



Sunday April 25th 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 25, 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 10:11-18, 1 John 3:16-24

Church Office Hours: Rev. Sturtevant is now back in the office Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm. He can also 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 25 (Mission Awareness Sunday) We remember in prayer and give thanks for all former and current mission staff who, in faith, accepted God's call to participate in God's mission in Canada and globally.

Monday, April 26 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Montreal in Que.

Tuesday, April 27 We pray for congregations that are concerned about finances, and that God will provide the resources they need to continue the ministry they are called to do.

Wednesday, April 28 We pray that congregations that are searching for a new minister will be filled with hope, wisdom and patience.

Thursday, April 29 We pray for the Forum for Intercultural Leadership and Learning as it works to build a society and churches that fully honour diversity and God's unequivocal welcome.

Friday, April 30 We pray for university students completing the academic year, that God brings them peace as they complete this part of their journey and move on to the next.

Saturday, May 1 We pray for those who are grieving the deaths of loved ones who they were not able to comfort and say goodbye to because of COVID-19 restrictions.

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 both an in-person and a live-streamed worship service that starts at 11:00 AM on Sundays. Under the latest restrictions, the maximum number of people who can gather for a Church service has increased, however, we must still maintain distancing rules within our sanctuary. 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. Those of you who join us virtually via Zoom, you now have two choices – join us in person or continue to follow us online, whatever you are comfortable with.

The Service for April 18th

We apologize for the technical problems with the service of April 18th. While it started out well, after a few seconds the recording was lost and you were directed to the service from April 11th. So sorry!

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 25th 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 Annual Report

The Board of Managers, Session, the minister, your treasurer, and others are completing their reports for the Annual Report. Monica is putting the report together. The question is how would you like to receive this report and the other reports that go along with it? Those other reports are the Review Engagement Report(s) and our Financial Statements. We normally print copies and this year we are going to send copies out to the congregation by email, the same way you receive this bulletin. Please let your elder, any member of the Board of Managers or Monica know if you want a printed copy.

Advance Notice – Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM)

The Board and Session are looking forward to having the ACM on **May 16th at 2 pm**. Depending on the situation regarding the pandemic, if we are still in Alert Level 2, we are 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. Thank you and stay tuned for more information!

Announcements

Balance and exercise with Miranda. Seated and standing online exercise class to help you stay independent and beautifully upright it's being offered through the Parkinson's Society of Newfoundland and Labrador. If you're interested in joining the class for free please contact parkinson@nf.aibn.com or Kathy McKay at 579-0721.

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 27, 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!

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Hans Rollmann who will be celebrating his birthday with family and friends on April 28th. Hans and the entire Rollmann family have been members of St. David's for many years now and they are always supportive of the different events and functions that take place here. Hans, along with his wife, Marcella and sons, Peter and Ernst continue to support our congregation with behind-the-scenes technical work, especially with our website and our sound system. And let's not forget about their contribution to the Board of Managers over the years. All your friends here at St. David's wish you a very Happy Birthday, Hans! We hope you have a wonderful day and may there be many more! Best wishes!

Happy Birthday to Laura Bruneau who will be celebrating her birthday on April 26th! Even though Laura is living in Ontario right now, we know her family - including mom and dad, Mary and Steve Bruneau, brother, David, aunts, uncles and cousins and proud grand-mother, Jean Bruneau – will be celebrating right along with her. Your St. David's family will be thinking of you Laura! Have a great day!

Happy Birthday to Jack Porter who will be celebrating his 13th birthday on May 1st! Jack will be celebrating his birthday with family and friends, including his mom and dad, Katie Berghuis and Daniel Porter and younger brother, Benjamin. (Jack is the great grand-son of the late Elisabeth and Peter Berghuis.) Best wishes, Jack from everyone here at St. David's and we hope you have a great day!

Happy Birthday to Gregory Hudson who has a birthday coming up on May 1st! Gregory will be celebrating his big day with family and friends, including his mom and dad, Michele and Geoffrey Hudson, brother, Matthew, and of course proud grand-parents, Sylvia and Dave Hudson. Best wishes, Gregory, from everyone here at St. David's. We hope you have a wonderful 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

AMS

The AMS (Atlantic Mission Society), met in the Armour Room after Church on Sunday, April 18th. Everyone was delighted and thankful to be able to meet together safely. Penny and Kathy provided some yummy refreshments and there was much chatter and laughter – so good! During the business part of the meeting, we also discussed some exciting future projects. Stay tuned!

WA

The WA (Women's Auxiliary) will be meeting for a Coffee Time on Tuesday, April 27th, 2021 at **10:00 A.M.** This will be an opportunity to touch base – it's definitely not a planning meeting!

Due to COVID-19, space is limited, so if you would like to join us, please give Lillian Crawford a call at 754-2362 or Email her at lilliancrawford4@gmail.com

Gardening with Gerhard

With the sun breaking through the fog, our attention has turned to the garden - again. This week, Gerhard has some advice for Anne's friends, Jessica and Wendy, who have 35 tomato plants growing. They want to know when and how to fertilize young plants. Here's his answer:

To answer your question: as a rule of thumb, fertilize as little as possible with highly diluted fertilizer, and preferably not from the top. Pour the fertilized water into the saucer for the soil to absorb from below. Overfertilizing usually does more damage than not fertilizing at all. Hope that helps.

Good luck!

Gerhard

Administrative Professionals Day – April 21st

Wednesday past, April 21st, was Administrative Professionals Day. We sometimes don't say thank-you enough to Monica for keeping us all on track and making sure that St. David's runs smoothly. It's no easy task but she does it **very** well! She always has a cherry greeting and smile that makes you feel better just for dropping by. St. David's is so fortunate to have you Monica! Thanks for everything you do for us!

Church Banner

Last week, we discovered the story behind the plaque dedicated to Fred Chancey. This week, we take a closer look at the beautiful banner that spans the chancel wall.

It's true to say that Angus had a love for wood-working. He was a true craftsman. The attention to detail and the symbolism he incorporated into St. David's new banner was amazing. Thanks to Angus, an inspiring symbol from the old Queen's Road Church lives on in our sanctuary.

According to Steve Bruneau, the banner was installed on April 4th and commemorated on Palm Sunday, April 5th, 2009.



Prior Installation



Installation Day



The Work Group



Angus and Jean



Dedication of Banner on April 5, 2009

The words below were part of the dedication service on April 5, 2009.

"... And the lyre or harp to the left refers to our praise, our lifting our musical praise to the Lord as David did, and the burning bush refers to our encounter with the Living God, which is also the symbol of the Presbyterian Church, burning but not consumed, or, not yet burnt out. We have this wonderful reminder now at the front of the church, to not only cherish our roots and our connection to our previous Sanctuary on Queen's Road. We also have an important reminder to give ourselves to the Lord, every time we look up and see the Scripture here in front of us. We can choose, when we see this, to give our music to the Lord, to give our words to the Lord, to give our thoughts and emotions to the Lord, to give ourselves, our loved ones, our neighbours, our extended families, our friends, our community, our city, our province, our nation to the Lord. We can see in these few words set in oak, a great motivation for a deeply spiritual journey. And as we do, let us give thanks for our all that we have."

Archival Moment

Thanks to Pam Bruce, we have another great picture to share with you. This time it's from 1975 and it shows the service and picnic at the Barnes Family Farm.



Picnic on Barnes Family Farm – 1975

We found Valera Parsons, Lal Parsons, Mr. Cahill, Gaye Laaning, Gert Crosbie, the den Otters and Margaret and Jim Armour. Can you find them? Who else can you identify?

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: On August 2, 1894, the day after the successful picnic. What happened?

The answer is: On August 2nd, the Queen's Road Church was decorated with bunting strung across the street for the ceremony of the laying of the new church's cornerstone. The Governor, Sir Terence O'Brien performed the honour after speeches from the minister and after receiving the trowel from Mr. L. T. Chancey.

This week the question is: On August 2, 1894, what was placed in that new cornerstone?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What was the "church hall" in the new Elizabeth Ave. church?

The answer is: The church hall was the room we now call the lobby including the minister's office, the church administrator's office. With larger gatherings, some dinners and musical events were also held in the sanctuary.

This week the question is: What happened on September 10, 1962?

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.

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

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