



Sunday June 13th 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 June 13, 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:

Ezekiel 17:22-24, Mark 4:26-34

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, June 13 We pray for people elected to serve in government and that those with power will have wisdom and that those who are wise will have power.

Monday, June 14 We pray for those who work to provide food that strengthens our bodies so that we can love and serve God and one another.

Tuesday, June 15 We pray for vulnerable families affected by COVID-19 in Afghanistan who are receiving food assistance from Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Wednesday, June 16 We pray for the Moderator of the 2021 General Assembly as a new term of pastoral ministry and leadership begins.

Thursday, June 17 We pray for wisdom and discernment as the Rev. Patrick Thegu Mutahi begins his three-year term as Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) in Kenya.

Friday, June 18 We pray for musicians, singers and artists who add beauty and texture to our worship of God.

Saturday, June 19 We give thanks and pray for teachers who have had to adapt to teaching under new and difficult circumstances.

Message From the Minister



For those who don't know, our home is full of animals. The chief zookeeper is, without a doubt, Michelle. She is adored by our children, both cats, two bunnies, multiple fish tanks, one strange salamander-like creature called an axolotl, and of course, our dog Ozzy. When she leaves the house, Ozzy sits by the door and waits for her to come home. When she goes outside into the backyard, Ozzy must go too, and when she comes in, so does he. There are only a few things closer to his little heart than Michelle, and sadly, yesterday we had to take one of them away from him.

You see, Ozzy got a toy a while back, a stuffed moose designed for dogs to chew on, and chew on it, he did. In short order, that poor moose had the stuffing pulled out, his limbs torn off, and his fabric torn until eventually all that was left of him was a single, stuffing-less ear, a sad little one-inch flap of fabric that Ozzy still chewed enthusiastically. He would proudly bring it, practically dripping, to set it on your lap for you to throw. But finally yesterday, it went in the garbage for good, because strings were starting to come off of it and we were worried about one of them causing digestive issues.

Sometimes, we can hold onto things that no longer serve us. We can become so used to a habit or a routine that we don't pause to ask if it could really use a change. In the New Testament, the early church struggled with questions of what food was acceptable for them to eat; did they have to follow Jewish dietary laws, or could they consider something new? The Israelites who followed Moses out of Egypt were always complaining about how much they wanted to go back, even though they were oppressed as slaves. In John chapter 21, after the death of Jesus, Peter and the disciples go back to their boats and head out to start fishing again.

Sometimes, we want to hold onto things so badly that we fail to realize that God might have something better in store for us. We chew and we chew on that slimy old moose ear. But God's plans are not stagnant. God's call to us will always stretch us, challenge us, and bring us out of ourselves and into something new.

So may you be ready to rise to the challenge this week, to listen for God's voice speaking to you, to step out of your comfort zone and do something unfamiliar, to break an old habit, and listen for the Spirit teaching you a new lesson. For when we are willing to take a risk and follow God, we will not regret it.

And don't worry. Poor Ozzy won't be left destitute. We may have thrown out his old moose ear, but there's a whole new toy in the closet with his name on it.

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person Church Services

St. David's is having in-person services. We also live-stream the service at 11:00 AM on Sundays. Please keep in mind that under the Level 2 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, we welcome you back.

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 June 13th 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 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.

Bridges to Hope

This week's Specials (June 10-16) - great items for Food Drive!

Dominion - Graves Orange/Apple Juice - \$0.99

Lawtons - Clover Leaf Tuna - \$0.99

Maple Leaf Flakes of Meat - 4/\$5.00

Sobeys - Catelli Pasta or Garden Select Pasta Sauce - \$0.88



Food Drive sign – This Saturday 10 am to 2 pm

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Apologies to Marilyn Reardon. In last week's bulletin, I said that her birthday was on June 6th. I was a few days early. Marilyn's birthday is on June 11th! We hope you enjoy your birthday regardless of the day Marilyn, and we know your family and friends will be celebrating right along with you! Best wishes for a great birthday and a great year!

We missed a couple of birthdays as well but thanks to a "reliable source", we get to send belated Happy Birthday wishes to Steve Bruneau and Stewart Gillies! Both Steve and Stewart have their birthdays on June 12th!

Steve and Stewart are long-time members of St. David's and have always been there to help out with all our projects, events and occasions – often working behind the scenes to ensure everything runs smoothly. So a big thank-you for everything you do for us and from everyone here at St. David's, we hope you enjoyed your birthday and may there be many more to come! Best wishes!

Happy Birthday greetings to Bob Mallowney, who will be celebrating his birthday on June 13th, with family and friends, near and far! Joining in the festivities will be Bob's wife, Jean, and their three sons – Robert Jr, David and Jimmy – along with other family and friends. It's been a week of celebrations for Bob as he and Jean just had their 51st wedding anniversary on the 12th! Congratulations Bob from all your friends here at St. David's! Best wishes for the coming year!

Another special birthday is coming up on June 13th. Betty Chancey will be celebrating her special day on Sunday with family and friends here at home and far away. Betty currently lives in Cambridge Estates and even though

COVID-19 has prevented her from coming to Church, she still stays in touch with her WA and Good Companions “buddies” and looks forward to the time when she can attend the services in person. Betty will be celebrating her big day with her daughter, Cathy (currently living in British Columbia) and Paul and his family here in St. John’s, along with a host of good friends. Happy Birthday Betty from everyone here at St. David’s and we hope you have a wonderful day. (If you would like to phone Betty and wish her a Happy Birthday, she can be reached at 576-0096.)

Happy Birthday to Beli Hamid who will be celebrating her 2nd birthday on June 14th! Beli is the daughter of Rukiya Yusuf and Thomas Hamid and the younger sister of Shemsadin and Solomon. Much love Beli from your St. David’s family! We hope you have a wonderful birthday and we look forward to seeing you soon – in person!

Happy Birthday to Penny Gillies who will be celebrating her birthday on June 19th with family and friends, near and far, including husband, Stewart, and their daughters and their families. Penny is a much-loved elder here at St. David’s and is involved in many aspects of our Church life including the AMS, the Prayer Shawl Group, the WA, a volunteer with the Good Companions, and of course a co-captain of the Gardening Team! To top it off, she’s a good friend to all! Happy Birthday, Penny from everyone here at St. David’s and best wishes for a wonderful day!

Happy Birthday to Grace O’Grady who will be celebrating her 2nd birthday on June 13th! Grace will be celebrating her special day with her mom and dad, Heidi Wells and Sean O’Grady, big sister, Claire, and grand-parents, Debbie and Doyle Wells, not to mention other family and friends. Your St. David’s family wishes you a fun-filled birthday Grace! All our love!

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

Mouth-Watering Supper!

On June 9th and 10th St. Andrew's (the Kirk) held their annual Lobster Dinner (COVID-19 edition). Many people from St. David's are great supporters of this event and for a good reason – the dinner is delicious! By all accounts, the event was a great success. Congratulations to the many hands who made it so!

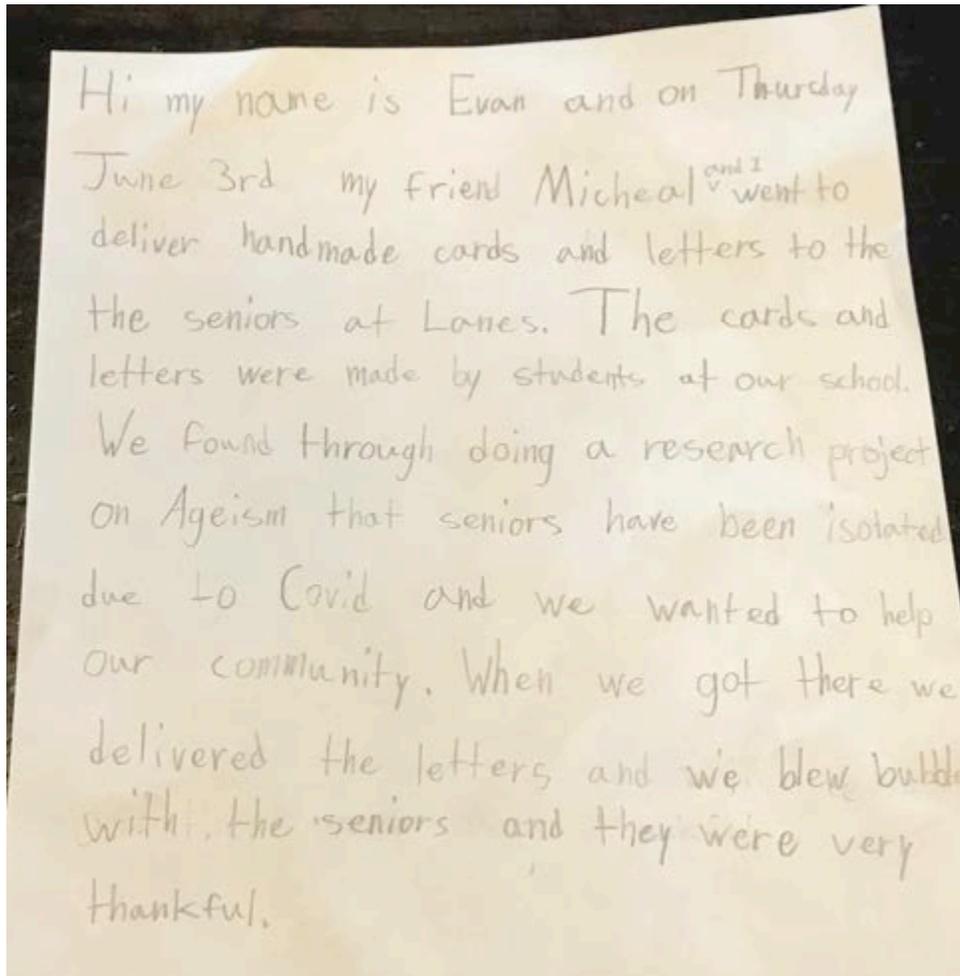
Kay Scott and Eric Cumby sent along a picture of their “dinner package”. Looks great!



Lobster Dinner From the Kirk

Special Moment

Last Friday as I was reading the paper, a story caught my eye. It was about 2 students from Lakecrest Independent School who had come up with a project as part of their year-end presentation on ageism. It was a beautiful story of caring and compassion and what made it even more meaningful was that one of the students involved was Evan Fleming, son of Jennifer Waterman and Derek Fleming. (The other student involved was Michael Macri.) I asked Evan if he would do a little article for our bulletin on their project and he was more than willing. Below you will see his story and the 2 pictures, taken by Joe Gibbons that appeared in the Telegram. Well done Evan and Michael! We are very proud of you both!



Evan's Letter About Their Project



van Fleming, a Grade 6 student at Lakecrest Independent School in St. John's, chats with Lanes Independent and Assisted Living resident Betty Anderson after she received a personal greeting card from him on Thursday. JOE GIBBONS • THE TELEGRAM

Evan Fleming and Betty Anderson



Grade 6 student Michael Macri talks with Lanes resident Philip Walsh, 83, after presenting him with a personal greeting card Thursday. JOE GIBBONS • THE TELEGRAM

Philip Walsh and Michael Macri >

Muffin Making Monday

This past Monday, June 7th, was the final Muffin Making Monday until September. This is just another small way that St. David's supports Bridges to Hope. Once a month, Monica coordinates a couple of "worker-bees" and together they produce close to 17 dozen muffins that are delivered to Bridges to Hope to aid in their School Program. It's always fun and Monica is a wonderful "boss"! This past week, Kay Scott and I were in the kitchen with Monica and we took a couple of pictures for you to see.



Muffins Ready For the Oven



Monica Our fearless leader!



Kay Takes Muffins From the Pans

A Park Bench

The other day, Brian and I were walking around Mundy Pond. Although we have walked around this Pond many times, on this day we decided to make a point of taking the time to stop and read the little memorial plaques that are on many of the benches scattered around the shoreline. Well, imagine my surprise and delight when we came across a bench which had been placed there in memory of Maxwell and Mary (Ivy) Rogers! Many of you in the congregation have fond memories of Ivy and Max who were faithful attendees of St. David's for many years. On a personal note, I have warm memories of my mom and Ivy getting together and enjoying "nurses' talk" and I can still picture both of them in their white uniforms and wearing their white caps!

When I got home, I immediately contacted Debbie (Debbie Wells is Max and Ivy's daughter). She sent a little note back:

Nice to hear from you and so glad that you noticed the park bench!! As a family, we wanted to remember Mom and Dad in a special way so we thought the park bench was appropriate. I walk around Mundy Pond quite often and always enjoy seeing the park bench and plaque. It always makes me smile too.

I asked her if it would be OK to share the picture of their bench with you. She was delighted to do so, so here it is and we hope you enjoy it.



Special Bench



Inscription for Ivy and Max Rogers

(Some of you may know that the Rogers's family tree spans four generations within our Church. Ivy and Max had a daughter, Debbie. Debbie and Doyle Wells had a daughter, Heidi and now Heidi and Sean O'Grady have two little girls, Claire and Grace!)

Archival Moment

This week, we have another picture from the induction service for Rev. David Sturtevant. Here, you will see Kathy McKay, Elder, and Moderator of the Presbytery of Newfoundland, along with Rev. Derek Krunys, and Rev. David Sturtevant. This part of the service was titled "The Declaration".



The Declaration

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: Where was the Labrador mission which ran from 1860 to 1886?

The answer is: Actually, it was in what is now Quebec. The mission was set up at Bonne Esperance which is on a small island at the mouth of the Esquimaux River.

This week the question is: How did this mission come to be associated with the Queen's Road Church?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What initial reception did Rev Goldsmith get on his arrival in St. John's?

The answer is: The day Rev. Goldsmith arrived he was picked up at the airport and driven downtown via Bonaventure Ave and Military Road where he saw a large church with signal flags running up its towers. He thought one thing - "What a novel way to celebrate the arrival of a new minister!" but out loud he asked - "What church is that?"

This week the question is: What was the answer to his question? And why was the church decorated?

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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Eleanor Bonnell

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Jennifer Waterman

Ed Vanderkloet

Tanya Shalaby

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