



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

Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21

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, March 14 (Fourth Sunday in Lent) We give thanks and pray for Fraternidad de Presbiteriales Mayas in Guatemala as they empower Mayan women through Bible study and workshops on self-esteem and human rights.

Monday, March 15 We give thanks for volunteers, who are the heart and hands of their church communities.

Tuesday, March 16 We pray for the Ministry & Personnel Committee of the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough in Ont. May they feel a strong sense of God's presence to strengthen, focus and lead their discernment.

Wednesday, March 17 We pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development projects that teach families about cooking and nutrition in order to build healthier, more sustainable futures.

Thursday, March 18 We pray that the faculty of Knox College (Toronto, Ont.), Presbyterian College (Montreal, Que.) and Vancouver School of Theology (B.C.) find joy and wisdom in and for the work of theological education.

Friday, March 19 We pray for those who are feeling isolated or alone, and give thanks for church fellowship programs that extend Christ's friendship to those suffering from loneliness and isolation.

Saturday, March 20 (Spring Equinox) We give thanks for a new growing season and pray for ministries with gardening programs.

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person Church Services Discontinued

St. David's has discontinued 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 March 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? You may call the church at 722-2382 or email us at stdavids@nfld.com and we'll see what we can do to help. Monica is still at the church during regular office hours from 9 am to 1 pm each weekday, if you want to drop by for any reason.

Treasurer's Report

The receipts for 2020 went into the mail last week. If you have NOT received yours yet, please contact the church at 722-2382 during regular office hours.

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 in 2020 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 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 Gracie Wood who celebrated her birthday on March 7th! Gracie and Joss are long-time members of St. David's and very dear to many. They have been, and continue to be, involved with many of the groups and activities here at the Church. Gracie was an enthusiastic member of the AMS, the WA, and the choir for many years and was a great supporter and worker for many of the events – Church sales, afternoon teas, morning coffees, dinners, garage sales, hampers (especially the fruit baskets), and special commemorative events involving the Choir. We miss you Gracie and look forward to the day when we can be together again for Church and for coffee time. A big Happy Birthday from your St. David's family! We know you and Joss celebrated your birthday in fine style and we wish you many more birthdays to come! Much love from everyone!

Happy Birthday greetings to our own Sylvia Hudson, who will be celebrating a very special birthday on March 18th! Sylvia will be celebrating her birthday with family and friends, near and far, including her husband, Dave, and children, Douglas, Geoffrey and Kathryn and their families. Sylvia is an inspiration to many of us here at St. David's. She is a tireless worker and a super organizer for many of the events and activities within the Church. She manages the smooth running of the coffee time after Church every Sunday - always making sure there are plenty of supplies on hand. She's a long-time member of the WA and has played a big role in all the WA-sponsored events over the years – and let's not forget all the goodies she brings along to give the rest of the “worker-bees” extra energy! Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a very Happy Birthday, Sylvia! We hope you have a wonderful day and enjoy every minute – much love and happiness! (A special thank-you to sisters! Sylvia's sister, Sandra Hamlyn, currently living in Ontario, gave us a tip about this special birthday!)

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

Monica's Story

This week, we are treated to another touching story from Monica. Most of us have lots of "stuff" at home that we have collected over the years or have inherited from our ancestors. It sits on shelves or is tucked away in boxes – but it all has a story to tell!

The Wood Room

This is not a story as such but a sharing of memories and antiques that I hold dear to my heart. I have a room in our home we call the "wood room". It is a piece that was built on to the mobile home we live in and it has a wood stove in it, thus the name, the "wood room". We sit by the fire and watch TV many times in that room but there is much more to the room than just the wood stove. Its contents show a history of love and memories that gives me comfort when I look at them.

The first is the 100 year old piano that sits magnificently against the wall and yes, it still plays and with a little tuning sounds pretty good. It was given to me by a Chinese family who were moving away from St. John's. The gentleman was a good friend of my father and a minister with the Chinese Church. I was delighted with the gift! Ben, my son, wanted a piano to do his lessons as he had outgrown the keyboard we had. Ben still visits once in a while and when he does, he makes the piano come alive! Then if you look on top of my piano, you will find a Ukelin, which is played both with fingers and a bow, and a very old accordion, both of which my Grandfather Johnson bought during his journeys to the United States. He would travel there for work often in his younger years and bring home these treasures. The memory of him comes back every time I look at them. He was a wonderful

man - kind, quiet and always up for a little fun and laughter. He found the right woman, my grandmother, to share this with as she was always smiling or laughing along with him.

I must tell you of my favourite treasure of all - the trunk! My TV sits on an old trunk that my grandfather bought in New Jersey on one of his work trips in the late 1920's. This trunk sat at the end of the hall upstairs at my grandmother's home. I loved to visit them. You would walk in their house and they made you feel like a rock star! Everyone would come running holding out their arms. This trunk is especially meaningful to my dad. It doesn't always leave him with a warm memory but looking back now he chuckles when he sees it. My dad was not always the easy going, God fearing person many of you know today. He was, as the Newfoundland saying goes, "a hard ticket". Many times my poor grandmother would go looking for him to find out what he was up to – anything from skipping school, to jumping on broken ice or even bottling beer up in the woods! (Funny though he was never a drinker!) He was a stubborn soul and once when he was quite young and giving her a hard time, she threatened to put him in the trunk! She told my grandfather to open it up and she would put him in! She must have been on her last bit of patience that day because my grandmother was a kind, loving and generous spirit. Her sons would attest to that. She did not put him in the trunk (which I didn't think she would) that day. He promised to never be as stubborn again...somehow I think that was a challenge down through the years!

It's a funny thing, dad may have been a challenge to raise, but he ended up making her so proud being a teacher and minister! I guess she must have had a hand in that!

Here are pictures of my beautiful treasures and memories!



cozy woodstove



Accordion



Ukulin



Knabe Piano



The steamer trunk!



My wonderful Grandfather

Help with Registration for the COVID-19 Vaccine

Here's a note from Kathy McKay and Tanya Shalaby with a kind and thoughtful offer:

Tanya Shalaby and Kathy McKay are willing to help anyone with online registration for the vaccine. Many people in the congregation have computer access, but if you don't you may contact Kathy at 691-0836 or Tanya at 746-5416. Hope we all get our vaccines soon, so we can be together again.

Out and About...

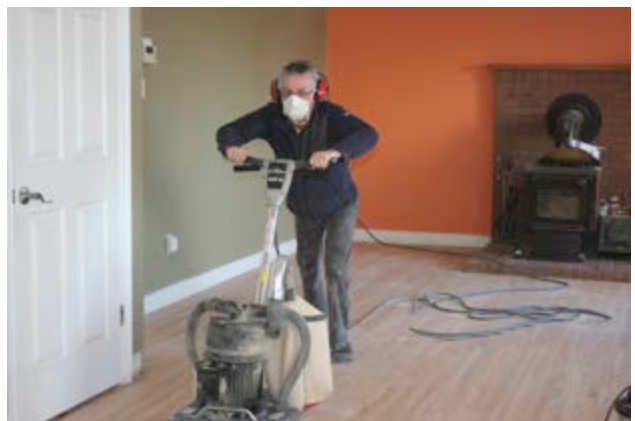
with Janet & Brian

Last week, Gerhard gave us a great heads up on how to get started growing tomatoes. I can't wait to get out in the garden again and start digging. While we wait for our Newfoundland "Spring", Brian and I have been busy with different past-times. We share some of them with you now through a few pictures!

Sanding and Refinishing Hardwood Floors



Sanding the Floors



Partner in Dust



Before...



After...

Growing Tomatoes in the Winter!



Aero Garden



Tomatoes Still on Plants



Tomatoes!

Walking through Bowring Park (South Brook Trail) and around Gull Pond



View from Bridge



Brian on Trail



Janet with Gull Pond in Background



Trail Around Gull Pond

We were delighted to meet Hazel and Robin Gamble walking around Gull Pond today! It was great to see them and have a little “distanced” chat!

An Archival Moment

Janet Aitken discovered this picture of the WA or WMS ladies taken at Rose Carmichael's summer house at Beachy Cove. We had a similar picture in the January 24th bulletin – but it's not the same! Janet and Jean Mallowney were able to identify some of the ladies. Can you identify the others? Let us know! Thanks Janet for the great picture!



WA or WMS at Beachy Cove

Front Row (left to right): Bessie Thomas, ?, Kathleen Frew

Middle Row (left to right): ?,?,?, Beatrice Chancey, Effie Barnes

Top Row (left to right): ?,?,?, Vi Pope, Gladys Calver, ?,?,?

(We believe some of the other ladies are: Rose Carmichael, Barbara Rose, Mrs. McIver, Ethel Thomas, Ethel Motty, Sue Hutchings, and Florrie Goudie. Can you match a name to a person? There are possibly 3 people unidentified. Any guesses?)

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: What happened next?

The answer is: Attitudes improved towards Mr. Saer who remained behind in the community as the missionary agent for Fortune Bay. J. B. Saer started a school for the children and soon the old men and women were “cheerfully taking the spelling book”.

This week the question is: Several churches took part in annual Week of Prayer in 1879 with congregations exchanging ministers. Queens Road took part, how?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: How did the current church come to be called St. David's?

The answer is: Thanks to Pam Bruce who found this in her notes: “John Jones died on March 1, 1800.” The committee looking for a name took one harking back to the first minister and we became St. David's Presbyterian Church.

This week the question is: Before this current weekly bulletin, we had a newsletter issued several times a year. What was it called?

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