



Sunday August 1st 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 our YouTube channel by typing “St. David's Presbyterian Message for August 1, 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:

Exodus 16:1-16 Ephesians 4:1-7

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 McNeill, our Office Administrator, 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, August 1 We are grateful for God's mercy to forgive our sins, and we pray for courage and generosity to forgive others.

Monday, August 2 We give thanks for congregations that keep us connected at home and around the world.

Tuesday, August 3 We pray for the safety of people travelling this summer.

Wednesday, August 4 We give thanks to God, author of creation, who blesses us with the gifts of art and literature.

Thursday, August 5 We give thanks and pray for the Yu-Shan Theological College and Seminary, the only institution in Taiwan dedicated to educating and equipping Indigenous pastors and church workers.

Friday, August 6 (Anniversary of the 1945 bombing of Hiroshima) We remember the victims of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 and pray for an end to the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Saturday, August 7 We give thanks and pray for the Center for Minority Issues and Mission and Co-Director, David McIntosh, as he and the Center's staff strive to eliminate racial discrimination in Japan.

Minister

Rev. David Sturtevant will be on Holidays for the Month of August.

We would like to thank Rev. Jim Russell for leading the service this Sunday and his daughter Rebecca Russell for her Solo!

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person Church Services

St. David's has in-person services each Sunday morning at 11 am. We also live-stream the service at 11:00 am each Sunday, or you can access it later. Please keep in mind that under the current Level 2 restrictions, the maximum number of people in the sanctuary 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 August 1st 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 new 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.

Good Specials This Week (July 30-Aug 5) - great items for Food Trolley!

Walmart – Graves Apple Juice - \$0.97

Pipers – Carnation Milk – \$1.00

Sobeys – Sugar - \$1.88

Colemans – Clark Beans - \$0.88

Dominion – Graves Apple Juice - \$0.99

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy Birthday to Lillian Crawford who will be celebrating with her family and friends on August 1st. Lillian is an Elder at St. David's and is very active in every aspect of our Church life including Session, Synod, WA, AMS, Good Companions, Prayer Shawl (Knitter's) Group, and Bridges to Hope. Happy Birthday Lillian from your St. David's family! We hope you have a great day and may there be many more to come!

Birthday greetings to Bradley Greeley who will be celebrating on August 4th. Bradley is the son of Mildred and Darrin Greeley (grandson of Olive and Ralph Melendy). From everyone here at St. David's, a very Happy Birthday Brad!

Happy Birthday to Geoffrey Learmonth who will be celebrating his birthday on August 8th. Geoff is the son of Mary and Barry Learmonth. Best wishes from your St. David's family! We hope you enjoy your day.

Aidan Bailey will be celebrating his birthday on August 4th. Aidan is the son of Catherine and Richard Bailey (grandson of Judy and Dave Bonnell). Happy Birthday Aidan! Hope it's a great one!

Happy Birthday to Oliver Sturtevant on his 4th birthday, August 7th. Oliver will be celebrating his big day with his family and friends, near and far, including his mom (Michelle) and dad (David) and his younger brother, Orson – and all his favourite pets. Happy Birthday from your St. David's family! All our love!

Happy Birthday to Ryan Brockerville who will be celebrating his birthday on August 2nd! Ryan is the son of Jacqueline and Maxwell Brockerville and grandson of Jeannie and Clayton Collins. Best wishes Ryan from everyone here at St. David's! Hope it's a great one!

Congratulations to Sarah and Paul Bassler who will be celebrating their 17th wedding anniversary on August 1st! Your St. David's family wishes you many more years of happiness. We hope you enjoy the occasion with family and friends.

Happy Wedding Anniversary to Vanessa and Alex Templeton who will be celebrating on August 7th! Vanessa and Alex were married in 2004. We hope you enjoy this special day. Congratulations from everyone here at St. David's and we wish you many years of happiness!

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

Thank-You Heather!

We would like to thank Heather Kao for playing last Sunday while Brian Way took some of his well-deserved vacation time. It's always a pleasure to have Heather join us for Sunday service!

Note from Jenny

Jenny Griffioen will be playing with a friend, violinist Daniel Fuchs, as part of the upcoming Tuckamore Festival. This particular concert is free and it takes place on **Thursday, August 5th at 12:30 pm at the Anglican Cathedral**. For more information, please use the following link:

<https://tuckamorefestival.ca/concerts/prelude-concert-with-fuchs-and-griffioen/>

Out-and-About with Janet and Brian

There are lots of beautiful little trails throughout the Cowan Heights area and summertime is the perfect time to get out and enjoy them. One of the spots we check on regularly is the small duck pond carefully hidden from the road. It was a lovely surprise just this past week to see a “mom duck” out with her ducklings – all 8 of them! Two were still yellow and the other six were light brown. We love just watching them!



Mom Swimming with Her New Ducklings



Yes 8! 2 Yellow, 6 Brown



Having Fun in the Water

Another summer past-time is gardening. We have gardens at home and at the community garden on Mount Scio Road (MacMorran Community Garden). I can't say gardening is totally relaxing all the time, but as most gardeners will tell you, it's very soothing and calming in a world that can go "off-the-tracks" sometimes. As usual, we were late getting things planted but nature has been very kind to us this year and things are starting to come along! These are a few pictures from our backyard.



Potatoes with Bush Beans to the Right



Peas Starting to Climb the Trellis



Zucchini – Starting to Come Along

The Church Bell of St. David's

There are many great stories about St. David's and one of the best – perhaps not that well known to many - involves our Church bell. Yes indeed, we do have a Church bell and although we may not hear it too often, it has a story to tell. Over the next three weeks, we'll hear the history of our “well-travelled” bell. Be prepared for tales of adventure and intrigue!

Many thanks to Steve Bruneau who wrote this story back in December 2000. We're happy to share it with you (again) now!

A Bell for St. David's Church (Part I)

Having grown up through the 60's and 70's at St. David's I fondly remember Reverend Armour and some of the wonderful traditions that he fostered. One of those was the ringing of the church bell a few minutes before 11:00 each Sunday morning and at midnight Christmas Eve. Often his son Jimmy would be “on the rope” for these special occasions, tugging on the thin chord that mysteriously dangled from the ceiling tiles near the tower door. It escapes me when this tradition began or precisely when it ended but recently I became acutely aware of the silence of the tower.

Another memory of my youth was the presence of a large brass bell in our house on Tupper Street. I remembered “the bell” as the intensely heavy oddity that I would occasionally show my friends, sometimes managing to tip it just enough for a single loud “clang”. There was once a plan to build a modest belfry on the garage roof and another to install it down lower in the garage; neither plan made it from the drawing board but the bell endured. At one time my brother Ian undertook the challenge of polishing the beautifully proportioned brass instrument giving it a golden shine that lasts today.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Managers it occurred to me that perhaps my parents would be interested in donating the family bell to St. David's, so that it may be installed for ringing as part of the 225 congregational anniversary. It seemed like a good fit especially for Jean and Angus who had staged one of the commemorative events of the bicentennial anniversary 25 years prior as youth group leaders. I mentioned the thought at the board meeting and later to my parents, and the rest, as they say, is history. But what was the history? Where did the original bell go, and why? Now that's when the story gets interesting.

Reverend Armour has always insisted, he tells me, that there be a bell in the tower of any church for which he has been Minister. This personal resolve led to a fervent search for a bell to occupy the newly constructed tower at St. David's in the mid to late-60's. At this time the premier, and self-proclaimed last living father of confederation, Joseph R. Smallwood (Joey), was living quite comfortably at his Roaches Line ranch when one day Lal Parsons and Jim Armour decided to pay him a visit. As it turns out, Joey was the only one of his (Smallwood) family not baptized in our Congregation, and many of his relations had been pillars of our church over the years. It is this fact that I am quite sure Joey was reminded of just prior to Reverend Armour elaborating on the purpose of their visit.

Lal and Jim recall Joey leading them outside his house to a barn that was well stocked with many prize possessions accumulated over the years. Among the treasures were two bells, the smaller of which, apparently a Newfoundland Railway train bell, was offered to our church. As kind as this was, it was really the larger of two bells that our ambitious Minister and his partner wanted. It appears that time has faded the memory of exactly what transpired that day because it isn't clear which of bells, if any (or both) was taken.

Next week: The story of the Old Perlican Bell

I have not found any pictures of the bells yet – hopefully next week – but I did come across lots of pictures showing St. David's over the years at various stages of construction. You'll see some great pictures below showing the construction of the Church Hall and the actual bell tower.



St. David's Church – December 1962



St. David's November 1965



Bell Tower Takes Shape November 1965



Bell Tower Attached



St. David's – February 1966 >

A memory of Harold and Millie Hammond from Grace Artiss

Friends remembering Harold and Millie Hammond in the last couple of bulletins, brought to mind my own memories of Harold which I would like to share.

Back in the days when David and I were still a weekly "feature" at Church and coffee afterwards, I always could be seen with a dog on my lap. At coffee-time, David would see to it that my chair and later my wheelchair was out of the way and that I had a cup of something in my hand before he wandered off to reconnect with acquaintances. At that stage Harold would make a bee-line over to me where I was "parked" and Sunday after Sunday, without fail, and before I could even think of saying something, he would, tongue in the cheek, say: "I didn't come over to see you, I came to talk to the dog". And that was what he did, telling Jasper about his own dog Reggie, before he took off again. I was never offended by that behavior that could have been thought of as rudeness, because I knew he was just teasing me. There were other occasions at church when he did come over to talk to me (and the dog).

Years later, when Harold was in palliative care in the Miller Centre, we went to visit him one Sunday afternoon mere hours before he passed away. We took Yorkie Jasper along, who use to lick him and be stroked by him for 17 plus years. At that stage Harold could barely talk, but he made it known to Millie that he wanted the dog on the bed with him. Jasper put his paws on Harold's chest and while he slowly stroked him, Jasper licked his hand and face for one last time.

The memory of that interaction between man and dog and the peaceful moments of a quiet kind of joy it seemed to have given Harold in his final hours before he was called to his eternal home, will always live in our hearts and minds.

Grace Artiss

Archival Moment

Every time Pam and I get together to look through the archives, we find some wonderful pictures and articles. Last week was no exception. We came across pictures from the Armour's visit to St. David's in April 1996. Here are just two of those pictures – there will be more to come!



Frances Steele and Margaret Armour



Jim Armour, Christine and Eric Gray

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: For the 200th anniversary of this church, a committee was created to come up with a book by various authors documenting the history of this congregation. Who was the chairperson of this committee?

The answer is: Mr. C. W. Barnes was the convener of the committee.

This week the question is: Back in 1775, Commodore Robert Duff was Governor of Newfoundland. During the winter, what was the population of the island?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: In late August or early in September 2020, the layout of the sanctuary changed from its normal look. How did it change and why?

The answer is: The first four rows of the church pews were removed to allow the Tenacious String Orchestra and Brian Way to safely meet personal spacing requirements under COVID-19 regulations.

This week the question is: On the Tree of Memory, how many leaves are there?

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

Aubrey Bonnell Eleanor Bonnell Jenny Griffioen

Jennifer Waterman Ed Vanderkloet Tanya Shalaby

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