



## **Sunday June 6<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 6, 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:

Mark 3:20-35, Genesis 3:8-15

**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 6 (General Assembly Sunday)** We pray for the Moderator, commissioners and young adult and student representatives who gather online this week to discern the continuing ministry Christ does through the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

**Monday, June 7** We pray that all those participating in the General Assembly feel a strong sense of God's presence, and that the Holy Spirit blesses the Assembly with the gifts of wisdom and love in their discernment.

**Tuesday, June 8** We give thanks for the members of committees of the General Assembly, and for their involvement in the ministry and mission of the church.

**Wednesday, June 9** We pray that the commissioners of the General Assembly and its Moderator are blessed with the gifts of faith, justice, hope and love of God in their discernment.

**Thursday, June 10** We give thanks for the volunteers and staff who assisted with the online General Assembly, and for their commitment to support all commissioners and participants.

**Friday, June 11** We give thanks for the faithfulness of congregations as they participate in the mission of the church with prayers and financial gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.

**Saturday, June 12** We pray for congregations in rural locations that will welcome summer ministry students. May this summer be a time of blessing, growth and learning for the ministries and the students.

## Message From the Minister



By now, many of us have heard the disturbing news out of British Columbia. The unmarked graves of 215 children have been discovered in Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation at the site of a former residential school. It is a sobering reminder of just how awful the residential school system was that so many children could die and simply 'fall through the cracks', nearly forgotten forever by the system that pretended to take them in, without ever providing their families with even the closure of a funeral.

This week, I took some time with Michelle and the boys to go down to visit First Light Friendship Centre, an Indigenous not-for-profit organization down on Water Street, right across from Blackhead road. In front of their building this week, they have built a large canvas tent, with 215 hand-tied orange ribbons on it, each one symbolizing one of the children whose grave has been found. When we went, there was tea and coffee, snacks and sandwiches, for those gathered around. We ate quietly as we sat in a circle. A few members of the community brought out traditional drums and played and sang. Even though we are clearly white as can be, our family was welcomed warmly, and made to feel at home. As I was explaining to Oliver some sense of the meaning of why we were there ("We are remembering children who were taken away from their families, so that we don't let it

happen again”), the Montessori day care right next door let their kids out to play in the yard.

Standing next to the beribboned tent, it was hard not to see the sad parallel between this community of aboriginal adults sitting in a circle remembering their community’s children and the small children of our community playing and laughing next door. The parents of those children had nothing to fear, dropping their kids off that morning to be cared for and taught by strangers. The Montessori method means that particular day care would focus on the dignity of their children, allowing them to explore and learn and follow their own interests. How different from the experience of the children the ribbons represented.

We can always choose to blind ourselves to injustice. Ignorance isn’t hard to cultivate. But this week, I hope we will all remember the ongoing struggles of Indigenous people in our country: the social dysfunction caused by a generation of children growing up in residential schools, the lack of clean water, the stereotyping, and more.

I am glad to see the recognition that is being given to the discovery of these bodies. As a father, I am horrified by the recent reality of our government taking children from their families and forgetting about them. As a minister, I am horrified by the legacy of churches, including the PCC, in the running of these institutions. But it will take more than just feeling bad to accomplish anything, and perhaps the first step this week was to go, and sit, and listen with my children to the voices of our kind and welcoming indigenous neighbours as they sang their mourning songs.

May we fight for the same justice that Christ loved, a justice where the needy are cared for, the outcast belong, and the abused are given dignity. This is the way of God. May we have the eyes to see it and the courage to follow 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 6<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.**



## Bridges To Hope

# REMINDER!!! DRIVE THROUGH FOOD DRIVE RAIN OR SHINE!

In support of  
**Bridges To Hope Food Aid Centre- The  
Largest Food Bank in St. John's**

**Hosted by:** St. David's Presbyterian Church 98  
Elizabeth Avenue

**When:** Saturday, June 12, 2021 - 10 A. M. - 2 P. M.

### **Wondering What to Bring?**

Here are some suggestions:

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@nfld.com](mailto:stdavids@nfld.com) for inquiries.**

## Weekly Specials June 2 – 9

This week's Specials (June 3 - 9) –

**great items for Food Drive!**

**Colemans** - Kraft Dinner - \$0.99

Garden Patch Green Peas/Corn Kernels - \$0.99

**Lawtons** - Heinz Beans or Pasta - \$0.99

**Walmart** - Sugar - 2 Kg. - \$1.47

### **Condolences**

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to Marcella Rollmann and her family on the passing of her sister, Marty, who passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on Sunday, May 30, 2021 at the age of 83. Marty and her husband, Mac Lynn, lived in Nashville.

Marcella was saying that Marty and her other sister, Alice, along with their husbands, actually visited St. David's back in 2011. Although I did not get to meet them back then, many of you probably did. In speaking with Marcella, it would seem that Marty was an extraordinary woman of great faith and courage who will always hold a special place in the hearts of all who knew her.

St. David's shares your grief Marcella. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Hans and your family.



## **Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations**

Happy Birthday to Ian Bruneau who will be celebrating his birthday on June 9<sup>th</sup> with family and friends near and far. Ian's family – wife, Jill, and children, Alexander, Samantha and Timothy, along with brother, Stephen, and his family and of course, his mom, Jean Bruneau – will ensure a special day is in store. Ian is a long-serving elder here at St. David's along with being our Envelope Secretary. Happy Birthday Ian from all your friends here at St. David's! Best wishes for a great day!

Birthday wishes go out to Joseph Craig who will be celebrating his birthday on June 9<sup>th</sup>! Joseph will be enjoying his big day with family and friends, including his wife, Michelle and their daughter, Julia. Best wishes Joe from your St. David's family and we wish you many more birthdays to come!

Happy Birthday to Anne Calver, who will be celebrating her birthday on June 9<sup>th</sup> as well! Anne will be celebrating her birthday with family – Janet and Brian – and friends, near and far, including the “crowd” from Lady Cove. (Anne is the Treasurer here at St. David's and keeps our financial affairs running smoothly.) Happy Birthday Anne from everyone here at St. David's! We hope you have a great day and may your chickens behave themselves and lay spectacular eggs in honour of the day!

Happy Birthday to Marilyn Reardon who will be celebrating her birthday on June 6<sup>th</sup>! Joining in the festivities will be her family, including her daughter, Aimee, her grand-children, her siblings, Mildred, Nowell, Jerry and their families, along with numerous cousins and of course all her friends. Your St. David's family joins in wishing you a wonderful birthday Marilyn! Enjoy!

Ashley St. Croix, will be celebrating her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 12<sup>th</sup>! Ashley is the daughter of Susan and Frank St. Croix and the grand-daughter of Barbara Ellis. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a very Happy Birthday Ashley! We hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy Birthday wishes go to Mila Pike who will be celebrating her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 10<sup>th</sup>! Mila is the daughter of Krysta and Keith Pike and the grand-daughter of Judy and Dave Rudofsky. Your St. David's family wishes you a very Happy Birthday Mila! Best wishes for the coming year!

Happy Anniversary to Jean and Bob Mallowney who will be celebrating their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on June 12<sup>th</sup>! Jean and Bob are long-time members and supporters of St. David's. They have three sons – Robert Jr. (currently living in Ontario with his family) and James and David (both here in St. John's). Congratulations to you both from everyone here at St. David's and may there be many more wonderful years ahead to enjoy!

Just a word of congratulations to all our 2021 graduates – from Kindergarten through to University. Even though celebrations of your achievements are not what you hoped for due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, your accomplishments are still a great thing to celebrate. Congratulations to each and every one of you as you continue to explore and seek out your path in life! Please feel free to share your graduation pictures with us – we would love to share your accomplishments with all your friends here at St. David's!

**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

### Hiking on May 24<sup>th</sup>

The weather has been spectacular these last few days, but not that great on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> if you remember. The weather did not stop some valiant hikers from getting out there and enjoying part of the East Coast Trail. Here's a little note and some pictures from Tanya Shalaby.....

*These are some photos of our hike on May 24th.*

*Kathy, Jenny, Michelle and Ozzy, Christina and I hiked approx 8 km from Flat Rock to Stiles Cove. Snow, wind and sunshine made the land and seascapes all the more interesting along the northeast coastline!!*



*Ocean Waves*



*Kathy and Michelle and Ozzy*



*Jenny and Kathy*



*Michelle and Christine and Ozzy*



*One of Many Coves*

## **Prayer Shawl**

This past Tuesday, on June 1<sup>st</sup>, was the last time for the Prayer Shawl Group to meet until September. There were a few missed get-togethers over the past year due to COVID-19 restrictions, but that did not curb the enthusiasm or hard work of the members of our industrious little group. There is always conversation to be shared and, as with most Church groups in St. David's, a fine cup of coffee/tea and some goodies to enjoy. The main goal of the group though is to produce finely crafted knitted goods – hats, scarves, mittens, prayer shawls – to be given to those who need something warm to wear or who simply need to be comforted during a time of need. Each knitted article is a gift of love.

Consider joining the Prayer Shawl group come September! If you know how to knit that's great, but there are lots of wonderful mentors who are more than willing to help out any "never-ever"! Contact Bouwina Fogwill for more information.



At our last get-together for the year, Beth brought along some delicious goodies that were thoroughly enjoyed. Bouwina brought along a birthday celebration cake for everyone! How good is that!! We were delighted to have Jane Green drop by for a visit and a chat. Jane is making great progress from having a broken wrist earlier on in 2021 and she is looking forward to getting into the garden! Here are some pictures from our June get-together.



Fellowship Time



Thanks Beth for all the Goodies!



Bouwina and Kay



Just Some of the Knitted Goods This Week



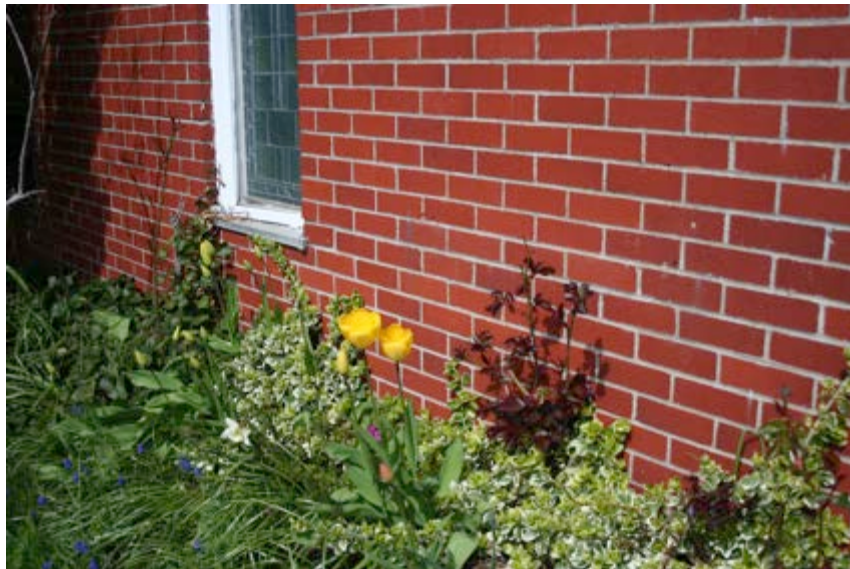
Celebration Cake Compliments of Bouwina

## Signs of Spring Still Here

Last week, the flowers in front of St. David's were so beautiful they deserved a picture of two! Hope you enjoy...



What a Display!



Always Something new to See



## Queens' Road Church Window – Update

Last week, thanks to Steve Bruneau, we told you a little bit about the history of the Queens' Road Church Window that is proudly displayed in our Church Hall. You may remember there were a few unanswered questions. Well, I'm delighted to share with you some additional information about the window that came to light just this week, thanks to Heather Morrissey and Jim Steele!

According to Jim, when the Queen's Road Church was about to be resold and made into condominiums, he heard through the grapevine that the windows were being sold/given away. Most of the windows by that time were in pretty rough shape, but knowing the significance and history behind the building (and windows), Jim took it upon himself to contact the contractor and make a plea for them. The contractor agreed to let Jim have them but only if he could take them "right away"! Well, this is where the story becomes interesting. On impulse, Jim hired a truck and retrieved what windows he could. Believing them to be a "hot" item, and wanting to protect them from unscrupulous developers, Jim drove them to his place in Chamberlains and stored them there!

There they stayed until things settled down. It would be much later that Jim enlisted Graham Howcroft to have a look at the windows and see what could be done – remember they were in pretty bad shape when Jim retrieved them from Queens's Road. It turned out that there was enough unbroken glass from two windows to make one. Once Graham had completed his work, Angus Bruneau took the restored window and crafted the supporting structure for its current home in our Church Hall.

What a story! Oh, and it turns out that this window, in its original frame was retrieved from the west wall of the choir sanctuary of the Queen's Road Church. If you look closely at the picture in last week's bulletin, you'll notice

2 small windows up where the choir sat. These are the windows Jim rescued!

And finally, the question of “What do the coat of arms represent (on the window)? According to Heather and Jim, the coat of arms on the left side of the window represents Scotland and the coat of arms on the right represents Wales.

This window has been through a lot and it’s definitely worth a second look!

Thanks so much Heather and Jim!



Restored Queen’s Road Church Window >

## Archival Moment

Last week, we showed you a picture from the induction service for Rev. David Sturtevant. This week, we have another picture from that service and it shows that part of the service titled “The Minister at the Table”. In this picture, you’ll see Lori Kim den Otter and Benjamin den Otter Versteeg with David.



Minister at The Table

## Church Trivia Questions

**Way back when:**

**Last week the question was:** What is or was a “ragamuffin”?

**The answer is:** The etymology of this word says it is from the Middle English *Ragamuffyn*. According to *Brewer’s Dictionary of Phrase and Fable*, a *muffin* is a poor thing or a creature, a “regular muff”. So, a ragamuffin is a sorry creature in rags. More recent dictionaries use the definition “a ragged often disreputable person”.

**This week the question is:** Where was the Labrador mission which ran from 1860 to 1886?

**Recent History:**

**Last week the question was:** What indication did one of our previous ministers at the Queen’s Road church recall as his signal for the benediction?

**The answer is:** The firing of the noonday gun from Signal Hill, which was easily heard in the Queen’s Road church. The “boom” from the noonday gun was his signal to bring the service to a close!

**This week the question is:** What initial reception did Rev Goldsmith get on his arrival in St. John’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