



Sunday July 25th 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 July 25, 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:

2 Kings 4:42-44, John 6:1-21

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 McNeil, our Church 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, July 25 We pray for people in Afghanistan whose livelihoods have been disrupted by COVID-19 and give thanks for the food assistance they've received through Presbyterian World Service & Development partners during these difficult times.

Monday, July 26 We give thanks for God's faithfulness and rejoice with the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria as it celebrates its 175th anniversary.

Tuesday, July 27 We pray that our African church sisters will be able to come together for the triennial Tumekutana conference for African women in Cameroon in 2022.

Wednesday, July 28 We pray for congregations as they discern who to call into positions of leadership.

Thursday, July 29 We pray for churches in the neighbourhoods where we live, and for growing relationships between denominations and church communities.

Friday, July 30 (World Day Against Trafficking in Persons) We pray for all victims and survivors of human trafficking, and we give thanks for those who work diligently to end all forms of human trafficking.

Saturday, July 31 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Western Han-Ca.

Message From the Minister

*Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."
(Luke 23:34)*

Last Saturday, before all the rain started, we had the opportunity to spend some time out at someone's cabin. It was wonderful to see Oliver and Orson wandering about the property, exploring the rocks and trees and bugs, and one of the real highlights was all four of us sitting down together in a canoe and going for a quick paddle around the lake. Everyone had lifejackets and paddles, and since Michelle and I have both taught canoeing at summer camps, it was relaxing and easy going. It is a wonderful feeling, pulling on the paddle and watching the shoreline glide by, silently cutting through the water. However, even though Michelle and I have a good bit of experience, this was also the first time in a canoe for both Oliver and Orson, and no amount of instruction in the world could have made them do a proper J-stroke to help steer the canoe! While Michelle and I drew long, powerful strokes, the boys dug their paddles into the water to hear the sound of all our hard work going to waste as their paddles acted like brakes. They splashed the water a little bit just for fun, and when they tried to paddle (with only one hand on the paddle, usually), all they really accomplished was being very much in the way of the paddling efforts of their parents.

One of the sayings I remember my Dad referring to when I was growing up was "never attribute to malice that which is adequately explained by stupidity". Maybe the big words helped me remember it. But as I was trying to enjoy canoeing, and my paddle was banging off of Oliver's as he accidentally splashed me or unknowingly did his best to stop us dead in the water, I thought of how perfect an example this was of that saying. There was no malice in their hearts, they just had no idea what they were doing.

According to Luke's Gospel, when Jesus was being crucified he called out to God "Forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." It's a powerful verse of forgiveness even in the face of great suffering and love shining

through the blackest of hatred. Jesus prays on behalf of those who are being unspeakably cruel towards him, because he loves them, and he knows just how much they don't understand.

It is so easy for us to get angry, to feel like others are being intentionally cruel or ruining our day on purpose. We harbour anger and resentment, and judge others without mercy. But so often, when we do that, we don't understand the whole picture.

So may we all deal with frustrations this week with the patience I had for my sons as they got in the way of my canoeing. May we recognize that most of the time, other people do not want to hurt us, they just don't know what they are doing. Once we realize that when people frustrate us they are not trying to be cruel, it helps us to be a little kinder, a little more gentle, a little more like Christ.



The Sturtevant Family canoeing!

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 25th 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@nfd.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 22-28) - great items for Food Trolley!

Lawtons – Compliments Apple Juice - \$0.99

Walmart – Redpath Sugar - \$1.47

Pipers – Jacobs Cream Crackers – 4/\$5

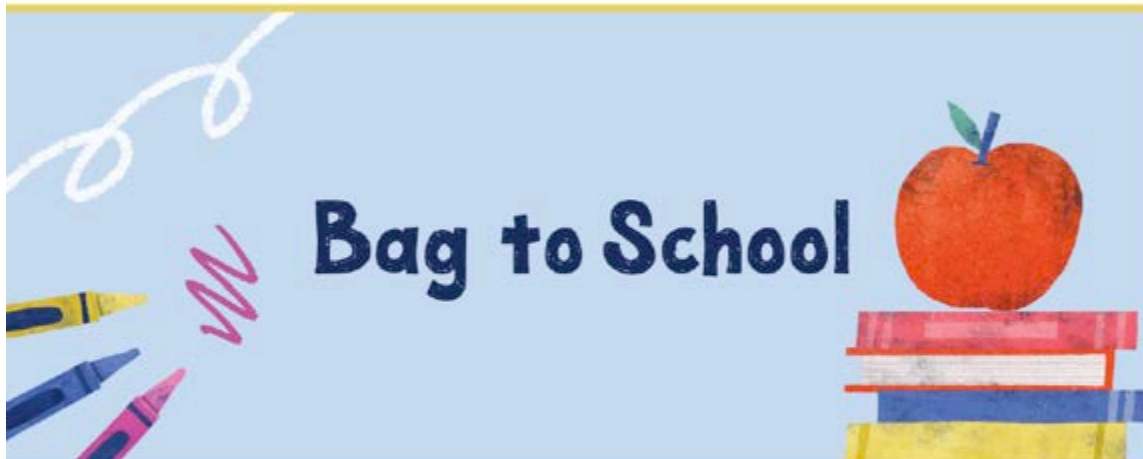
Sobeys – Heinz Beans or Pasta - \$0.88

Barilla Dry Pasta - \$0.88

No Frills – Carnation Evaporated Milk - \$1

Heinz Beans or Pasta - \$0.87

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Bag to School

Believe it or not, back to school season is just around the corner. It's been a hard year for students, and we are determined to send them back to school with everything they need to thrive.

Normally, most of our school supplies are donated, but this year due to the pandemic and Health and Safety protocols we decided it would be safer to purchase supplies. While this is quite the financial endeavour, we are confident that with the help of our community we can achieve this goal. Students will be given a top-quality school bag packed with all the top brand products and headphones to ensure they start the year off right.

Please offer your support and help us spread some relief and joy in our community—both to the students and their parents. You can visit our website, bridgestohope.ca, to make a donation today.

Second Harvest Food Rescue



Second Harvest's food rescue program offers a pathway for businesses and non-profits to reduce unsold surplus food, decreasing overhead costs and lessening their environmental footprint. For many businesses, having unsold, edible food is a burdening issue. For many non-profits like us at Bridges to Hope, there is a need for increased access to food donations to help feed those in need. Second Harvest's food rescue program creates a network between food businesses and non-profits to create mutually beneficial and sustainable uses for surplus food.



If you are a business interested in reducing food waste by donating unsold food, you can learn more at secondharvest.ca/foodrescue/givefood/.

Volunteer Spotlight



Volunteers are crucial to the work we do here at Bridges to Hope. In this edition of our newsletter we're highlighting Tesla, who has been volunteering with us for 2 years. Tesla comes in every Tuesday to bake wholegrain bread loaves for our clients. While waiting for the bread to rise she puts together vegetable bags and portions out bulk products like coffee or sugar. When asked what she enjoys most about volunteering at Bridges to Hope, Tesla said:

"I've always enjoyed baking as a hobby, and Bridges has been a perfect fit for me to scratch that baking itch while also providing quality support to the local community."

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy Birthday to David Bruneau who will be celebrating his birthday with family and friends, near and far, on July 25th! David is the son of Mary and Stephen Bruneau. David is currently living and working in Ontario but hopes to make it home to Newfoundland for a well-deserved visit this summer. From everyone here at St. David's, best wishes for a great birthday with many more to come!

Birthday wishes go out to Michael McKenzie who will be having a birthday on July 28th! Michael is the son of Cynthia and David McKenzie and has two younger siblings – Stephen and Catherine. Best wishes Michael from your St. David's family! We hope you enjoy your birthday with family and friends and all the best for the coming year.

Happy Birthday to Emma Crosbie who will be celebrating her birthday on July 31st. Emma will be celebrating with family and friends, including her mom and dad, Ellen Dinn and Paul Crosbie, and special Aunt, Andrea Crosbie! From everyone here at St. David's, best wishes Emma and we hope you enjoy your special day!

Happy Birthday to Benjamin Porter who will be celebrating his 9th birthday on July 27th! Benjamin is the son of Katie Berghuis and Daniel Porter and has a younger brother, Jack. (Benjamin is the great-grandson of Elisabeth (d. 2016) and Peter Berghuis (d. 1996)). Happy Birthday Benjamin from your St. David's family! We hope you have a fun-filled day!

Happy Birthday wishes go to Calvin Crosbie who will be celebrating his 6th birthday on July 25th! Calvin is the son of Jill Slater and Thomas Crosbie and grand-nephew of Andrea Crosbie. Although Calvin and his family do not live here in Newfoundland, all of us here at St. David's wish him a wonderful, fun-filled birthday!

Happy Birthday to Ken Templeton who is celebrating his birthday on July 31st! Ken is a long-time member of St. David's Church and plays a very active role in the life of this congregation. Ken is a Session member, sits on the Board of Managers and takes an active and enthusiastic part in many committees and behind-the-scenes projects. Ken will be celebrating his birthday with his wife, Sue, children, Alex, Michael and Karen and their families. Best wishes Ken from everyone here at St. David's and we hope there are many more birthdays to come!

Happy Wedding Anniversary to Sue and Ken Templeton who will be celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary on July 31st! Your St. David's family wishes you many more years of happiness to come and we hope you enjoy your day with family and friends!

Happy Wedding Anniversary to Sarah Small and Gordon Stockwell who will be celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary on July 30th! Sarah and Gordon, along with their little boy, Charles, are living in Clarenville. For many years, both Sarah and Gordon were an important part of our musical ministry here at St. David's and we are always thrilled when they come this way and get to say "Hello". Best wishes on your big day from your St. David's family!

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

Solomon's Birthday Pictures

It seems that this is the time of year for a lot of birthdays and anniversaries. A couple of weeks ago, we told you about Solomon Hamid's birthday – the big #3! Rukiya and Thomas were kind enough to send us some pictures from Solomon's special day and we are delighted to be able to share them with you. Thanks Rukiya and Thomas!



Solomon on His Third Birthday!



Solomon Waiting to Blow out His Birthday Candle



Brothers – Solomon and Shemsadin



Solomon, Shemsadin and Beli
Share the Happiness!

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/>

Note from Elena

Last week we had an article on Millie and Harold Hammond. We received this beautiful note from Elena Hannah and we wanted to share it with you.

Hello Monica,

Please thank the writers on the item about Millie and Harold. They were good friends of mine. Two of the few true Christians who lived their faith every minute of every day in every one of their actions and words. Besides being so active in the church, they helped neighbours and friends. They were always there with a helping hand and a caring heart. Yet they were also capable of having a lot of fun. Harold could have me in stitches with his sense of humour, and he also knew a lot about Newfoundland and St. John's, he truly loved his city and province. Millie was simply a heart of gold wrapped in a body who did what her heart told her to do. She also had an innate sense of fashion, and could put together a great outfit on a shoestring budget. I always said that if we could clone them by the millions this would be a wonderful world.

When I joined the St. David's choir around 1978, Millie and I hit it off, we liked to sing side by side. Millie had a beautiful voice and was spot on with every note. I was a bit wobbly at first but thanks to Millie I quickly felt secure – all I had to do was listen to her. She, in turn, told me that she felt she sang better when next to me. Her kindness and caring during my troubled times, with Harold's full support and concern, have not been forgotten. I wish they had stayed around a lot longer...

Elena Hannah

News from the Gardens..

This time of year is also a busy time for gardeners – and we know there are many gifted people within this congregation who have “green thumbs”. You only have to look at the beautiful display of flowers in front of our Church doors to know that Pam and Penny have a gift for getting things to grow. If you drove past the Church within the past two weeks, you couldn’t help but notice the beautiful roses in bloom. We are very grateful to Pam and Penny for taking such good care of our grounds.

Gardening Update from Gerhard Bassler

I had a question for Gerhard this past week about weeds – “Do you keep them to compost or do you dispose of them?”. As always, Gerhard was there with some excellent advice and tips – and some pictures of his garden!

Good to hear from you and to know that you seem to be as busy in the garden as I am.

As every summer, I am in my St. Joseph’s garden every weekend, usually from Friday night to Sunday evening, and then again one day midweek, usually Wednesday. I have a greenhouse full of 25 tomato plants that need watering, several rows of pole beans and other veggies that need to be kept weed free, and a bumper crop of strawberries right now that need to be harvested and kept protected with chicken wire fencing against the ravenous robins.

There are a lot of weeds accumulating every year that I save on piles, except for invasive deep-rooted weeds, such as dandelion and Japanese Knotweed. I place the weed piles at strategic spots in my large garden to be left there for at least two or three years until the weeds have fully composted. Large junks of weed I put on the pile upside down and cover it with rhubarb leaves if

available. After one year the weed pile itself may need weeding, or be turned over, to prevent some weeds from recovering. When fully composted and packed with nutrients, the weed piles are preferred spots for growing zucchini and pumpkin.

Attached are 3 photos taken on 27 June this year. On top: zucchini planted on a composted weed pile. The pre-seeded plants are protected against slugs with a jacket made from a flexible plant pot whose bottom is cut out, and against damage from cats and birds with old tree boughs laid on the ground. In the centre: a row of pole beans (left) and a row of strawberry plants behind. At the bottom: more rows of pole beans. Instead of poles, you can see, I am sticking tall spruce tree boughs into the soil on each side of the seeded beans and tie the boughs together on top and along the sides. This creates an easily made and wind resistant structure for the beans to climb up on and cling to. I find pole beans so much easier to harvest than bush beans.

Cheers,

Gerhard



Zucchini Plants



Pole Beans and Strawberry Plants



Spruce Tree Boughs for the Beans

Monica's Garden

Speaking of roses, our Administrator, Monica McNeil, also seems to have that special gift when it comes to getting roses to bloom. Just take a look at the pictures below and read what Monica has to say....

Bloom wherever you are!



This is my first rose of the season! I am so excited; every time I pass by my hallway window I see this beauty. It's absolutely perfect!. The picture is not a good representation of the size of this rose, it is breathtakingly big! I am not a gardener; I cannot take any credit for its beauty other than watering it when it is dried out. I just wait in anticipation until these magnificent flowers bloom!

There is one picture without rain and one with droplets of rain on it. It reminds me of our relationship with God during difficult times . There are times when rain comes into our lives in form of health or relationship, and financial issues. Sometimes in our lives we bloom so beautifully and at

others we feel confused, lonely or hurting. But just like the Rose, with God's love and support we can still remain beautiful throughout the rainy season. It reminds me of the verse in the 30th chapter of Psalms "weeping may stay for

the night but joy will come in the morning!" Like this rose, let your beauty show in rain or in shine with God's help!

Archival Moment

This week we take another look at a Sunday School Church Picnic (probably in the mid-late '70's). Yes, those lovely warm summer days – perfect for an outdoor event! See if you recognize the following people: Titus Laaning, Zena Bleeker, Jim Armour, and Gaye Laaning.



Sunday School Picnic - Titus, Zena, Jim and Gaye

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

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

The answer is: Miss Elizabeth Chancey was the teacher in the day school after the Twillingate church re-opened in 1877. She left that post in November 1881 because of ill-health.

This week the question is: 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?

Recent History:

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

The answer is: The hard-working minister, who was very busy with the preparations for the opening of the new hall and the celebrations which followed, left St. John's for Scotland where he (Rev. Armour) was to be married!

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

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.

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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:

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Treasurer: Anne Calver

Envelope Secretary: Ian Bruneau