



## **Sunday June 27<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 June 27, 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:

**Lamentations 3:22-33, Mark 5:21-43**

**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 27** We pray for those experiencing difficult health issues and give thanks for people who work to bring healing and comfort as well as agencies that offer support and care in our communities.

**Monday, June 28** We give thanks and pray for the Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking—the 2021 recipient of the Cutting Edge of Mission award—and their ministry of care for the vulnerable.

**Tuesday, June 29** We pray for those whose employment has been adversely affected by COVID-19.

**Wednesday, June 30** We give thanks for moments of delight and occasions of celebration; for happy gatherings, gentle solitude, pleasure given and received; for laughter, friendship and love.

**Thursday, July 1 (Canada Day)** We pray that Canada will be a just, equitable and welcoming country, and we pray for the members of parliament and public servants who form and keep laws.

**Friday, July 2** We pray that all people will experience social, political and economic equality.

**Saturday, July 3** We pray for God's infinite grace to help us know that we are one holy catholic and apostolic church, blessed with faith through the scriptures, sacraments and work of the Holy Spirit.

## Message from the Minister



Like the majority of Newfoundlanders, I've had the good fortune of receiving my first shot of the coronavirus vaccine. Michelle and I went with the boys to get our shots together at the Village Mall, and after parking the car, we all wandered through the mall trying to find where we were supposed to go. After a while, we found where the vaccine clinic was, but, unfortunately, at first we could only find the exit door, where people who had already had their shots were coming out. I couldn't help but take a picture of the ironic mall display that was around the door I so wanted to go through, but was forbidden: "The Door to Opportunity Opens Here!" And on the door, in smaller, less exciting and eye-catching font: "EXIT".

Sometimes it can feel like everyone else catches all the breaks. Everyone else's blessings look greater than ours. It's like we're watching other people walk out of the "door to opportunity", but can't go through it ourselves. Take, for example, the woman from our reading for this Sunday, who had

been suffering from some sort of bleeding condition for twelve years, and according to scripture "endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse." I can only imagine her frustration, watching her healthy neighbours come and go year after year. She had nothing left, but she went to Jesus, squeezed through the crowd to get to him, touched the hem of his robe... and was cured.

So may we not become so preoccupied with what other people have, and the opportunities we see opening up in other people's lives. May we not pine away at the window, watching others, and forget the opportunity for healing and wholeness that Jesus offers to us.

And like I said at the start, I did eventually find myself on the other side of that door and received the vaccine and the sore arm to prove it. But first, I had to stop watching that door, and even leave the mall, only to find the true entrance outside just a few feet away. The opportunity was there for me, too, I just had to look for a different door.

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

### **Baptism on Sunday**

On Sunday we will celebrate the sacrament of **Holy Baptism of Beli Hamid** with **Thomas Hamid and Rukyia Yusuf**. We welcome **Beli** to our church family!





## **Bridges to Hope**

The Food Drive is over but the need for help continues! Donations of non-perishable food and household items are always in demand. If you would like to help, the food trolley is available every Sunday for that purpose. Donations may also be dropped off at the Church Office during the week (9 AM to 1 PM), for delivery to "Bridges" each Thursday. Cash or gift cards are also helpful and greatly appreciated. These gifts allow Bridges To Hope to purchase perishable items required, such as margarine, fresh fruit & vegetables, etc.

If you are wondering what might be useful, we have included a list of some weekly "specials" as suggestions. Thank you for your support!

### This week's Specials (June 24-July 1 - great items for Food Trolley!

**Lawtons** - Compliments canned milk - \$0.99

Graves Apple Juice - \$0.99

**Walmart** - Heinz canned beans or pasta - \$0.97

**Sobeys** – Campbell's soup - \$0.99

Canned tomatoes - \$0.99

Green Giant canned vegetables - \$0.99

**No Frills** – No name pasta or Dainty rice - \$0.88

Sugar – 2/\$2.88

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## Condolences

The sympathy and prayers of the congregation go to the Bonnell family who said good-bye to the matriarch of the family, Minnie Bonnell. Minnie passed away on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at the age of 96. Minnie was a long-time member of St. David's and an important part of our congregational family for many years. Minnie and her late husband, Aubrey O. Bonnell Sr. (d. 1994), were involved in all aspects of Church life and were great supporters of all the events and functions held at and for the Church. Over the years, Minnie took an active role with many of the Ladies' Groups here at St. David's and in later years was an enthusiastic member of the Good Companions. Many of us remember Minnie as a great advocate for those with intellectual disabilities and a tireless worker for the betterment of their lives.

Although in poor health these last few years and not able to get out and about as she loved to do, Minnie, was well-loved and cherished by her family – Aubrey and Eleanor, David and Judy, Paul, and Chris and Carol and their children and grand-children.

We remember Minnie with much fondness. We will always cherish her memory and celebrate her life.



Minnie Bonnell



Below is the obituary for Minnie Bonnell:

*Passed peacefully away in the presence of her loving family on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at the age of 96 years.*

*Predeceased by her parents Allan & Clara Gillard; her husband Aubrey Bonnell (1994); as well as her two sisters Jean Skanes (Eric, deceased) and Sandra Clarke (David, deceased).*

*Leaving to mourn with precious memories are her sons Aubrey (Eleanor), David (Judy), Paul, and Chris (Carol); her grandchildren Steven (Denise Mullett), Scott (Kaena Clark), Catherine Bailey (Richard), Karen Snow (Karl), Beth Cook (Rickey), Timothy (Carly Slaney), and Joshua; her great-grandchildren Nathan, Evan, York, Aidan, Issak, Nanea, Sophie, Hudson, and Summer; her sister Edie Penney; as well as a large circle of other relatives, friends from St. David's Presbyterian Church, nieces, and nephews.*

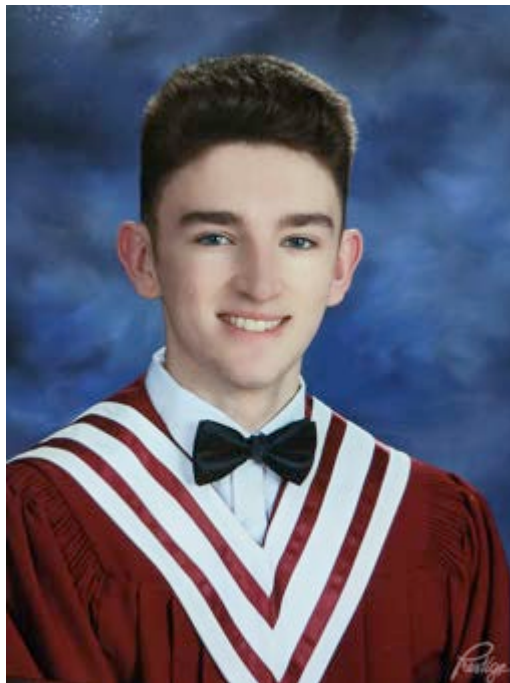
*Special thanks to the staff at Tiffany Village for their many years of care, and to Dr. Amanda Coleman.*

*Cremation has taken place. A visitation will take place at Carnell's Funeral Home, 329 Freshwater Rd., on Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2pm-4pm & 7pm-9pm. Following COVID-19 protocols, a funeral service will be held from the Carnell Memorial Chapel on Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11am with interment to follow at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.*

*Flowers are gratefully accepted – or a donation may be made in her memory to Newfoundland and Labrador Association for Community Living (<https://www.nlacl.ca/>) or to a charity of one's choice.*

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations**

Congratulations to Jack Kennedy who is graduating from Mobile Central High School on June 23<sup>rd</sup>! Congratulations from his mother and father, April (Cumming) and Tom Kennedy and his brothers, Alex and Cameron. Jack has been accepted into the Physical Education faculty at Memorial University beginning in September. We wish him all the best for his future!



Jack Kennedy

Happy Birthday to Violet Aylward who will be celebrating her birthday on June 28<sup>th</sup>! Violet is a long-time and much loved member of St. David's. Violet is a great supporter of our Church and through her participation in the WA has put in many long hours helping out with the many suppers, afternoon teas and dinners that have been held in our hall throughout the years. Violet will be celebrating her big day with family and friends, near and far. Best wishes Violet from everyone here at St. David's!

Birthday wishes go out to Aubrey Bonnell who will be celebrating his birthday on June 30<sup>th</sup>! Aubrey is an elder here at St. David's and a long-time member of our Church family. Aubrey is a great worker and supporter of our Church and always has a steady and reassuring presence in all Church-related discussions. Aubrey will be celebrating his birthday with family and friends near and far, including his wife, Eleanor, sons, Steve and Scott (both currently living in the United States) and their families, and brothers, Dave, Chris and Paul and their families. Happy Birthday, Aubrey from everyone here at St. David's and best wishes for the year ahead.

Happy Birthday to Don McKay, who will be celebrating his birthday on June 30<sup>th</sup>! Don is another long-time member of St. David's and has given his time and expertise to many initiatives within our Church. Don has held several different positions on the Board of Managers over the years and has been a regular voice in our Church choir. For many years, Don played a major role with the Christmas hampers and he is always there to lend a hand when needed. Don will be celebrating his birthday with family and friends, including his wife, Kathy, and children (all currently living away) – Kirsten, Cameron and Neil. Best wishes, Don for a wonderful birthday from all your friends here at St. David's!

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Jenny Griffioen who will be celebrating her birthday on July 2<sup>nd</sup> with family and friends near and far! Jenny has become a very important and much loved member of St. David's. Jenny is one of our newest elders on Session and has always been there to help out with her musical gifts – singing in the choir, playing the organ and/or piano (many times on short notice!) and even directing the choir. She has been a tremendous help with many of our major dinners, afternoon teas and special suppers and is always willing to lend a hand. Happy Birthday Jenny from your St. David's family and we all wish you a wonderful day!

Happy Anniversary wishes to Joy and Kevin MacDonald who will be celebrating their 16<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 2<sup>nd</sup> with family and friends, here and abroad. Joy is the daughter of Patsy and Dave Carmichael. Joy and Kevin are currently living in New Brunswick. Best wishes and congratulations to you both from everyone here at St. David's. We wish you many wonderful years to come!

**If you know of someone who is going to have a birthday or an anniversary or who is graduating (anywhere from kindergarten to university!) in the coming days or weeks, please call or email the church.**

## **News from the Pews**

### **Meet Cleo**

I got this note from Penny. Looks like she and Stewart are the proud "parents" of little Cleo! You have to love a dog that goes for rhubarb!

*I hope you are enjoying this wonderful weather a bit too hot to garden but perfect for puppy watching. Here is Cleo in our back garden getting used to our home and garden! She is 8 weeks old and is a Cape Shore water dog... a Labrador mix in other words with webbed feet! She is very interested in the hose and the rhubarb not of course her toys!!*



*Cleo Munching on Rhubarb*

## **Monica's Recollections of Pool's Cove and a Discovered "Treasure"**

*This week we have another wonderful story from Monica. Her stories are always a beautiful, relaxing read and we know you will enjoy it! Thanks Monica!*

As many of you are aware, I have a connection with the Queen's Road Congregational Church. A while back, I wrote about the history of the Pool's Cove Church and its connection with Queen's Road as a missionary church supported by the Queen's Road Church. Here is a little more on that topic.

Below are three pictures I found while going through the archives with Janet Calver and Pam Bruce last Thursday morning. Finding these pictures made my day!

I was going through a binder with past Ministers of the church when I came upon a picture of Rev. Hugh J. A. MacDermott. I thought to myself, I have read and heard a lot about him! I read his book and heard many things through my father of how much he was loved and respected in Pool's Cove. I turned another page and much to my surprise and delight was a picture of Pool's Cove in its former glory nestled around the bay. The main wharf was there – a wharf that I recall steaming up to on the ferry. I can still remember the excitement I felt seeing my mother's hometown! When I was a child, the only way to travel to the South Coast was by ferry. This picture brought a lot of pleasant memories. I remember thinking how wonderful it was not to have to travel by car or need a car to get from one end of town to another!

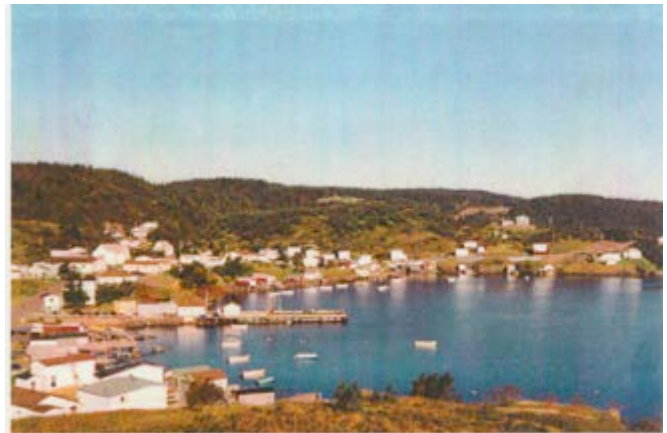
The next picture I came across was of a modern Pool's Cove. The main wharf is now upgraded to a Government Wharf and the town is also accessible by a highway now. But its beauty has not changed. The proud residents have taken good care of this beauty of a little town! I haven't been back since my grandfather passed away and we said goodbye to him at the church that was started by the Congregational Church, but I still remember its beauty and warmth!

Last but not least, the third picture! This one made my heart leap! It's a picture of the church in later years. It's now called the MacDermott United Church of Canada but it remains much the same as when it was built. I remember stories of dad preaching there as a young man and of a young woman watching him, my mother. But that's not what made my heart leap. I looked to the left on the picture and there hung a crocheted piece of handiwork that my mother did in memory of her mother and father. I was just a teenager at the time she completed this gift. I wasn't expecting to see it in this picture as it was donated years later. What joy it brought when I saw my mother's artistic handiwork in that binder. I will never forget the many months it took her to complete it. It was crocheted with fine cotton and it was fairly large as you can see. It's not clear on this picture but it is a depiction of the Lord's Supper with his disciples. I never realized just how talented my mother was at everything she attempted to do. It was a wonderful memory and I found it here at St. David's!

Pool's Cove 1955



Pool's Cove today



MacDermott United Church





## Archival Moment

Thanks to Kay Scott, I have some pictures from previous Good Companion “occasions”. These pictures will be going into our archives once scanned and documented but there is one I wanted to share with you this week. It’s a beautiful picture of 3 friends – Thelma Atkinson, Harriet Byars and Minnie Bonnell who were attending the 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Mr. And Mrs. Hunter in 1996. (The celebration took place in the Church Hall.)



Minnie Bonnell and Friends!

## **Church Trivia Questions**

### **Way back when:**

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

**The answer is:** The early missionary outreaches were at Portugal Cove, Torbay, Petty Harbour and Quidi Vidi. These started before 1800 and John Jones regularly held services at Quidi Vidi.

**This week the question is:** This missionary outreach had another preacher, a member of the small congregation in St. John's. Who was this and what happened as a result?

### **Recent History:**

**Last week the question was:** Who bought the old Congregational Church on Queen's Road?

**The answer is:** The church was bought by the Seventh Day Adventist congregation in 1957.

**This week the question is:** Why was this a really good thing for St. David's?

**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