

Sunday June 20th 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 20, 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:

Job 38:1-11, Mark 4:35-41

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 20 On **National Indigenous Peoples Sunday**, we give thanks for Indigenous people of all ages and nations who build up Indigenous communities through art and literature, language preservation and instruction, law and governance, health care and education.

Monday, June 21 (National Indigenous Peoples Day) We give thanks for Indigenous leaders who nurture and strengthen their communities and the whole nation and pray for their well-being.

Tuesday, June 22 We pray for a spirit of global cooperation and generosity among the nations of the world as they face new challenges and respond to the enduring needs of people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wednesday, June 23 We give thanks for scientific research and discovery to confront disease and improve people's health through the development of vaccines.

Thursday, June 24 We give thanks for the work of Paul Clarke who is retiring from his role as Executive Director of Action Réfugiés Montréal this month. We pray that God will continue to bless him and the work of Action Réfugiés during this transition.

Friday, June 25 We pray for the generosity to respond to God's call to share what we have with those in need.

Saturday, June 26 We give thanks that women at the Gambaga Camp in Ghana are receiving skills training to improve their livelihoods with support from Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Message From the Minister



This week, a neighbour on our street was having their gravel driveway redone. There was a big dump truck full of gravel, a front-end loader to take the gravel and spread it on the driveway, and a steamroller to flatten it down afterwards. Needless to say, Oliver and Orson were both quite interested, so we went and stood on the sidewalk a little ways off to watch the event. The driver of the front end loader, when his bit was done, drove over and parked it next to us, and as he was climbing out, invited the boys to try sitting in the cab. A little later, Oliver said he thought it would be good to be "a 'struction worker" when he grew up.

Little gifts can mean a lot. It didn't really cost anything to let my boys sit in the cab of that loader, and in fact the brave construction worker left me to supervise as he got back to work (although I wouldn't be at all surprised if he'd taken the keys with him without my noticing). But even though it wasn't a pricey gift, it bought some big smiles. Too often, I forget about how meaningful little gifts can be. Most of the time, it doesn't take much to make someone's day. Telling someone they look sharp today, bringing a loved one a pretty wildflower you find on a walk, sending a 'thinking of you' note, there are so many ways to bring a smile to someone's face that don't cost anything at all. I hope both you and I will take a little time this week to give more little gifts, or do more little things to show we care. After all, just look at Orson's smile in that picture. Little gifts can mean a lot.

"And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward." (Matthew 10:42)

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 20th 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

The Food Pantry at Bridges To Hope is open and staffed by volunteers.

Donations for Bridges to Hope are always welcomed! At the Sunday worship services, a trolley will be available for your donations. If you are not able to make it 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. *As always, cash or gift cards are helpful and greatly appreciated.* These monetary gifts allow Bridges To Hope to purchase perishable items required, such as, margarine, fresh fruit & vegetables, etc.

Below is a list of some weekly specials that you may want to consider as a possible donation.

This week's Specials (June 17-23) - great items for Food Trolley!

Coleman's - Clark's Beans (227 ml. Pull Top) - \$0.67

Heinz Tomato Soup - \$0.67

Lawtons - Clover Leaf Tuna - \$0.99 Graves Apple Juice - \$0.99

Walmart - Colgate Toothpaste - \$0.88

No Frills - Maple Leaf Flakes of Meat - \$1.00 SOS Steel wool pads - \$1.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy Birthday wishes to David Carmichael who will be celebrating his big day on June 25th with family and friends, near and far. Dave is a long-time member of the Church and a retired elder and he and his family have always been ready to help out with all our fund-raisers, events and group activities. Helping him celebrate on the 25th will be his wife, Pat, and daughters, Jill, Judy, Janet and Joy and their families. Best wishes Dave from your St. David's family! We hope you have a wonderful day and many more birthdays to come!

Happy Birthday to Emily Hudson who will be celebrating her birthday on June 24th. Emily is the daughter of Tracey and Douglas Hudson and grand-daughter of Sylvia and Dave Hudson. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a very Happy Birthday, Emily and we hope you have a great day!

Happy Anniversary to Sarah and Wesley King who will be celebrating their 5th wedding anniversary on June 25th! Congratulations and best wishes to you both from all your friends here at St. David's and we wish you many years of happiness 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

Bridges to Hope Food Drive

On Saturday, June 12th, St. David's was proud to host a Food Drive-Through for Bridges to Hope. Bridges to Hope has a very special place in the hearts of many of our members here at St. David's and that feeling of wanting to help, of wanting to give, has spilled over to many of our friends. As well, over the years, many of the groups that use/rent our Hall have made substantial contributions to Bridges to Hope. So it was no surprise that on Saturday, there was a great turn-out of people willing to give up a few hours of their time to help out (Lillian Crawford, Eleanor and Aubrey Bonnell, Penny and Stewart Gillies, Janet Aitken, Becky and Leith Quinton, Kay Scott and Eric Cumby, Barbara Ellis, Brian Gamberg, Anne Calver), and many more who dropped off food supplies and monetary contributions. A special mention goes to the Elizabeth Towers' folks who, under the careful management of Kay Scott and Eric Cumby, donated many bags and boxes of food and personal care items.

It was wonderful to see, in person, so many from our congregation. And it was so good to simply share a cup of tea/coffee and have a chat about everything - families, pets, even aches-and-pains! It was great to see David join us with Oliver, Orson and Dean in tow. He and the boys walked over from his house and stayed for a while! And Derek Krunys and his wife, Yasmin, also dropped by with donations and a cherry smile.

There was the odd time when things were not too busy so some of the men took advantage of the fine weather and did some maintenance around the Church. Leith Quinton mowed the grass, including all that section on the west side of the Church; Stewart Gillies got his cordless hedge trimmer and went to work on the hedges and bushes; and Aubrey Bonnell and Brian Gamberg got the Christmas tree lights off the blue spruce tree and then trimmed some of the branches that were looking a bit scraggly. Wow!

A big thank you also to Steve Bruneau for making the "sandwich board" and to Quikprint (Paul Currie) for the signs which helped to attract passersby. The board will be of great use to advertise future events at the Church, such as Garage Sales, Plant Sales, etc.

All in all, it was a wonderful day. A lot of food and personal care items were collected along with monetary donations. Obviously, there is much joy in giving!

We have some pictures to share with you and we hope you feel the happiness!



Penny and Stewart Help Sort



Janet Aitkin Organizes the Crates



Brian and Aubrey With More Bags of Food



Becky Waves a Greeting



Anne Enjoying Her Cheesie Pre-Breakfast



Eleanor, Lillian and Penny



Becky and Eleanor Collect a Donation The Crates are Getting Full





Eric and Aubrey



Kay, Janet and Barbara Enjoy a Well-Deserved Rest



Stewart with Hedge Trimmer Talks With Tanya



Lots of Donations



A Sea of Food



Crates of Food



More Crates of Food



The End of a Great Day!

More Hiking on the East Coast Trail

Last Sunday, our group of intrepid hikers set off again for a hike along the East Coast Trail. This time, Kathy, Tanya, Christina and Sarah explored the hike from Doran's Lane. Check out the pictures from Tanya – they are very inspiring!



View Along Doran's Lane Hike



Beautiful View of the Water and Cliffs



Kathy, Christina and Sarah

Archival Moment

We continue this week again with a picture from the induction service for Rev. David Sturtevant. Here, you will see Lillian Crawford as Clerk of Session St. David's along with Rev. David Sturtevant and Rev. Derek Krunys. This part of the service was titled "The Minister as Moderator".



The Minister as Moderator

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

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

The answer is: The mission was started by the Canadian Congregational Missionary Society of Montreal in 1860 and was supported by the Ladies Missionary Society of Montreal. In 1883 with the arrival of a new missionary from London, Mr. George Rodgers, the mission was passed to the Congregational Home Missionary Society in St. John's with continued support from the Ladies Missionary Society in Montreal.

This week the question is: The missionary outreach from this church started very early in its history. When and where was that first mission?

Recent History:

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

The answer is: The church was the Roman Catholic Cathedral. It was being elevated to the status of a Minor Basilica, with the Papal Delegation arriving in St. John's the following day. It was dressed up for the occasion

This week the question is: Who bought the old Congregational Church on Queen's Road?

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 etransfer 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
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