

Sunday July 18th 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 July 18, 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:

Psalm 23, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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, July 18 We pray that young people will find rewarding opportunities to learn and grow this summer.

Monday, July 19 We pray for the ministry, staff and campers at Camp Christopher in Saskatchewan, and ask for God's blessing on their "Camp-in-a-Box" initiative, so that they may reach their goal of providing 400 children with games, crafts and activities.

Tuesday, July 20 We pray for new graduates of Zomba Theological College in Malawi as they begin their journey in congregational ministry, equipped with books from the PCC's New Ministers' Library Fund.

Wednesday, July 21 We give thanks for the work of the Rainbow Communion Listening Committee and for those who shared their stories. We pray that the wisdom shared in their report will guide the church to better love and support our LGBTQI+ siblings.

Thursday, July 22 We pray for the Presbytery of Pictou's Ministry and Pastoral Oversight Committee. May they feel a strong sense of God's presence to strengthen, focus and lead their discernment.

Friday, July 23 We give thanks and pray for deployed military chaplains who bring life, hope and joy to those who are far from home.

Saturday, July 24 O God, you make us for work and rest. We pray for physical, mental and spiritual restoration so that we may shed our weariness and enjoy peace and fellowship this summer.

Message From the Minister



This week, while I was out grocery shopping, I came across something I hadn't seen before. For those who are unsatisfied with the level of processed ingredients in their Kraft Dinner, you can now, as shown in my picture, buy a Cotton Candy Flavour Boost™ for your pasta! If the vibrant orange colour of the "cheese" isn't strange enough, now you can mix in this package for an even more unsettling bright reddish pink!

Now, don't get me wrong. With two little boys, we eat more than our fair share of Kraft Dinner. Sometimes you just need fast, consistent food, and Michelle has even taught us all to like a little bit of chopped up veggies mixed into our KD. But still, I must say that I have never eaten a single bowl of noodles of any sort and thought to myself "Hey, I really wish I had some cotton candy to mix into this!"

Sometimes, we think that the Christian life must always be sweet. We mistakenly think that to follow Jesus, we need to flavour our lives with cotton candy, never speaking a harsh or unwelcome word. But that is not the way

that Jesus or his followers have ever lived. The Gospel tells us our speech should be "seasoned with salt", and Jesus himself certainly had some salty words for some of the people he spoke with, like the Pharisees, the rich, and the proud.

God cares a great deal about our world, and as Christians, we are called to care as well. Sometimes, that means not being sweet. Sometimes it means protesting unjust laws or practices. Sometimes it means speaking out for what you believe in, even when it is unpopular. Sometimes it means telling someone something they do not want to hear. But just as a box of Kraft Dinner does not need the addition of another tablespoon of salt, so too should we remember not to go overboard with our "saltiness" either. We must always be loving, even if we are not sweet, always humble and willing to listen, never self-righteous or proud.

Some things shouldn't be sweetened. May we never become so concerned with being liked for our sweetness that we forget to live the kind of lives Christ lived: full of truth and seasoned with the right amount of salt.

"Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." (Colossians 4:6)

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person Church Services

St. David's has 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 July 18th 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.

The end of June is the end of our second quarter, you may be interested in the state of the church's finances. On January 1, 2021 we had \$81,558.71 in the bank and there was still some income and expenses allocated to 2020 to be recorded.

At the end of June, our second quarter, the following numbers give some indication of how we're doing:

Income

Budget Amounts Received

\$ 88,315.74 \$ 75,395.36

Expenses

Budget Amounts Spent

\$118,265.99 \$118,473.09

Our expenditures are close to the budget numbers while the income is almost \$12,920.38 below the budgeted numbers. We are still on track to have a budget deficit of some \$60,000.

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.

Good Specials This Week (July 15-21) - great items for Food Trolley!

Lawtons – Graves Apple Juice - \$1

Heinz Beans or Pasta - \$1

Heinz Tomato Soup – 2/\$1

Walmart – Ocean's tuna - \$0.87

Colemans – Avon tinned vegetables – \$0.99

Aylmer soups (assorted) - \$0.88

Shoppers Drug Mart – No Name Evaporated Milk - \$0.99

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

A birthday correction from last week. Leo Johnson was born in 2019 not 2020 making July 15th his 2nd birthday! So sorry for the mistake. No doubt, Dave and Sylvia Hudson celebrated with their great grandson, Leo, on his big day. Leo is the son of their granddaughter, Samantha, and her husband, Cecil Johnson. Also joining in the celebrations with Leo were his baby brother, Daley, and his grandparents, Doug and Tracey Hudson, as well as other family members. Hope you had a fun-packed day Leo!

Belated Happy Birthday wishes to John Hammond who celebrated his birthday on July 16th with family and friends, including his wife, Vickie and her family. We hope you had a wonderful birthday John and best wishes for the coming year from everyone here at St. David's!

Happy Birthday greetings on July 22nd to Brad Burness! Brad will be celebrating his birthday with his family and friends, including wife, Heather and children, Sophie and Max, mother, Brenda Burness and favourite mother-in-law, Edith Peach. Best wishes for a wonderful birthday, Brad, from everyone here at St. David's and may there be many more!

Happy Birthday to Katie Bauer who has a birthday coming up on July 22nd! Katie will be celebrating her big day with family and friends, near and far, including her mom and dad, Shelley and Larry, and her brother, Sam. Your St. David's family wishes you a great birthday Katie and all the best for the coming year!

Happy Birthday to Nathan Barnes! Nathan will be celebrating his birthday on July 23rd! Nathan will be celebrating his special day with his family and friends, including his mom and dad, Martha and Glenn Barnes, sister, Laura, and fiancee, Jameila. Best wishes Nathan from your St. David's family and from all of us to you – enjoy your day!

Happy Birthday to Luke Rudofsky who is having a birthday on July 19th! Luke is the son of Michael and Rebecca Rudofsky, brother of Matthew, and grand-son of Judy and Dave Rudofsky. Birthday wishes Luke from everyone here at St. David's. We hope you enjoy your day and may there be many more birthdays to come!

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

Memorial Tree - Ralph (Bill) Barnes

On Sunday, July 11th, 2021, a leaf was added to the Memorial Tree in honour of Ralph (Bill) Barnes for his many years of service and dedication to our congregation, both at the Queens' Road Church and here at St. David's. Bill and his wife, Mary (d. 1989) were great supporters of the Church and active participants in all aspects of Church life. The Barnes family, through several generations now, has played, and continues to play, a pivotal role in some of the major decisions this congregation has had to make.

Even though Glenn's two brothers, Derek and Darryl, and their families were not able to make the dedication due to COVID-19, the Barnes family was well represented.

Taking part in the service were: Glenn, Martha, Laura, Nathan and his fiancee, Jameila; cousins, Marilyn (Melendy) Reardon, Mildred (Melendy)Greeley and her husband, Darrin, their son, Bradley and his girlfriend, Maddie, and little Rowan (Mildred and Darrin's grand-daughter) who captured everyone's hearts! (Unfortunately, due to other commitments, Rowan's mom, Andrea, could not make it.)

Below are some pictures from last Sunday.



Steve Bruneau Attaches the Leaf to the Tree



The Extended Barnes Family (From left to Right: Brad, Marilyn, Glenn, Martha, Laura, Nathan, Jameila, Mildred Rowan, Darrin)





The Barnes Family (Left to Right: Glenn, Martha, Rowan with Nan (Mildred) Laura, Nathan and Jameila)



Memorial Tree



Memorial Leaf for Mary Barnes



Memorial Leaf for Ralph (Bill) Barnes

Getting to Know Millie and Harold Hammond

For many here in the congregation, there will only ever be one Millie and Harold. St. David's and its members were everything to Millie and Harold and they in turn were everything to us. They worked their magic, usually very quietly, and always with a gentle hand to guide you along. Memories of Millie and Harold are all good and often bring a smile. Who can forget the WA meetings and Millie's "minutes"; or all those special events and dinners – cleaning and cooking the flippers, making the gravy, dressing up for the Theme Teas; Harold's meticulous directions for the new elders on how to serve Communion, along with diagrams; and their joy of music and singing in the choir? So many memories that we shall cherish forever.

Thanks to John Hammond and our conversation last week, I have discovered a few more things about Millie and Harold.

Millie was a Pittman, the eldest daughter of Victor and Lillian (Cahill) of Barnes Place and later Sulva Street, St. John's. Millie had 2 other sisters - Violet and Catherine, and one brother, Bob. Harold on the other hand, was the youngest of 13 children. His mother and father, Elizabeth and John Hammond, lived on Aldershot Street.

The Cahill and Pittman families attended the Queen's Road Congregational Church, while Harold's family attended St. Thomas's Anglican Church. But it seemed Millie and Harold were destined to meet. According to John, his mom and dad met each other in the 1950's around Long Pond (Memorial University) which was a popular recreation area – swimming in the summer and ice skating in the winter. They also hung around Knightville Drive-in and Chafe's Store, two popular areas with the younger set! Millie and Harold had a lengthy courtship, but even before they married, Harold was taking an active role in the congregation – even joining the choir prior to the wedding. They decided to "tie the knot" in 1959. Their wedding was performed by Rev. Goldsmith and it was the first one to be held in St. David's Church. (On the 40th anniversary of that first wedding performed in St. David's, Rev

Goldsmith was in St. John's for a visit and came to Church on that Sunday. (See picture below.)

Millie and Harold were very active members of the Church and were involved in many groups, organizations and committees over the years. John listed off just some of them: CGIT (Canadian Girls in Training), the WA, the WMS and later the AMS, the Worship Committee, Board of Managers, Session, the organizing committee for the 200th Anniversary of St. David's in 1975, and the choir, just to name a few. And let's not forget about the role they played with the annual flipper dinner. For many years, the St. David's Flipper Dinner was a great tradition and one that many people in the St. John's area looked forward to – often placing their order for tickets weeks if not months in advance. A lot of the success of that event was due to the effort and care Millie and Harold put into every detail.

So thank-you John for sharing some of your stories of your mom and dad with us! They brought back many wonderful memories!

Here are some photos that John thought we might like to see....



Vic and Lil Pittman and Family
Caption: Left to Right (Back): Lil, Vic, Violet and Bob
(Front): Catherine and Millie



Millie and Harold Hammond, Early-Mid 2000's



Millie and Harold at Lester's Farm for their 50th Wedding Anniversary, 2009



Millie and Harold at Home with Reggie – Fall 2012



Visit with Rev. Goldsmith July 18,1999

Caption: Left to Right: Olive Melendy, Violet Aylward, Edith Peach, Rev.

Goldsmith and Millie Hammond

Archival Moment

In going through the archives with Pam Bruce, we came across a binder and within that, a section on Rev. Goldsmith. As we mentioned above, Rev. Goldsmith came back to Newfoundland and St. David's in July 1999 for a visit and he was able to attend Sunday service and join the congregation for a cup of tea in the Church Hall after. As you can imagine, there were many conversations and pictures! Here is one picture with Rev. Goldsmith and Valda Morrissey.



Rev. Goldsmith and Valda Morrissey – July 18, 1999

Church Trivia Questions Way back when:

Last week the question was: There was no other mission in Twillingate until much later. When did the second mission start and who was involved?

The answer is: The second mission started in 1877 with the arrival from England of Mr. James Wilson who had been obtained by the Home Missionary Society.

This week the question is: A person with a well-known family name in this congregation was the teacher at the day school in Twillingate. Who was that person?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: Who is the man approaching the church on the picture at the top of the bulletin?

The answer is: The person walking towards the front doors was Mr. David Pippy. This picture was taken several years ago.

This week the question is: On the 19th of June 1966, the Christian Education Building (our hall) was dedicated and following a week's celebration, what happened?

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

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