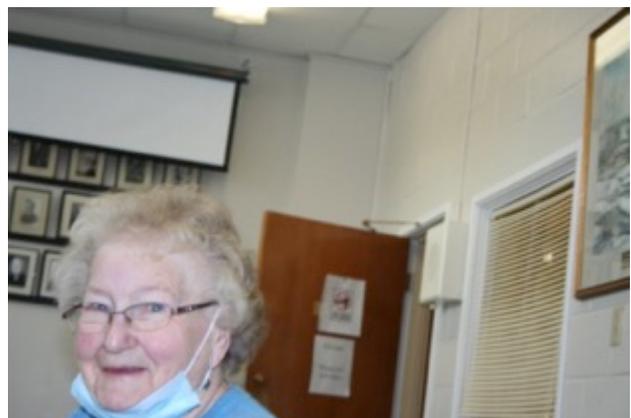
Picture of His Brother



Picture of His Good Friend Kay Scott



Picture of Beth and Bouwina



Picture of Kay Korpel

An Archival Moment

Last week's trivia question was about the Communion Cup that is still used (for ceremonial purposes only) when we celebrate Communion. This is a picture of that cup – from 1784!



Communion Cup 1784

Caption:

The inscription reads: "The Gift of the Dissenting Church, Plymouth, to the Dissenting Church, in St. John's Newfoundland 1784"

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: What was the relationship between these two Dissenting Churches?

The answer is: After John Jones left St. John's in 1778, his company was stationed at Plymouth. Jones was invited back to St. John's as the minister of this small congregation. He was instructed by the Reverend Christopher Mends of the Dissenting Church of Plymouth and eventually was ordained by a presbytery of Dissenting ministers including Rev. Mends.

This week the question is: 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!

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What important church activity happens annually in March?

The answer is: Depending on who you talk with, it's either the Annual General Meeting (AGM) or the Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM).

This week the question is: What are some important items discussed in the AGM/ACM?

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 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:

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:

Ken Templeton	Ed Vanderkloet	Steve Bruneau
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Treasurer: Anne Calver

Envelope Secretary: Ian Bruneau