



## **Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> 2021**

This Sunday we meet for in-person worship and also record the service. The recording of the service will be available on Sunday and can be found on our YouTube channel by typing "St. David's Presbyterian Message for May 16, 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 17:6-19, Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

**Church Office Hours:** Rev. Sturtevant is in the office Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm. His cell phone is 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 16 (Ascension Sunday)** We give thanks for creative faith formation programs that congregations have developed to nurture people's faith.

**Monday, May 17** We pray for the Cariboo House Churches in B.C. and their pastor, the Rev. Mark Carter, as they reach out to those who live in remote areas of the Cariboo-Chilcotin.

**Tuesday, May 18** We thank God for opening eyes to racism against Indigenous people in Canada, and for moving hearts to turn knowledge into action.

**Wednesday, May 19** We pray for the Canadian Council of Churches and the unity of the whole church as its governing board meets over the next few days, and we give thanks for presbyteries who serve the Council in a variety of ways.

**Thursday, May 20** We pray for Winnipeg Inner City Missions (WICM) in Manitoba, and pray that healing hands provide health and well-being for the residents of WICM who struggle to make ends meet.

**Friday, May 21** We pray for people who have been hurt in the church. May they all find a spiritual home within the broad unity of the body of Christ.

**Saturday, May 22** We unite in prayer with KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, seeking change in Canada and around the world through advocacy, education and research programs in Indigenous rights, ecological justice, women of courage, and migrant justice.

## Message from the Minister

With all the sunny weather we've been having, Michelle and I took the kids to Bannerman park to let loose a little and get some of their energy out on the playground. It was a beautiful day, and there were plenty of other parents and kids out and about. It was so nice to get out of the house and "people watch"! With Oliver at a very energetic three-and-a-half, and Orson determined to do everything his brother does even though he is only two, it was also nice to see other parents also fighting the battles to teach the same things we do: listening, being gentle, and solving problems with words rather than hitting. How good it was to be out in the sun, surrounded by other people and the signs of spring!

I know that I, for one, am finding that this stretch of the pandemic is a tough slog. Vaccines are being distributed, but our case numbers keep rising, and a return to "normal" seems like a faraway dream rather than a reality I can plan my summer around. We are all worried about another lockdown and the impacts it will have on us.

But as I sat on a park bench with Orson in the sun, watching Oliver make friends with the ease of an outgoing child, it was hard to feel quite so grim. I'm reminded of the parable Jesus tells in Matthew 23, where he says: *"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."* Getting out to the park does not cure COVID. It was just a little thing. But in the kingdom of God, even the little things can make a big difference.

So I hope you get a chance over the coming days to breathe deep some fresh air, to feel the sun on your face, and to hear a stranger laughing. I hope that you will be blessed by little things, small moments of joy, because even the smallest things can have a big effect.



**Oliver and Orson having fun in the Park**

### **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 an in-person worship service. We also live-stream the service at 11:00 AM on Sundays. Please keep in mind that under the latest restrictions the maximum has increased. 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 can certainly continue to follow us that way or if you are comfortable joining us in person, please do 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 May 16<sup>th</sup> 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](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**

This week we are having the Annual Congregational Meeting at 2 pm Sunday. It will be both in-person and live streamed. Please take some time to review the Annual Report and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact any member of the Session, the Board of Managers or the treasurer.

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](mailto:stdavidsnfld@gmail.com) and this one is linked to our bank account and it will automatically accept all donations.**

### **2021 Annual Report and Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM)**

The Annual Report was sent out last week as an attachment to the ACM notice or hard copies were distributed by the elders. The ACM will be held **this Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm** in the sanctuary and will be live-streamed.

## Bridges to Hope

View of food in preparation

# DRIVE THROUGH FOOD DRIVE RAIN OR SHINE!

In support of  
**Bridges To Hope Food Aid Centre**

**Hosted by:** St. David's Presbyterian Church

**Where:** St. David's Parking Lot, 98 Elizabeth Avenue

**When:** Saturday, June 12, 2021 - 10 A. M. - 2 P. M.

**Some suggested items to contribute:**

Canned Milk, Canned Beans, Soup, Dry Pasta/Rice, Canned Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Canned Meat/Fish, Crackers, Cereal, Canned Vegetables, Kraft Dinner, Cookies/Snacks, Juice, Canned Fruit, Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Peanut Butter, Cheez Whiz, Jam, Pudding Snacks ... the list goes on!

\*\* Personal care items: Toilet tissue, tissues, shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene supplies, dishwashing detergent, laundry detergent, etc.

**Monetary donations and gift cards are also acceptable.**

**Call us at (709)722-2382 or email us at [stdavids@fld.com](mailto:stdavids@fld.com) for inquiries.**

# Bridges to Hope Newsletter, May, 2021



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## Special Thanks



April 18-24 was **National Volunteer Week**. At Bridges to Hope volunteers are essential to our daily operations: every day they are busy packing hampers, baking bread, preparing homemade soup, and serving on our Board of Directors. No matter what role they fill, they all work tirelessly to help feed our neighbours and we are so grateful for their dedication. To all of our volunteers, a sincere thank you!

## Renovations

On Wednesday April 21st we were presented with an incredible \$50,000 donation from Rotary Club of St. John's. This donation covers the cost of renovations to our facilities and will ultimately provide a more efficient design to our space. We are thrilled to receive this very generous donation and would like to thank Rotary Club of St. John's for their support!

Our new pantry officially opened on Tuesday April 20th and renovations to our storage space began the same day. When completed our storage capacity will greatly increase, allowing us to expand both the amount and variety of food we are able to offer.



## In the Kitchen



Offering homemade options in our pantry is crucial to our mission: we are committed to reducing the effects of poverty through access to fresh and essential food. Every month over 400 bowls of soup and 200 homemade meals are prepared in our kitchen. This month, Steve has been busy cooking up homemade chicken noodle soup, chilli, lasagna, and cod au gratin for our clients!



## Fundraising

We need your support! From June 1-30, we are participating in the Great Canadian Giving Challenge. This is a national public contest which benefits any registered Canadian charity. Every \$1 donated to Bridges to Hope in June automatically enters our organization to win an additional \$20,000. The grand prize draw is on Canada Day and with your help we could receive the grand prize.

So, what could we do with \$20,000? We could supply 4000 Smart Snack Kits to children in our community; provide 6000 healthy food hampers; or prepare over 25,000 bowls of soup! To support us in the Challenge, you can donate on our website during the month of June.

## Volunteer Spotlight



We are so excited to have our volunteers back in the pantry this month! For the month of May, we're highlighting Betty who has been volunteering at Bridges to Hope for over 20 years. Betty packs hampers on Thursdays, and has assisted with our Bag to School program as well as various fundraising events. When asked what she enjoys about volunteering with us, Betty said:

“One thing that stands out is the time we had planned a movie night for the children. Earlier that week I spoke to a client who told me the movie night was on her son's birthday. So that night we set up a few games and brought out a birthday cake for the boy and sang Happy Birthday. That was a good day.”



## Weekly Specials May 13 -19

### This week's Specials (May 13-19) - great items for Food Drive!

**Sobeys** - Sugar - 2 Kg - \$1.88

**Lawtons** - Graves Apple Juice - 1 Litre - \$0.88  
Heinz Beans or Pasta - \$0.99

**Dominion** - Heinz Beans or Pasta - \$0.99

**No Frills** - Carnation milk - \$1.00

## Announcements

### AMS Sunday, May23rd

**YES** We know it's May 24<sup>th</sup> weekend next week but the AMS will gather for some fun, food and fellowship after worship in the Armour Room. We would love to see you!!!!

### Teen Challenge

**"Teen Challenge Freedom Run" May 15<sup>th</sup> – June 26<sup>th</sup>**

The choice is yours! Register for a 5k, 10k or activity of your choice. Registration is free and easy, just first visit [www.tcnl.ca](http://www.tcnl.ca) and Click on Freedom Run to get yourself registered and try your hand at peer to peer fundraising in support of the Atlantic Hope Women's Centre

For more info visit [www.tcnl.ca](http://www.tcnl.ca) Freedom Run or email [tcnl@freedomrun.ca](mailto:tcnl@freedomrun.ca)

## **AMS**

*Kathy McKay has sent along an article about migrant workers in Canada. It is part of the "Mission Moments" series, from the Presbyterian Church of Canada. Mission Moments are short highlights of the mission and ministry that we are doing together in Canada and around the world through Presbyterian Sharing and Presbyterian World Service & Development. Thanks Kathy for sharing this with us.*

## **SOCIAL ACTION SPOTLIGHT**

### **Migrant Workers in Canada**

In Canada, migrant workers provide essential services by caring for elders and children, working in farming and food processing, and other, typically service-oriented positions. Many work very long hours for low wages. Some migrant workers find good employers and return every year, for many years. However, access to benefits, such as Employment Insurance, is patchy and the rights of migrant workers are not standardized from province to province. Enforcement of existing workplace regulations, such as safety protocols, is equally patchy. Pathways to citizenship have been extremely limited. The pandemic has made many migrant workers' situations even more precarious.

Scripture repeatedly calls for workers, including foreign workers, to be treated fairly. Jesus illustrates the Great Commandment to love God and your neighbour using the example of the compassionate actions of a foreigner (the Good Samaritan) toward a stranger in need that they meet on the street. Likewise, passages such as Deuteronomy 24:14 state, "You shall not oppress a hired worker who is poor and needy, whether he is one of your brothers or one of the sojourners who are in your land within your towns."

## **What can you do?**

Canada has not yet ratified the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

Encouraging our federal government to do so would be an important step towards protecting migrant workers. Additionally, you can support migrant justice advocacy groups like the Migrant Rights Network and join the “Status for All” movement by signing their petition for permanent residency, greater safety and stability for migrant workers and their families.

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations**

Happy Birthday to Dean King who will be turning 2 on May 19<sup>th</sup>! Dean will be celebrating his big day with his family and friends, near and far. Dean is the son of Sarah and Wesley King, and a cherished member of our St. David’s family. We wish you a wonderful day Dean – have 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

### Spring is in the Air!

Even with all the rain we had in April and the chilly wind we've felt the last few days, there are many signs of Spring, including outdoor fun with the family. Sarah Bassler sent along a little note highlighting just some of the activities their family has been up to and we're delighted to be able to share those pictures with you. We miss you all! Let's hope it won't be too long before we are all able to safely get together again! In the meantime, enjoy the pictures and Sarah's note!

*We miss church as well, especially coffee time. Here are some pictures of how we've been spending time within our bubble.*

*We had our first campfire of the year on May 7. The parents thought it was too cold and windy but you can't convince Alex it's not summer yet.*



*Alex at the First Campfire, May 7<sup>th</sup>*

*We went for a family bike ride on the Trailway from Bowring Park.*



*Family Bike Ride on the Trailway from Bowring Park*

*We did a Mother's Day hike from Torbay to Middle Cove Beach and then played on the beach.*



*Mother's Day Hike Ending at Middle Cove beach*

*Together with the Aubrey-Basslers we participated in a spring cleanup at Toronto St Park and along the Virginia River. There was so much garbage from people littering.*



*Cleanup of Part of the Virginia Trail*



*Garbage Busters in Action!*

*At home we have three budgie birds who keep us entertained, the Fruit Salad Trio: Kiwi, Banana and Neon. They are messy but make up for it in cuteness.*



*Kiwi, Banana and Neon*

*And we've got some camping planned for the spring and summer. In addition to visiting Terra Nova a few times, we are going to check out the Burin Peninsula.*

*Sarah*

## A Special Moment

Jennifer Waterman sent along some special pictures from her mom's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday which took place just last weekend. As you'll see from the pictures, Mrs. Waterman is totally surrounded by family and friends, including the Fleming clan, and the Culp family – and obviously surrounded by much love! Thanks Jennifer for sharing this special moment with us. It was so good to see everyone – we miss you all! And congratulations to your mom from all the folks here at St. David's!



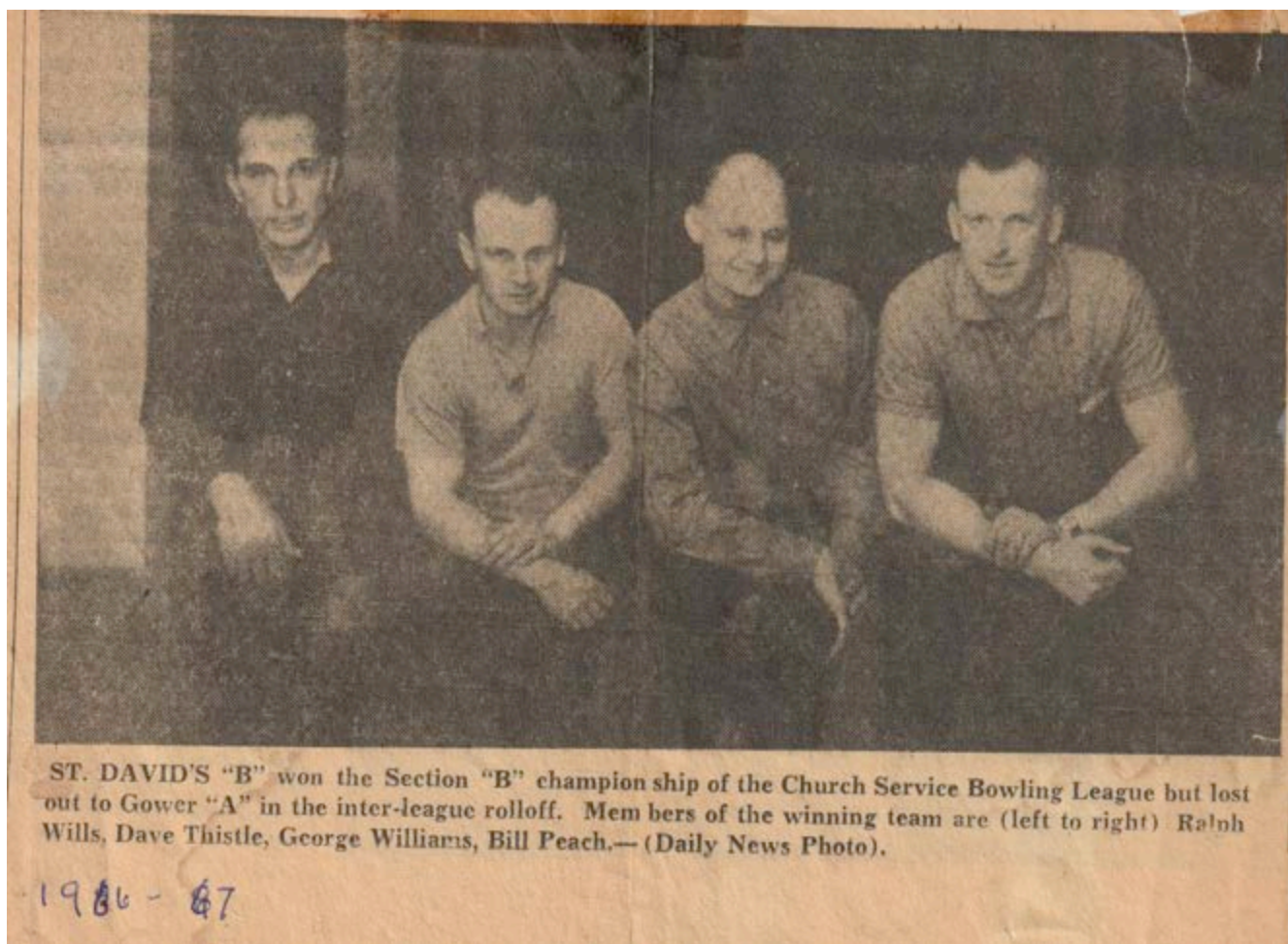
Jennifer's Mom's 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday



The Waterman Family with Friends

## Archival Moment

A few weeks ago, we talked about the St. David's Bowling League and some of the members from the congregation who played in that League. Here's a picture from 1966-1967 that Pam Bruce had tucked away in the archival records. (I've heard some great stories from Elizabeth Thistle and Edith Peach about their husbands' bowling days!)



Bowling Team Picture, 1966-1967



## **Church Trivia Questions**

### **Way back when:**

**Last week the question was:** G. W. Siddall put in his resignation to the Board of Management and felt free to say what he thought of regarding the House of Assembly. What did he say that caused a commotion?

**The answer is:** He referred to the member of the House of Assembly as “ragamuffins”.

**This week the question is:** What was happening in Newfoundland at that time? What fallout was there?

### **Recent History:**

**Last week the question was:** For a year or so, the two Presbyterian ministers in town had the same surname. Who were they?

**The answer is:** The Revs. David and Sandy (Alexander) Sutherland.

**This week the question is:** What happened on Oct 29, 1950?

**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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## 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