



Sunday April 11th 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 April 11, 2021" into Google. Copies of the hymns and scripture readings are included in the email sent out each Friday. The scripture readings for this Sunday are:

John 20:19-31; Acts 4:32-35

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, April 11 We pray for all those who are suffering from illness or long-term health conditions. May Christ's healing be received and experienced.

Monday, April 12 We pray for those in the Order of Diaconal Ministries who serve the church in areas of Christian education, pastoral care and social ministry.

Tuesday, April 13 We pray for our Muslim neighbours as they fast and pray during the month of Ramadan.

Wednesday, April 14 We pray for the ministry of congregations and missions receiving grants this spring, that their programs and initiatives will share the love of Christ in their communities.

Thursday, April 15 We pray for the Continuing Education Grants Committee as they meet this month and consider applications from ministers seeking to enrich their ministry with further study.

Friday, April 16 We pray for the ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Central Alberta.

Saturday, April 17 We pray for farmers in Guatemala receiving support from Presbyterian World Service & Development to improve their harvests by protecting their soil and water resources.

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person Church Services Are Back

St. David's is again having in-person services. In Alert Level 2 we are able to have a worship service that will be both in-person and live-streamed at 11:00 AM on Sundays. Please keep in mind that under the latest restrictions, we are allowed a maximum of **50 people** in our sanctuary. On Easter Sunday we welcomed 31 people into the sanctuary. If you are happily able to participate with us virtually over Zoom or YouTube live, please consider doing so. For those members of St. David's who are unable to participate in virtual worship for one reason or another, we would like to invite you to attend in person when you are comfortable doing so.

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 April 11th you will see the screen and the note: live in "a number" of hours. After the fact, you can see the YouTube 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

Thank you to all who are continuing to donate to your church through your envelopes on Sunday mornings, 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.

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.

2021 Financial Review for the first quarter of the year

The Board and Session regularly get a financial report from me each month. After our last Board of Managers meeting on Thursday, April 1st I was asked to provide an update on our finances for everyone. This is partially due to the upcoming Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) and the budget that will be presented.

As in the last two years, our monthly rate (how much money we spend each month) has exceeded the donations and other income that we receive. Back in 2019, I tabled a \$24,600 deficit budget and between various cost savings, a \$15,000 grant from the St. Aiden's Fund and a special "Balance the Budget" campaign we were fine. In 2020, the budget was presented in September and looked vastly different than the one in the actual 2019

Annual Report. In that report, from page 32 *“the variance of over \$33,000 is contingent on getting a \$20,000 grant from the St. Aiden’s Fund. If there is no grant for us this year, the variance will be over \$53,000.”* By September, we had received a \$40,000 federal loan/grant and a \$30,000 grant from the St. Aiden’s Fund. Between those monies and with some reductions to our expenses, we got through 2020 with money left in our current account, but with loans that will require payment in the future.

In Q1 this year we took in:

January	\$10,132.79
February	\$11,083.54
March	\$10,257.81

We also received \$4,018.95 in the form of federal GST rebates and a small amount of rental income.

During Q1 we paid out:

January	\$29,031.90
February	\$12,590.47
March	\$19,779.31

The January figure included \$10,000 to pay off our RBC Line of Credit. The March figure included \$4,000 for a sinking fund for the eventual re-payment of the \$30,000 loan portion of the federal loan/grant. That loan must be paid by December 31, 2022.

Throughout the year our average monthly income is \$14,666. Our average monthly expenses throughout the year are \$20,020. As you can see there is sizable difference. Much more will be discussed in the Treasurer’s Report in the 2020 Annual Report and in the 2021 budget.

Advance Notice – Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM)

The Board and Session are looking forward to having the ACM in May. A definitive date has not yet been set. Again, depending on the situation regarding the pandemic, if we are still in Alert Level 2, we may be able to have some in-person attendance as well as virtual attendance. For those not able to attend either in-person or 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!

Preparing the Annual Report for the ACM

We had asked that the people who write reports for inclusion in the Annual Report have their reports in by April 7th. These reports normally include submissions from the Minister, Board, Session and other Church groups. If you would normally do a report for your group, even though you have not been able to get together, you can always report on how your year did go and what hopes you have for this year. Please get your submissions in to Monica by **April 13th** at the latest.

The AMS will be holding its meeting after the worship service next Sunday, April 18th in the Armour Room. All are welcome!

Bridges to Hope



Hurrah! Renovations are complete for the new Food Pantry at Bridges To Hope and volunteers will return in the week of April 20, 2021.

The Food Pantry may be new but the need for food is greater than ever!

Now that we're back to in-person worship services, please remember to bring along some non-perishable food items for the trolley each week so that we can continue our support of Bridges To Hope and their programs.

If you are not coming out to worship on Sunday, you can always drop off food items at the Church Office and they will be included with that week's food collection, normally delivered to "Bridges" on Thursdays.

Some basic items, listed below, are always in high demand. Household and personal care items, such as toilet tissue, cleaners, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, shampoo, soap, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, etc., are often requested, and distributed, if available.

As always too, cash or gift cards are helpful and greatly appreciated. These gifts allow Bridges To Hope to purchase perishable items required, such as, margarine, fresh fruit & vegetables, etc.

Basic food items:

Canned milk	Canned beans	Canned soup	Dry Pasta/Rice
Canned meat/fish	Canned pasta	Pasta sauce	Crackers
Cereal	Cookies/snacks	Canned vegetables	Kraft Dinner
Juice	Canned fruit	Tea/Coffee	Sugar

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Condolences

The sympathy of everyone here at St. David's goes out to Janet and Paul Aitken on the passing of Paul's mother, Laura Mary Aitken (Crocker), on Friday, April 2, 2021. Mrs. Aitken was in her 100th year. Funeral services were held on April 6th for family members only.

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Rebecca Hodder who will be celebrating her birthday on April 10th with family and friends, including her mom and dad, Daphne and Jeffrey Hodder and brother, Stephen. Best wishes Rebecca from everyone here at St. David's. We hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy Birthday wishes to Rachel Barnes who will be celebrating her big day on April 17th with family and friends, near and far. Rachel is the daughter of Derek and Patricia Barnes and the niece of Glenn and Martha Barnes. Rachel's grand-parents were long time members of St. David's – Mary and Ralph William (Bill) Barnes. We hope you have a wonderful birthday Rachel!

Birthday greetings go out to Jayden Foding who will be celebrating his 3rd birthday on April 13th. Jayden's mom and dad, Ann Marie Tohsam and Raoul Foding along with big sister, Ava, will make sure he has a very special day. Happy Birthday Jayden from your St. David's family! Enjoy your party!

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Madelyn Froude who will be celebrating her 12th birthday on April 11th! Madelyn has lots of family to help her celebrate her special day including, mom, Karen, brothers, Drayton and Jayce, not to mention her super proud grand-parents, Sue and Ken

Templeton. All your friends here at St. David's wish you a very Happy Birthday Madelyn! We hope you have a great day full of wonderful surprises and lots of fun!

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

Easter Visit

Penny Gillies stopped by Rukiya and Thomas's home for an Easter visit and dropped off a little something for the children – Wrinkles with a bone! Seems like the family is doing well – lots of smiles and laughter – and look at little Beli! She is certainly growing!



Easter Visit with Rukiya, Beli, Shemsadin and Solomon

Meet Rowan!

Last week, while I was waiting for Brian, who had a dentist appointment in the Avalon Mall, I ran into Mildred Greeley. We had a little chat – yes distanced and wearing masks! It was so good to see her and she was telling me a bit about her grand-daughter, Rowan Murphy. (In last week's bulletin, we sent birthday greetings to Rowan's mom, Andrea. Rowan comes from a family that has many connections to St. David's over the years: her great-grand-parents were Olive and Ralph Melendy, grand-parents, Mildred and Darrin Greeley, great-aunt, Marilyn Reardon and great-uncle, Nowell Melendy, just to name a few.) For someone so young, Rowan has had a lot to deal with. Ever since she was born (September 6, 2019) she's had to deal with hip dysplasia. She's a little fighter though and she is making great progress as you can see from these two pictures Mildred sent along. Rowan has a ways to go yet and Mildred says she could definitely use some prayers for her full recovery. We'll all say a special little prayer for her Mildred.



Rowan on and Easter Egg Hunt



Rowan Lydia

Prayer Shawl Group

The knitting group got together, in person, for the first time since February. It was a very special morning and we were all so thankful that we could even meet in the Armour Room. Needless to say, there was a lot of chatting, cups of tea and coffee and laughter – and of course knitting! Michelle, David and the children – and Ozzie – dropped by which made the morning even better! Oliver really likes taking pictures and I have included some of the ones he took - they are fabulous! If anyone is interested in joining our little group of enthusiastic knitters (and knitters-in-training) just come along. No knitting experience required and we always have spare needles, wool and patterns to get you going!



Monica and Ozzie



David and Orson



A Picture of Oliver, The Photographer

Oliver Took These Pictures



Bouwina



Lillian



Penny



Michelle, David and Orson, peeking around the chair

Plants are Growing

Last week, Anne mentioned that her friends, Jessica and Wendy, had planted some tomato plants. This week, they sent along a progress report in the form of a picture. Can you count 32 plants?



New Tomato Plants as of April 4, 2021

Archival Moment

A few weeks ago (March 7), we showed you the pewter Communion set that was used in the Congregational Church in Twillingate and dated 1880. Last week in the Trivia Section, we learned that Rev. G. Ward Siddall and his wife gave the Congregational Church a gift of a silver Communion set used for the first time on March 4, 1894. We still use that Communion set today for ceremonial purposes. Below is a picture of that set.



Gift from the Siddall Family

The inscription on the flagon reads: “ Presented to the Congregational Church, St. John’s, Newfoundland, by the Reverend and Mrs. G. Ward Siddall, as a Thank Offering as Preservation from the Great Fire, July 8th , 1892.”

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. 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:

Minister: Rev. David Sturtevant

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Church Office: (709) 722-2382

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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
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Treasurer: Anne Calver

Envelope Secretary: Ian Bruneau