



Sunday May 9th 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 9, 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 15:9-17; 1 John 5:1-6

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 9 (Christian Family Sunday) We pray for the health and well-being of families, and that the relationships within them are marked by peace, love, trust and care.

Monday, May 10 We pray for the members of the Ministry Committee of the Presbytery of Cape Breton in Nova Scotia. May they feel a strong sense of God's presence.

Tuesday, May 11 We pray for rural and remote congregations, and for those who serve them.

Wednesday, May 12 We pray for the students graduating from Knox College today, who are looking forward to ministries in congregational leadership, spiritual care and psychotherapy, and theological teaching.

Thursday, May 13 (Ascension Day) We give thanks to God for Christ who was "manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory" (1 Timothy 3:16 CSB).

Friday, May 14 We pray for the Rev. Maurice Davantin, Director of Formation Biblique et Théologique à Maurice, an ecumenical Theological Education by Extension program in Mauritius.

Saturday, May 15 We pray for people around the world who are striving to rise above poverty with educational opportunities and livelihood support through Presbyterian World Service & Development programs.

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 9th 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

This week, the Annual Report is being sent out in advance of the May 16th Annual Congregational Meeting. This report contains information from the church groups, along with the treasurer's report and the 2021 budget. Please take some time to review this report and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact any member of the Session, the Board of Managers or the treasurer. You may also attend the ACM. That meeting will take place May 16th at 2 pm in the sanctuary and will be live-streamed.

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 completed their reports for the Annual Report. Monica put the report together and sent out copies this week. Elders are also delivering paper copies for anyone not able to receive the report via email. Also included in this package are the Review Engagement Report(s) and our Financial Statements. 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 may have up to 50 people attend in-person as well as those who attend virtually. 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!

Bridges to Hope

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.

What to Bring: Non-perishable food items,
personal hygiene items, household cleaning
supplies, laundry supplies, baking supplies, etc.
Monetary donations and gift cards are also
acceptable.

Why: Bridges To Hope is the largest food bank in
St. John's! With the demand for food having
increased dramatically during the pandemic, they
need help to fill the shelves and respond to the
growing need!

**Call us at (709)722-2382 or email us
at stdavidsenfld.com for inquiries.**

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy Birthday to Jean Collins who will be celebrating her birthday on May 12th with family and friends, near and far! Heading up the festivities will be her husband, Clayton, and daughters, Janet, Jennifer and Jacqueline, along with their families. We know they will make it a very special day. Happy Birthday, Jean from your St. David's family and best wishes for a great day and a wonderful year to come!

Happy Birthday to Andrea Crosbie who will be celebrating her birthday on May 10th! Andrea's family and her many friends, including those at Kenny's Pond Retirement Home, will be celebrating with her and making sure she has a memorable birthday. All your friends here at St. David's wish you a wonderful day Andrea, and best wishes!

Happy Birthday wishes go to Jessie Crosbie who will be celebrating her birthday on May 14th! Jessie will be celebrating her big day with family and friends including her mom and dad, Ellen Dinn and Paul Crosbie, and sister, Emma, along with a very special aunt – Andrea! Your St. David's family wishes you a very Happy Birthday Jessie and best wishes for the coming year!

Happy Birthday to Benjamin den Otter Versteeg, who will be 16 on May 10th. Benjamin and his family – Lori-Kim, Andy and Marijke - are living in Ontario now, and we know they, along with his grand-mother, Dini den Otter and other family and friends will be celebrating his big day with him, regardless of distance. Everyone here at St. David's sends along birthday greetings Benjamin! We hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy Birthday to Julia Bassler who will be turning 13 years old on May 12th! Julia will be celebrating with her mom and dad, Sarah and Paul Bassler, brothers, Timothy and Alexander, aunts, uncles and cousins and of course proud grand-father, Gerhard Bassler. Your St. David's family wishes you a wonderful, full-filled birthday Julia!

Last week, we wished Scott and Kaena Bonnell a Happy Anniversary and we said that they would be celebrating 31 years of marriage on May 6th. Scott and Kaena are certainly working towards 31 years of marriage and more, but on May 6th, they celebrated their first 16 years together! Sorry for the mistake. Cheers to you both and to all the years ahead!

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

This week, the Prayer Shawl group met on Tuesday morning in the Armour Room. Always keeping distancing precautions in mind, we still managed to share a cup of tea/coffee and mid-morning goodies (thanks Lillian and Janet A.) and share some lively conversation. And yes, we did do some knitting! Bouwina is always there to offer support, advice and guidance and look after wool supplies. Thank-you Bouwina! Even though our group may be small, there is lots of enthusiasm as you can see from the pictures below.



Kay Knitting a Prayer Shawl



Janet – Hat Completed, Working on Matching Scarf



Lillian Knitting a Hat



Beth Displays the Mitts She Completed



Bouwina Displays a Pneumonia Vest



Jenny Enjoys the Morning



Just Some of the Knitted Goods



Many Talented Hands Made All This!



Monica Joins us for Tea

One last thing – we all agree that Bouwina has a flare for fashion – even her shoes are stunning! They certainly deserve a picture worth sharing!



Bouwina's Beautiful Shoes

Jane Green – Update

Some of you may have heard that Jane Green had an unfortunate accident back in the middle of March and broke her arm. As you can imagine, it's been a difficult, painful and frustrating time for Jane. We are so pleased to be able to report that she has her cast off now. Her wrist is still a bit swollen but she is faithfully doing her physio exercises to increase her flexibility and her strength. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Jane as you continue to re-gain the full use of your hand and arm – may it get stronger as each day goes by.

Long Forgotten Hymn

I had the pleasure of sharing a cup of tea with Barbara Ellis not too long ago and as usual, our conversation touched on many subjects – including birds. I was telling her how Brian and I had a woodpecker (a Flicker perhaps?) who had become quite attached to the top of the steel insert in our chimney. He seemed to be particularly happy to tap his little beak against the stainless steel at various hours of the day, especially around 5:30 AM! One thing led to another and then I was telling her that I remembered a hymn we used to sing called “God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall” – not that a sparrow is anything like a woodpecker, but it is a little feathered friend. I commented that I could not find the hymn in our current hymn book. Well, didn’t Barbara find it on the Internet the next day and send it along to me. Thank-you Barbara! Does anyone else remember this hymn?

God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall

Maria Straub, 1874

Solomon W. Straub

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo marking of quarter note = 112. It features a treble and bass clef. The lyrics are as follows:

♩ = 112

1. God sees the lit-tle spar-row fall, It meets His ten-der view; If
2. He paints the li-ly of the field, Per-fumes each lil-y bell; If
3. God made the lit-tle birds and flow'rs, And all things large and small; He'll

Refrain

God so loves the lit-tle birds, I know He loves me, too.
He so loves the lit-tle flow'rs, I know He loves me well. He loves me, too, He
not for-get his lit-tle ones, I know He loves them all.

loves me, too, I know He loves me, too; Be-cause He loves the lit-tle things, I

know He loves me, too.

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God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall

Archival Moment

Thanks to Pam Bruce, we have another great photo to share with you today. This picture was taken at the Church Picnic in 1994 at the North Bank Lodge, Pippy Park. Pam has identified Anna Kiefte, Patsy and Jill Carmichael and Jane Stenecker. Can you find them? Who else do you recognize?



Pippy Park, 1994 – North Bank Lodge

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

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

The answer is: The document was thought to be a copy of Mrs. Siddall's historic pamphlet which D. W. Prowse acknowledged. The Siddalls' historical interest had saved the church documents which had been at the Training School on Monkstown Road and not in the church safe.

This week the question is: 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?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: Who had been the interim moderator over the spring and summer of 1962?

The answer is: That was the Rev. W. M. Moncrieff of St. Aiden's. Aside: During 1961 and 1962, Eric Calver's family moved to Topsail Road and went to St. Aiden's where the minister had one blue and one green eye – very novel and memorable to a youngster!

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

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