



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

John 2:13-22 and Exodus 20:1-17

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 7 (Third Sunday in Lent) We pray for the ministry of the Revs. Jon Wyminga and Shannon Bell in the Dakelh communities of the Cariboo region of B.C. as they bring hope in the face of much despair and many deaths in the past year.

Monday, March 8 (International Women's Day) We give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development projects that work to break barriers to gender equality and empower women to achieve economic independence and improve their well-being.

Tuesday, March 9 We pray for an end to violence and rights abuses of women and girls, and ask for the willingness to challenge systems that underpin gender inequality and to celebrate women's achievements.

Wednesday, March 10 We pray for the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) and the newly appointed officers of the General Assembly, including the Rev. Mwawi Chilongozi, the first woman to serve as General Secretary of the CCAP General Assembly.

Thursday, March 11 We pray for Cathy Reid, President of the Women's Missionary Society (WMS), as she meets with WMS groups and members online to study and pray.

Friday, March 12 We pray for Commander Bonnie Mason, Deputy Director of Chaplaincy Services in the Canadian Armed Forces, who offers spiritual and moral guidance to our military leaders.

Saturday, March 13 We pray for the Rev. Cheryl Gaver, Presbytery Ministry Animator for the Presbyteries of Ottawa and Seaway-Glengarry in Ont.

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 March 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.

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 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 belated birthday to Judy Woolridge who celebrated her birthday with family and friends, near and far, on March 4th! Many of us know Judy from the days when she was our Church Administrator. Judy has always been a great supporter of St. David's and has helped out with many events and gatherings over the years. Judy is still our representative on the General Protestant Cemetery Committee. Best wishes Judy from all your friends here at St. David's. We hope you enjoyed a wonderful day and may there be many more!

Happy Birthday greetings to Jean Mallowney who is having a birthday on March 12th. Jean will be celebrating her special day with husband, Bob, and her three sons (Robert Jr., James and David) and their families, and her brother Dave Carmichael and his wife, Pat. Jean has always played an active role in the life of St. David's. She is a member of the WA, the Prayer Shawl (Knitter's group) and an avid carpet bowler with our Good Companions Group. Best wishes Jean from your St. David's family! We hope you have a lovely day... we'll be thinking of you!

Happy birthday wishes go out to Ian Steneker who is celebrating his birthday on March 12th as well. Ian's proud grand-father is Hugh Cumming, former Board member and Session elder. Ian's mom and dad, Jane and Rob, are living back here in Newfoundland now. We wish Ian a wonderful day spent with family and friends, socially distanced of course! Cheers!

Birthday greetings go out to Katherine Hancock who will be celebrating her birthday with family and friends on March 9th. Katherine is the daughter of Roxanne and David Hancock and the grand-daughter of Evelyn and Nowell Melendy, not to mention the grand-niece of Marilyn Reardon and Mildred Greeley. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a very Happy Birthday Katherine... hope it's a great one!

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

I had several questions for Gerhard this week... all to do with tomatoes! My friend, Sharon, had a question about what is meant by “true leaves” and I wanted to get some pointers on growing tomatoes – the best conditions, soil and fertilizer requirements, etc. As usual, his answers were very helpful! Here’s what Gerhard had to say.

You are looking for answers to the following questions:

- 1. When should tomato seedlings be started?*
- 2. Transplanting tomato seedlings outdoors in NL*
- 3. The best varieties to grow in NL*
- 4. Soil and fertilizer preferences*
- 5. What are “true leaves” on a seedling?*

My experience with growing tomatoes from seed goes back to my early childhood years in Germany. When food was ever more strictly rationed during World War II, my mother used to grow tomatoes from seed. She started seedlings on a warm window in March--sometimes it was still snowing outside--in cans and containers with drainage holes at the bottom. This was about two months before the last frost. It took the seeds about one week to germinate in warm temperature (about 16 degrees C.) .

We watched the seeds open up with two small oval-shaped leaves (called seed leaves) appearing first. They were then followed by the first set of true leaves (so called because they are the first leaves capable of photosynthesis, which is the process that enables the plant to produce its own food).

These leaves are differently shaped, more or less serrated, and look like tomato leaves. See the photos below of seed leaves and new true leaves.



It was important to keep the tomato seedlings on a warm and sunny window, and water them regularly until they could be transplanted outdoors in late May or early June. At that time it is usually as warm in Germany as it is in Newfoundland in July. We never had trouble growing them outdoors in Germany and were always blessed with a rich harvest. When there was not much else to eat, I remember my mother processing and serving tomatoes in every conceivable way, including as jam, so that my brother and I got sick of them.

In Newfoundland, Tonya wanted me to grow tomatoes again. There was no need and no incentive to grow them from seed indoors because the local nurseries had a large selection of cheap seedling ready to plant in mid-June after the last frost. I remember planting my first seedlings on a warm weekend in early June 1968 in the backyard next to our house wall in St. John's. The following week the temperature dropped to near zero for a few days and my tomato plants never recovered from the setback they experienced. I realized quickly that I had to learn a few new things in order to harvest my own tomatoes.

First of all, outdoor planting is risky in NL. You cannot plant the seedlings in the garden before the end of June. In order to grow, they need a soil temperature of at least 16 degrees C. The plants usually take three months to produce ripe tomatoes. I tried several spots in my St. Joseph's garden (see the photo of Early Cascade taken in late September 2002) and found that outdoor planting may not be worth the trouble if you don't have a very sunny and warm spot that is sheltered from winds. Even then, I found growing tomatoes in a greenhouse where they have a chance to ripen until past October, or any greenhouse-like improvisation with old storm windows or clear heavy plastic sheets that keep the wind away, infinitely preferable. The only drawback of a greenhouse is its tendency to overheat when the sun shines and the soil dries out fast. You have to keep watering the roots if you want tomatoes. They are 94-95 per cent water!



Tonya Tending The Tomato Plants

Tomatoes require no particular soil. You can use any growing medium that is fibrous and facilitates drainage. In spring I always add a dressing of leaf compost and peat moss to my greenhouse tomato soil. For fertilizing I used to rely on a water soluble compound with a 15-15-30 ratio of nitrogen-phosphorus-potassium that was recommended by local nurseries for years. But I found that most other tomato fertilizers work just as well. After trying various tomato varieties for years, I have now settled for two that produce early and abundant crops of mid-size tomatoes—Early Cascade and Early Girl. Among cherry-size tomatoes I prefer Sweet 100 or Sweet Million. All can be grown outdoors as well.

I trust this answers your questions for now.

Cheers, Gerhard

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.

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, March 6, 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.

The Carmichael Family – Part III

The Carmichaels of Newfoundland

Last week, we started exploring the history of the Carmichael family here in Newfoundland and learned about James and Mary Ellen (Colton) and two of their children – Annie Rosa Carmichael and Molly Carmichael. This week we conclude the family history and learn about Florence and Thomas Colton Carmichael and see how they are related to Dave Carmichael and Jean Mallowney. (The Carmichaels of Newfoundland is taken from “The Carmichael Family – A Brief History” written by David Carmichael)

The Carmichael Family - Part III

Florence T. Carmichael, the youngest child, was born in Harbour Buffett in 1900. She was a stay-at-home type of person and became the home-maker for herself and her sister, Rose, following the death of their parents. She was an excellent cook and proficient in knitting and crocheting. She too was very active in the work of the Queen’s Road Church, particularly with the Ladies Aid Group. She died in 1955 at a relatively young age and is also buried in the Family Plot (in the General Protestant Cemetery on Waterford Bridge Road).

Thomas Colton Carmichael, the only son of James and Mary, was born in St. John’s on March 15, 1896. He too was educated at the Presbyterian College. He was very active in sports during his youth and was vice-captain of the St. Andrew’s Football Team. He was also a member of the Newfoundland Highlanders.

Thomas enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on September 2nd, 1914 and took part in all major engagement, including the Battle of Beaumont Hamel. He was promoted to Company Sergeant Major in 1918, returned to Newfoundland in July of that year, and was subsequently attached to the Depot in St. John's until he was demobilized on August 25th, 1919.

Thomas worked at a variety of jobs in the St. John's area for a number of years following his demobilization from the Regiment. He joined the Hudson's Bay Company (H.B.C.) in 1921. He served with the Company in the Eastern Arctic Region of Northern Canada and was subsequently awarded a medal for 15 years for Faithful Service in 1936. He returned to St. John's in the spring of that year and married Margaret F. Power. Thomas and his new bride took up residence at the H.B.C. Post in Wakeham Bay in the Ungava Region of Northern Quebec, where he was Post Manager. They later moved to Great Whale River in Hudson's Bay where he served in a similar capacity until his retirement from the Company in 1941 due to failing eyesight. Following his retirement, Tommy, as he was known to his associates, was subsequently awarded a Bar to his previous medal, for twenty years of service with the Hudson's Bay Company.

Thomas and Margaret returned to St. John's following his retirement from the H.B.C.. Thomas became an active member of both the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) and represented the concerns of the visually impaired residents of Newfoundland at numerous conferences across Canada. He continued his interest in sports by participating in five-pin bowling and was a member of the Newfoundland Team that won the National Championship for Blind Bowlers. He was also active with the War Amputees, the Canadian Legion and the Masonic Fraternity. Thomas and Margaret had two children, T.E. David and Jeanette Florence. Thomas died in 1965 and is buried in the Family Plot in St. John's.

T.E. David Carmichael was born on June 25th, 1937 in Wakeham Bay in the Ungava Region of Northern Quebec, where his father was serving with the H.B.C. Post. He married Patricia L. Parsons in 1962. They have four children – Jill (Rumbolt), Judith R. (Callahan), Janet L. (Cason), and Joy E.. David, a retired teacher and Patricia, reside in St. John's.

Jeanette F. (Jean) was born in St. John's on March 12th, 1943. She is married to Robert J. Mallowney. They have three children – Robert Jr., David and James. They also reside in St. John's.



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



David and Patsy, 2020



Bob and Jean, 2020

The Newfoundland Highlanders

After reading about Thomas Carmichael joining the “Presbyterian Highlanders”, I just had look that up. Here’s what I found out at Heritage Newfoundland (<https://www.heritage.nf.ca/first-world-war/articles/paramilitary-groups.php>the Rooms) along with a picture taken around 1910.

The Presbyterian Church established the Newfoundlander Highlanders at St. John's in 1907. Members wore red tunics and kilts to honour the group's Scottish connections.



Newfoundland Highlanders in Kilts, ca. 1910

Courtesy of the Rooms Provincial Archives Division (G-14-18), St. John's, NL.

An Archival Moment

Last week, I took notice of one of the pictures from Steve Bruneau. It showed an Evening Telegram photo of one of the sets that we use every time for Communion. The set is pewter and it is dated as 1880. Apparently, it was used in the Congregational Church in Twillingate and gifted back to St. David's when that Church closed. There is a beautiful inscription on the flagon as well. The next time we share Communion, come up and have a closer look at them!



Pewter Set



The Inscription reads

Presented

To The Cong. Church

Twillingate

By

The Sister Church

St. John's

MDCCCLXXX

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

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

The answer is: The first visit was NOT successful. They were “stoned by the inhabitants, refused shelter for the night and found it all but impossible to effect a landing”.

This week the question is: What happened next?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What is March 1 st ?

The answer is: March 1 st was St. David’s Day named after the patron saint of Wales.

This week the question is: How did the current church come to be called St. David’s?

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
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Penny Gillies	Steve Bruneau	Ian Bruneau
Aubrey Bonnell	Eleanor Bonnell	Jenny Griffioen
Jennifer Waterman	Ed Vanderkloet	Tanya Shalaby

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