



## **Sunday May 23rd 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 23, 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 15:26-16:15, Acts 2:1-21**

**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 23 (Healing & Reconciliation Sunday)** We pray that hearts and minds will continue to be opened to the truth about the harm of colonisation and the Indian Residential School system. We pray that all Canadians will work for the healing and well-being of Indigenous people and their communities.

**Monday, May 24** During National AccessAbility Week, we pray for accessible church communities that are free of barriers.

**Tuesday, May 25** We pray for God, who called prophets and apostles, to raise up a new generation of pastors and teachers for the church of our day.

**Wednesday, May 26** We pray for the Rev. Joan Masterton of St. James Presbyterian Church in Stouffville, Ont., who serves as the convener of the Cutting Edge of Mission (Dr. E.H. Johnson) Committee.

**Thursday, May 27** We pray that students at the MIBE Graduate School for Nurses in Indore, India, feel supported and guided by a strong sense of God's direction as they pursue their studies to become compassionate healthcare leaders.

**Friday, May 28** We pray for seniors and their caregivers who are persevering in nursing homes and retirement residences as the pandemic continues.

**Saturday, May 29** We pray for Presbyterian camps and conference centres as they prepare programs for the summer. May God provide them with creativity, energy and resources to share faith and fun with children and youth this season.

## Message From The Minister



As we prepare to celebrate communion together this week, it makes me reflect on how strange it must feel for those of us who will be taking part virtually, from the comfortable imprisonment of their own homes. I know it's not ideal to be raiding your own fridge for bread and grape juice. Somehow, saving a piece of wonder bread from breakfast to have one bite during church just doesn't feel the same as the bread served at church. For my own part, having taken communion while watching other virtual services myself, I know there is always that lingering feeling of sacrilege, that I'd better turn my video off before someone realizes I don't really have the right elements, that they'll see the rest of the loaf still in its bag on my counter, or realize that what I'm drinking surely can't be sacramental if it comes out of a jug of juice I bought for my kids to drink a week ago. How can I be celebrating communion with elements that are so... common?

Of course, the reality is that this is what communion is all about. In eating and drinking together, we are remembering the God who takes ordinary things and makes them extraordinary, who uses the weak to lead the strong and the mighty to serve the meek. When I am preparing the communion for the sanctuary, the bread and juice come from the grocery store, and the leftover loaf and jug come home with me to be eaten by my family, or, as is often the case when you're feeding toddlers, to be played with until it only barely resembles bread anymore!

This week, as we take communion together, remember just how ordinary the bread and juice are. They are daily items, plain, unassuming, and always unworthy of the sacrament. But the Good News is that God uses the unworthy and blesses the inadequate, and in these days when we all feel less than our best, isn't that good to hear?

### **From the Board, Session and Treasurer**

#### **In-person Church Services**

St. David's is 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 is increased. For those members of St. David's unable to participate in virtual worship for one reason or another, we invite you to attend in person when you are comfortable doing so. Those of you who join us virtually via Zoom may 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 23<sup>rd</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**

On Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> we met in person and virtually for the Annual Congregational Meeting. Thanks to all who attended and to those who read the Annual Report and looked over the 2021 budget. The budget was approved and I am moving forward. **I world like to receive any comments, concerns, or ideas you have on how we proceed and what we can do.** Please contact me or any member of the Session or the Board of Managers.

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)**

There are a couple of outstanding items, namely the minutes from the 2020 ACM and the 2020 Review Engagement Report (RER). We found the minutes yesterday. Our auditor, along with many people in that profession, is extremely busy given the past year. The RER and minutes will be discussed at a very short meeting to be held after church some Sunday! Please keep a lookout for this upcoming activity.

## 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.**

## **This Week's Specials May 20-26**

This week's Specials (May 20-26) - **great items for Food Drive!**

**Colemans** - Clark Beans/Heinz Tomato Soup - \$0.67

**Lawtons** - Clover Leaf Tuna - \$0.99

Compliments Evaporated Milk - \$0.99

**Dominion** - Graves/Fairlee Apple/Orange Juice - \$0.99

**No Frills** - Heinz Beans or Pasta - \$0.75



## **Remembrances**

This week we remember two members of our Church family – Dave Thistle (b. May 25, 1930) and John Ellis (b. May 21, 1939). We celebrate their lives and all they did for St. David's, and we know that Elizabeth (Thistle) and Barbara (Ellis) and their families will cherish many wonderful memories.

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations**

Happy Anniversary to Roxanne and David Hancock who will be celebrating their 18<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 24<sup>th</sup>! Roxanne is the daughter of Evelyn and Nowell Melendy, (niece of Marilyn Reardon and Mildred Greeley). Congratulations to you both!

Happy Birthday to Leslie Stuckless who will be celebrating her birthday on May 28<sup>th</sup> with family and friends, including her daughter, Leslie, and mom, Lorna! Best wishes Leslie from all your friends here at St. David's! We hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy Birthday to Laura Barnes who will be celebrating her birthday on May 24<sup>th</sup>! Even though Laura is now living in Ontario, we know her family and friends, including her mom and dad, Martha and Glenn Barnes and brother, Nathan, will be celebrating right along with her. Best wishes Laura from your St. David's family and we hope you have a great day!

Happy 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Emma Ryan who will be celebrating her birthday on May 23<sup>rd</sup> with family and friends! Emma is the daughter of Aimee Reardon and grand-daughter of Marilyn Reardon (Melendy). Happy Birthday Emma from your St. David's family and we hope you have lots of fun and wonderful surprises!

Happy Birthday to Ava Foding who will be turning 6 years old on May 24<sup>th</sup>! Ava will be celebrating her big day with her mom and dad, Ann Marie Tohsam and Raoul Foding and younger brother, Jayden. Your St. David's family wishes you a wonderful birthday Ava. We hope you have a great day!

Happy Birthday to Kathryn Hudson who will be celebrating her birthday on May 26<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends, including her mom and dad, Sylvia and Dave Hudson! All your friends here at St. David's send along their best wishes for a wonderful day and for many more birthdays to come!

Happy Birthday wishes to Daniel Rumbolt who will be celebrating his birthday on May 23<sup>rd</sup>! Daniel will be celebrating with family and friends near and far, including his mom, Jill (St. Anthony), brother, Jeremy, and proud grand-parents, Patsy and Dave Carmichael. Best wishes Daniel from all the folks here at St. David's! We hope you enjoy your special day!

A very Happy Birthday to our own, Monica McNeill who will be celebrating her birthday on May 26<sup>th</sup>! Monica will be celebrating her big day with her family and friends – near and far - including her husband, Mike, her son, Ben, and her dad, Sam Johnson, along with her brothers, Marshall and Neville and their families. Needless to say Monica is very special to all of us at St. David's and we are so lucky to have her in our lives. Best wishes Monica from your St. David's family! We hope you have a wonderful birthday and may there be many more!

**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**

### **Grey “Power”**

*This week, Monica tells us the inspiring story of her dad, Sam Johnson, and how he became a “knight in shining armour” for the residents of his neighbourhood. It’s a great little story and we wanted to share it with you!*

### **Still Making a Difference!**

Here is an article about my father, Samuel Johnson, fighting for his neighbourhood mailbox. The whole box somehow got broken and the letter carrier could not deliver the mail to anyone using this particular box, my father included. So dad decided to call and request that someone come out to fix it. He mentioned it to the mail carrier and in turn that person told his supervisor. Meanwhile two weeks went by. Dad missed an appointment with the hospital as he did not get his notification and he missed the date for the Census Survey. He was getting somewhat frustrated, but my father has always been a peaceful man, trying to use peaceful means to overcome problems. This time he did something he has never done in all the years I have known him. He staged a protest! Don’t worry it was a peaceful protest! He dressed up in warm clothes and took a chair and sign and proceeded to call news outlets. Next thing I knew, I looked out my door and there was my father sitting in front of the mailbox along with my son, Benjamin, who thought his grandfather could use the support! He stayed there for quite a few hours and you guessed it, the Telegram and VOXM showed up! The supervisor saw dad on the VOXM news and the next morning the box was fixed.

As a family, we are proud of our father and grandfather. He still cares about what happens to those around him and is willing to put himself out there to make a difference no matter how small. I believe we can all learn from this! How can we make a difference? It doesn’t matter our age or status or how

small the difference we make. This act made a neighbourhood glad and that day many people came by and had a chat with dad – he was in his element!

Monica



Sam Johnson Picture

## Signs of Spring:

### Around St. David's...

When Pam and Penny arrived at the Church last Thursday morning to do some "tidying up" around the grounds, they found some definite signs of Spring! Have a look!



Flowers on the Pavement



More Spring Art on the Pavement



Labradorica Violets

*And many thanks to Pam and Penny for always making sure the Church grounds are kept neat and tidy and that all the trees, bushes and flowers look their best!*

### **And Bowring Park**

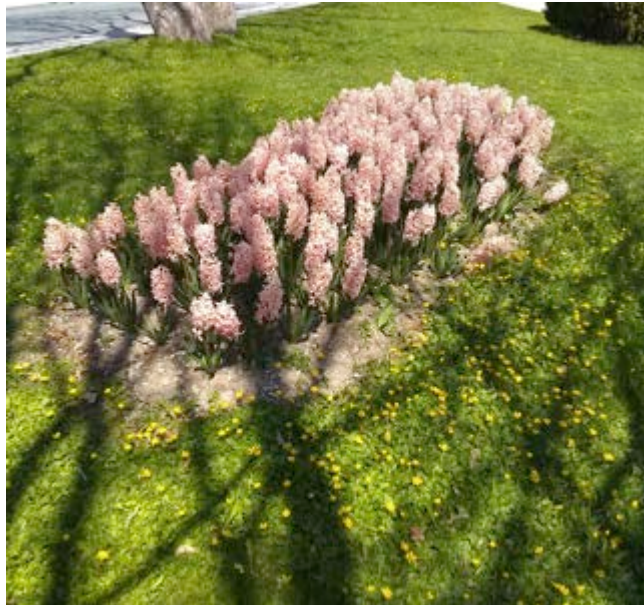
The other day, Brian and I took a walk through Bowring Park – one of our favourite places. It was just bursting with colour – so good for the soul! And Pam, we found this gorgeous Magnolia tree – that picture is just for you!



Entering the Park



Just Beyond the Main Entrance



Hyacinths Hiding in the Shade



Daffodils



And More Daffodils!



Magnolia Tree in Full Bloom



## Archival Moment

Thanks to Pam Bruce we have another picture from the archives. This picture is another in the series from the Church Picnic on the Barnes Family Farm (1975). That's Bert Penney (accordion), Harry Burton (organ) and Jim Armour at the podium. We don't know who is playing the guitar. Do you know? If so, let me know!



Picnic on the Barnes Family Farm – 1975

## **Church Trivia Questions**

### **Way back when:**

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

**The answer is:** The banks had collapsed in December 1895 and starting in January 1896 over 6,000 people were being fed by soup kitchens. The Evening Telegram took exception to Rev. Siddall calling the members of the House of Assembly “ragamuffins”. Before saying that from his pulpit he had already turned in his resignation to the Board of Management.

**This week the question is:** What happened next? Hint: you may hear the full story in a future bulletin.

### **Recent History:**

**Last week the question was:** What happened on Oct 29, 1950?

**The answer is:** That was the occasion of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the congregation. The Sunday morning service and Communion was officiated by Rev. Iver D. MacIver.

**This week the question is:** What happened on the evening of 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