



## **Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21, 2021" into Google. Copies of the hymns are included in the email sent out each Friday. The scripture readings for this Sunday are:

**Jeremiah 31:31-34, John 12:20-33**

**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. Monica is in the office each weekday from 9 am to 1 pm, if you need to drop off or pick up something.

**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 21 (International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination)** Holy God, Creator of all, we pray for courage to live lives of truth, reconciliation and healing, to face our complicity in perpetuating racism, and to work towards eliminating racial prejudice and injustice so that all your world can live in harmony.

**Monday, March 22 (World Water Day)** We give thanks to God for the gift of safe, clean water.

**Tuesday, March 23** We give thanks for people and projects that help provide access to safe water and sanitation for vulnerable communities in Canada and abroad.

**Wednesday, March 24** We pray for the treasurers of congregations who work hard all year to keep the financial books in order.

**Thursday, March 25** We pray for members of the Assembly Council Design Team and Assembly Office staff as they prepare in new ways for the 2021 General Assembly.

**Friday, March 26** We pray for the ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Cape Breton in N.S.

**Saturday, March 27** We pray for Jewish families and communities celebrating Passover.

## **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 are meeting virtually 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](http://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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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**

**You should have received your 2020 receipts by now. If your receipt has not arrived, please contact Monica and she will track it down for 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 and help by dropping them off at the church office.

In preparing for the upcoming Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM), I would like to offer my sincere thanks to our **outgoing accountant, Pauline Downer**. Pauline has been our accountant for many years and has been most helpful to myself and to Steve Andrews before me. The job of accountant is to prepare the Review Engagement Report, prepare our Financial Statements and help keep our accounting system (Sage 50 Premium) correct by supplying adjusting entries for any missed items or incorrectly applied entries. Again, my heartfelt thanks to Pauline.

I'd also like to introduce you to our new accountant **Teri Hofmann, CPA, CA of Clarified Professional Corporation**. Teri has been working on this year's report and our financial statements since early March. We will be voting on her acceptance in the ACM.

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

## **Advance Notice – Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM)**

The Board and Session are looking forward to being able to prepare and release an Annual Report and have an 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!

**Food for Thought**, a Bible study group for university-age / young adults, meets weekly via Zoom. Although we can't share a hot meal as we have enjoyed in the past, meeting by Zoom affords us a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with friends in Christ both far and near. New people are always welcome. Thanks to Andy Effiong for leading the discussion last week on happiness. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 20, at 8pm. Anyone interested in participating should contact Ernst Rollmann (ernstrollmann12 at [gmail.com](mailto:ernstrollmann12@gmail.com)) for the Zoom link. Ernst can also add you to the email list for instant updates.

**Rotary Club**, The Rotary Club of St. John's is contributing \$50,000.00 to Bridges to Hope this year to help renovation costs! Glen Barnes, one of the members of St. David's Presbyterian Church belongs to this Club.

## Bridges to Hope

There will be a contactless food drive on Sunday, March 21, 2021 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm at Cochrane Street Church, 81 Cochrane Street.



**SUNDAY  
MARCH 21ST  
1 - 3 PM**  
81 Cochrane Street

**FOOD  
DRIVE**

thank you for your donation

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**STOCK  
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Canned Milk  
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Cereal  
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Pasta  
Noodles  
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Fruit  
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Meat

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations**

Happy Birthday greetings to Elizabeth Thistle who will be celebrating her birthday on March 23<sup>rd</sup>! Elizabeth is currently spending the winter months with her daughter, Margo Noseworthy, in Corner Brook. Margo and her family will no doubt ensure Elizabeth enjoys a wonderful birthday – including cake and candles! Elizabeth is a long time member of St. David's Church and has been a great supporter of many of the activities and events over the years. Elizabeth was a member of our choir for many years and served on the Board of Managers in the 70's. She is still a very active and enthusiastic member of the WA, not to mention a faithful Sunday Coffee volunteer. Elizabeth (thanks to Margo!) gets to listen to our Church service on You Tube and as a former chorister, enjoys the hymns and the singing! Best wishes Elizabeth from your St. David's family.... we'll be thinking of you!

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Bouwina Fogwill who will be celebrating her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on March 24th with family and friends here in St. John's and far away! Bouwina holds a special place in our hearts and is a great friend to many here at St. David's. Bouwina's three children – Frank, Bill and Margaret - along with her grand-children and of course her sister, Kay Korpel, are a big part of her life as well. Bouwina is an enthusiastic bowler with Good Companions, the Treasurer for the AMS and our leader and mentor for the Prayer Shawl (Knitter's) Group. You are a wonderful inspiration! Your St. David's family sends you best wishes and much love – and may you have a wonderful birthday with many more 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 AMS



Our Piggies have arrived!

They are very cute but they do have a purpose!

Here's how the project works:

- Purchase one (or more) of these cute piggy banks for \$5.00 each
- Fill it with coins - all denominations will fit (even bills if folded)
- When full, remove the snout and contribute the contents to St. David's AMS, for which you will receive a charitable donation receipt
- Replace the snout .... and **REPEAT** the process .... As many times as you wish
- Piggies are available in assorted colours - Blue, Green, Pink, Purple, Red
- Purchase your Piggy(ies) **now** from the Church Office or any AMS member.

Join us in this fun activity while supporting Presbyterians Sharing and the mission endeavours of St. David's - local, national and international.



## **News From the PEWS**

### **Good to Hear From:**

#### **John Molgaard**

John Molgaard is doing really well. He has his driver's license back and he has been taking full advantage! This from John...

*So I have been driving around as needed - quite comfortably - a great difference from what I felt like after my accident and was admitted to the HSC. Elke and I are certainly looking forward to getting out of town. Our furthest pleasure outings - so far - have been to Bowring Park, particularly to walk along the snow covered path westwards from the central entrance along the deep river valley, which we have done a couple of times now. I have also walked several times from Churchill Park down to the Harbour Park and back for the exercise. The first time I did that I rushed back home to drive Elke down so that she could also enjoy that beautiful view of the harbour entrance and Signal Hill and Battery. That was actually my "maiden drive" with her on the new license!*

*John*

#### **Ed Vanderkloet**

Ed is also back on track and doing well. We are all delighted to hear this! He writes:

*All's well. The doctor said I could return to normal activities. My driver's license was reinstated today. I return to work on Monday. Things are looking up COVID-wise in the province. Spring is coming. Pretty amazing really. I can't think of any negative news.*

## **Bob Taylor**

We got this great note from Bob Taylor about the latest “Recent History” question about how St. David’s got its name. Check out the website he suggests.

*The weekly bulletin is thoroughly consumed here as it is, I'm sure, in many other homes. Upon reading the history item concerning the name of our church, my nearly octogenarian and seriously Covid under-stimulated brain drew a complete and utter blank. I'm also hampered by being the child of a mixed marriage. My Mother was Presbyterian and my Father Methodist/United Church! So at an early age I was moved from the Kirk to George Street UC. I spent my life in the UC until joining St. David's and consequently I'm not steeped in local Presbyterian history. So after reading the bulletin it was off to that font of all knowledge, Google, where I found this comprehensive and interesting page: <http://www.biographi.ca/en/> Thanks very much for providing a challenging answer to last week's question. I'm now more informed than I was before. With the thought that others might find it of interest, you may wish to consider publishing the above link some time.*

*Cheers,*

*Bob Taylor*

## **News from St. Matthew’s, Grand Falls-Windsor**

It’s always good to hear from Lynne Allan from St. Matthew’s in Grand Falls-Windsor and get an update on how their Church is coming along after the fire. Here is a little note from Lynne and some pictures.

*I’m glad you like the steeple pictures. When we put windows where the louvers had been we knew we had to do something because with the interior light turned on, all you could see was the inside of the steeple, which is not*

*particularly pretty. Bob Thompson, our Board of Managers chair, came across the faux stained glass idea in a church in Bishop's Falls and it turned out to be a good solution.*

*I am including a picture of the steeple as it was before the 2019 fire.*

*Thanks for your interest in St. Matthew's. Stay safe and hold fast!*



View of Old Steeple

Before:

This is what the church steeple looked like before the 2019 fire. The three smaller windows were louvered. There was no light in the steeple.



New Steeple #1



New Steeple #2



New Steeple #3

After:

The church steeple of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor looks different from before the 2019 fire. Faux stained glass lit from within has replaced the three smaller unlit louvered openings and has also been installed in the lower larger window. This should indicate to all that St. Matthew's is still in use under normal circumstances. We can't wait until the restoration work is finished and public health regulations and the status of COVID allow us to gather and return to being a vibrant congregation in Grand Falls-Windsor.

## Church Bowling League

Many of you may not know that St. David's was involved with the Church Bowling League for many years and that several of our members were keen players in that League. The League continues to this day and even though we do not have anyone from St. David's bowling in the present League, there is still a "St. David's Team"!

Now you might be asking, "How did this story come about anyway?" Well, I don't know if you have ever noticed a trophy sitting on a high ledge in the Church Hall. You will be forgiven if you haven't noticed it. It sits way above eye level – well above my eye level anyway. One day I came in the Hall and actually got a ladder so I could have a closer look at the trophy. I discovered that the St. David's Team was the 1966-67 Inter-Church League Section B Champs! Who knew!

I recognized some of the names on the trophy but two names stood out – D. Thistle and W. Peach. Once I saw those names, I knew I had to talk with Elizabeth and Edith. They were good enough to fill me in on a bit of the history of the team and the League and also made me aware of another member from the Church who played on the League – Joss Wood. Not long after learning all this, I was talking about the bowling trophy with our good friends and neighbours, Sharon and Scott Bennett, simply because I knew that Scott played bowling every Monday night and had done so for years. It turned out that Scott plays on the Church League – has done so for years - and that he knows all about the St. David's team, including Joss Wood, Dave Thistle and Bill Peach! Scott was really interested in seeing a picture of the trophy and he knew most of the players. Talk about coincidence!

Thanks to Joss and Scott, I have a wonderful history of the League and this week and next, we'll share some of this history with you. The next time you see Joss, ask him about the League and when you are in the Church Hall – soon we hope – see if you can find the bowling trophy.

The League was started in 1945-46 and celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> season in 2020. The League involves players from the United, Anglican, Salvation Army and Presbyterian churches in St. John's and Mount Pearl. There are 14 teams with St. Mary's, Gower Street and the Salvation Army each having 2 teams, "A" and "B". The other church teams are: Ascension, St. David's, St. Thomas, St. James, St. Paul's, Cathedral, Cowan Heights, and Good Samaritan.

The League's motto is "To Promote and Foster Sportsmanship and Good Fellowship Between the Churches".

The bowling games are played every Monday night from 6:45 pm – 8:30 pm at the Plaza Bowl. In non-COVID times, the regular season runs from mid-September to early April followed by a 4-week knock-out format round which generally runs until mid-May. Each year on the last Friday in May, the League has an annual dinner and dance with an awards presentation.

The League awards prizes for the top teams based on the total number of frames won each evening (from a total of three frames per evening) through the season. Prizes also include individual awards for highest triple and single frames plus awards for top averages with trophies for the winners in each group plus knock-out round winners are awarded prizes for team standing and individual high single and triple frames. An award is also presented for the most improved bowler for the season. The League uses a handicap scoring system that allows players both novice and advanced to compete fairly together.

The League has members who have been bowling for well over 50 years with some members bowling well into their nineties! The League has membership from all walks of life and everyone thoroughly enjoys the friendship and comradery every week.

Next week, I'll share some of the memorabilia from Joss, including one of the highlights from his bowling days!



Bowling Trophy 1966-1967



A Closer Look at the Names



The Inscription

## An Archival Moment

St. Patrick's Day was always a special occasion for our Good Companions Group. Before our members got down to the serious business of bowling and bridge, the WA treated them to a hot turkey dinner with all the "trimmings"! Here are a few pictures from the March 15, 2018 St. Paddy's Day - Good Companions dinner!



Bouwina, Jean and Pam



Michelle, David and Oliver



Back to Bowling

## Church Trivia Questions

### Way back when:

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

**The answer is:** It was the location of the Wednesday service when the Methodist minister Rev. Mr. Ladner preached. On Thursday George Street Church was filled with people standing in the aisles to hear Queen Road's Rev. Mr. Thomas Hall preach. At the Gower Street Church, some 1,000 people attended that service.

**This week the question is:** After the Great Fire of 1892, the Queen's Road Church was re-built. The basement was the first part completed. How big was that basement? People-wise!

### Recent History:

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

**The answer is:** That quarterly newsletter was called "The St. David's Connection".

**This week the question is:** One of our current members was treasurer of our church during the time of its move from Queen's Road to Elizabeth Ave. Who is this person?

**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](mailto: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](http://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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**Facebook page:** <http://www.facebook.com/stdavidsstjohns>

## 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
Andem Effiong		

**Treasurer:** Anne Calver

**Envelope Secretary:** Ian Bruneau