



Sunday May 2nd 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 May 2, 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 15:1-8; Acts 8:26-40

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, May 2 We pray for Eastern Orthodox Christians as they celebrate Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord.

Monday, May 3 We pray for the candidates for ministry and the guidance counsellors who will gather to engage in dialogue and reflection about vocation and discernment during the Guidance Conference this week.

Tuesday, May 4 (Asian Heritage Month) We give thanks for Asian cultures and people in Canada, and pray that their rich contributions to our history and our nation be honoured and remembered.

Wednesday, May 5 We pray for graduating theological students who are beginning the process of seeking a call to a congregation.

Thursday, May 6 We give thanks and pray for clerks of Session as they, with ministers and fellow elders, provide leadership and pastoral care in congregations.

Friday, May 7 We pray for the ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Western Han-Ca.

Saturday, May 8 We pray for the safety of LGBTQI2+ refugees seeking sanctuary in Canada, and give thanks for the congregations and sponsors supporting them.

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 start 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.

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 May 2nd 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!

Announcement

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be holding its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 4th at 10 am in the Armour Room!

Advance Notice – Food Drive for Bridges to Hope

Stay tuned for details about an upcoming Food Drive for Bridges to Hope, hosted by St. David's, taking place in June. There will be more details in next week's bulletin, but in the meantime, check out the grocery store flyers for any specials such as Cheese Whiz, crackers, little juice boxes, jam, tins of soup and toiletries.

Bridges to Hope

Hurrah! Renovations are complete for the new Food Pantry at Bridges To Hope and volunteers returned this past week.

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

A very Happy Birthday to our own Janet Aitken who will be celebrating with her family and friends on May 7th! Janet's mom and dad, Cyril and Effie Barnes, played a significant role in the history of our Congregation. Janet continues the tradition by being very active in our Church's life through the WA (Treasurer), the Prayer Shawl (Knitter's) Group, and Bridges to Hope (regular Muffin-Making assistant) just to name a few. Janet is a great supporter of all the events and activities that take place here at St. David's and always helps keep us organized and on track. We're sure that her husband, Paul, and her brother, Douglas (now living in England) and their families will make her birthday a special day. Happy Birthday Janet from your family here at St. David's! We wish you all the best!

Happy Birthday to Luke St. Croix who will be celebrating his 15th birthday on May 3rd! Luke will be celebrating with family and friends, including his mom and dad, Susan and Frank St. Croix, siblings, Samantha, Ashley and Matthew, aunts, uncles and cousins and of course, his proud grand-mother, Barbara Ellis. Happy Birthday Luke! Your St. David's family wish you a wonderful birthday! Enjoy!

Happy Birthday wishes go to Jeremy Hicks, who will be celebrating his birthday on May 8th! Jeremy will be celebrating with his mom and dad, Susan and Fraser Hicks, his brother, Gregory, and his grand-mother, Shirley Fraize – along with other family members and friends! Best wishes, Gregory, from everyone here at St. David's! Have a wonderful birthday!

Happy Birthday to Claire Goobie, who will be celebrating her birthday with family and friends on May 7th. Claire is the daughter of Olive and Charles Goobie. Best wishes, Claire from everyone here at St. David's! We hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy Anniversary to Scott and Kaena Bonnell who will be celebrating their 31st wedding anniversary on May 6th! Scott is the son of Eleanor and Aubrey Bonnell and grand-son of Minnie Bonnell, who just celebrated her birthday last week. Even though Scott and Kaena are living in the States now, we know your family and friends, near and far, will be thinking of you both on your special day. Best wishes, Scott and Kaena, from all your friends here at St. David's!

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

Barbara Ellis – Special Award

Barbara Ellis received a very special award last week – and well deserved! Barbara was chosen as the YMCA Volunteer of the Year! Barbara has volunteered at the Y for many years as a water fitness instructor. Even through these COVID-19 times (and when Alert Levels permit), Barbara has been there for her students. She rarely misses a class and always gets her students going with lots of enthusiasm and get-up-and-go. Apparently, her classes are very well attended and there is even a waiting list. That speaks for itself!

Congratulations Barbara from everyone here at St. David's! Well done indeed!



Volunteer of the Year

Muffin Making Day

This past Monday, April 26th, was Muffin Making Day here at St. David's. Monica and her willing and able "helpers" (Janet Aitken and Lillian Crawford) turned out 18 dozen muffins for the pantry at Bridges to Hope! Word has it that these freshly baked muffins are thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed by the Bridges to Hope clients. Here are some pictures from Monday morning.



Muffins Coming Out of the Oven



Kitchen Assistants

Janet Aitken and Lillian Crawford



Muffins Cooling



Monica Starts Counting!

WA Social

On Tuesday past, April 27th, some members of the WA got together in the Armour Room for a (“non-meeting”) social time! It was so lovely just to get together again, physically distanced of course, and share a tea/coffee, some yummy treats, and a chat and a laugh! We shared stories of our families, got caught up on the news, heard the latest on the amazing work being done at Bridges to Hope and yes, even talked about what we might be able to do (as a group) come the Fall. Janet Aitken and Lillian provided the goodies – and as usual, all was delicious! If Alert Levels hold, we look forward to getting together again in May. Here are a few pictures to share with you:



Barbara, Kay and Lillian



Lillian, Janet A. and Patsy



Eleanor, Penny and
Anne (in the Background)



Monica Joined Us for a Chat!

Out-and-About

Sunny days may be few and far between in a Newfoundland Spring, but when they come, we appreciate them all the more and are ready to take full advantage of a beautiful day. Last weekend, that's exactly what Jenny Griffioen, Penny and Stewart Gillies and Kathy and Don McKay did! They took 2 cars, parked one at Cape Spear and ferried everyone in the other car to Blackhead. Then they hiked along the East Coast Trail enjoying the scenery and fresh air! Here are some pictures – thank-you Penny! Not bad for the first hike of the season!



Jenny, Stewart, Don and Kathy



Breath-Taking Scenery on the East Coast Trail

Archival Moment

Thanks to Barbara Ellis, we have a wonderful picture from St. Matthew's Church in Grand Falls-Windsor. It appeared in the Presbyterian Connection – Spring 2019. It shows a picture of the Thistle Club with 2 of its founding members – Louise Baird (seated left) and Betty Baird-Cross (seated right). Both Louise and Betty had just recently celebrated their 85th birthdays! This picture was actually taken in January 2019 at the Club's meeting.



The Thistle Club of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor, N.L., is blessed to have two of the club's founding members on its roll where they have been since the club was formed in 1956. Louise Baird (seated left) and Betty Baird-Cross (seated right) both recently celebrated their 85th birthdays. Their fellow club members celebrated with them at the January meeting. Standing (from left) are Margaret Scott, Eleanor Scott, Christine Burden, Debbie Hynes, Jessie Penney, Heather Saunders and Gail Arnold. Missing from the photo are Sheila Baird, Donna Rice and Lynne Allan.

The Thistle Club – January 2019

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

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

The answer is: The documents and coins from the foundation stone of the Stone Chapel laid in 1851 were re-deposited in the cavity of the corner stone along with copies of the *Daily News, Telegram, Herald, Gazette, and Times*, coins of 1894 and an historical paper.

This week the question is: While we're at it, what historical paper did people think was placed in the corner stone?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What happened on September 10, 1962?

The answer is: On that day, the congregation called the Rev. J. S. S. Armour of Killam, Alberta to be their new minister.

This week the question is: Who had been the interim moderator over the spring and summer of 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:

Minister: Rev. David Sturtevant

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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