



Sunday September 12th 2021

Our Sunday service is at 11 am with in-person worship. We also stream the service live and record it for later viewing. 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 September 12, 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:

Isaiah 50:4-9; Mark 8:27-38

Church Office Hours: Rev. Sturtevant is in the office Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm. For pastoral care, please contact him at 699-3661. 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, September 12 We give thanks and pray for organizations who work in partnership with Presbyterian World Service & Development to empower and teach girls in Afghanistan to read, write and improve their standard of living.

Monday, September 13 We pray for Christian educators as they nurture the faith of young people.

Tuesday, September 14 We pray for LGBTQI+ student groups and their teachers as they build communities of love, learning and support in their schools.

Wednesday, September 15 We pray that the members of the Presbytery of Oak Ridges' Pastoral Relations Committee will feel a strong sense of God's presence in their work and discernment.

Thursday, September 16 We pray for the members of the Continuing Education Grants Committee that meet this month.

Friday, September 17 We pray for the Rev. Angie Song, Nuri Lee and the evangelism initiatives of Vaughan Community Church in Toronto, Ontario.

Saturday, September 18 We pray for God's wisdom and guidance to protect creation and the world's biodiversity.

Message From the Minister



I've always been someone who cares about the environment. Maybe it was the camping trips we went on growing up, maybe it was the Earth Day activities we did at school, or maybe I just never wanted to be someone who wasted things. When I break the handle off a mug, I'll try gluing it back on instead of throwing it away, and I walk to work instead of driving most of the time.

But as I try my best to live a low-waste lifestyle, the realities of modern parenting have other ideas. Diapers alone nearly double our garbage output. Going out to eat usually means a complimentary toy for the kids, which is played with for a few hours at best, and then becomes just another piece of plastic to be recycled. I sometimes marvel at how, with small children, everything wears out. Books are trodden on and torn by eager hands, cups are dropped until they crack, toys are pulled apart and any important part that is needed for it to function always seems to get lost. Bed frames are covered in stickers or gouged with a metal toy, mattresses are ruined by bouncing or accidents, clothing is stained within seconds. My house is full of

things that will have to be thrown out at some point, and clearing the toys from my backyard as I wait for Hurricane Larry to arrive has made that more clear to me than ever.

There are many things in life that will not last. In Luke 12, Jesus tells a parable of a rich man who builds bigger barns to store up all his wonderfully abundant crops, only to die in his sleep as soon as they are completed. All of that grain did him no good in the end.

How much in our lives is really meaningful? Do we spend our time doing things that really matter, or do we fritter away our time as if it were a cheap plastic toy to entertain us for a moment before being tossed away?

May you fill your day today with things that matter, doing things that will have lasting consequences. May you be a blessing to those around you, and make lasting impacts on others with your kindness and thoughtfulness. May you be a blessing to yourself, and choose to find ways to spend time on yourself that matter, like exercise, prayer, or reading scripture or another favorite book, instead wasting time on bad habits or empty puttering. May our lives bear fruit that will last. Amen.

Rev. David Sturtevant

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

The Latest (Again) – from your treasurer

Your treasurer is keeping an eye on the church's finances and will provide an update in the next two weeks. Meanwhile our new auditor has submitted the Financial Statements in draft for the Board to review. A suggested survey has been prepared and sent off to the Board and Session for review. And we have been successful in getting a moose licence! All we need now is a hunter, if you know someone who may be interested, please contact Anne Calver.

In-person Church Services

St. David's has had in-person services each Sunday since September 2020 with a brief break from February to April 2021. Our morning worship is at 11 am. We also live-stream the service, or you can access it later. With the move to "Level 2 Re-opening", the number of people who can be in the sanctuary is increased provided we can maintain social distancing. 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 is 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 September 12th 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

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Drive Through - Rain or Shine!

In support of

Bridges To Hope Food Aid Centre

*Largest Food Bank in St. John's

Hosted by: St. David's Presbyterian Church

Where: St. David's Parking Lot, 98 Elizabeth Avenue

When: Saturday, October 9, 2021 - 10 A. M. - 2 P. M.

What to Bring: Non-perishable food items, personal hygiene items, household cleaning supplies, laundry supplies, baking supplies, etc. (Some suggestions are given below.) *Monetary donations and gift cards are also acceptable.*

Why: With Fall and Winter fast approaching, clients of Bridges To Hope are faced with additional expenses for basic items like heat and light! Often this means less money available for food. Food hampers help to bridge the gap - providing quality food, fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh bread, eggs; even meals prepared in our own kitchen!

Some **suggested** items to contribute: *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.

We have much to be thankful for this year let's pass it on by helping others!

Your support is sincerely appreciated – THANK YOU!

Specials This Week (Sept 9-15) – Good buys for Food Trolley!

Colemans

Clark Beans - \$0.77

Heinz Tomato Soup - \$0.77

Shoppers Drug Mart

No Name Evaporated Milk - \$0.99

Colgate Toothpaste - \$0.88

Sobeys

Dry Pasta - \$0.99

Hunt's Pasta Sauce - \$0.99

No Frills

Sugar - \$1.47

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Birthday greetings to Philip Templeton who has a birthday on September 12th. Philip will be celebrating his 8th birthday with his mom and dad, Vanessa and Alex Templeton, the Froude family – Aunt Karen along with Madelyn, Drayton, and Jayce, and proud grand-parents, Sue and Ken Templeton. Happy Birthday Philip from everyone here at St. David's! Hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy Birthday greetings to Jane Green who will be celebrating with family and friends on Monday, September 13th. Jane is a long-time member of St. David's and a great supporter of all the events and activities that take place here at the Church. Best wishes Jane from all your friends here at St. David's! We hope you have a great birthday with many more 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

Joint Picnic Due to Covid concerns the Joint picnic that was being planned for September 19th with St. Andrew's will not be going ahead!

AMS The AMS will be meeting on September 19th following the worship service at Sheena's on 109 Strawberry Marsh Road. All are welcome!

News from Sheena

Sheena was discharged from St. Clare's Hospital on Saturday past. She is doing really well and is happy to be back home. She still has a several weeks to go before her full recovery, so a friendly phone call, an Email or an in-person visit (and a shared cup of tea?) would certainly mean a lot. And let's not forget a little prayer or two for her continuing recovery!

The Bonnell Family

A couple of months ago, St. David's lost a very important member of our family – Minnie Bonnell. Minnie passed away on 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. Aubrey Sr. served with distinction on the Board of Managers and as chairman of the Board (1956-1959) and as an elder on the Session. Both Minnie and Aubrey Sr. were well-loved and cherished by their family – Aubrey and Eleanor, David and Judy, Paul, and Chris and Carol and their children and grand-children.

In talking with Dave Bonnell, he agreed to put together a little history about his mom and dad, and, in consultation with his brothers and their families, we have the following lovely remembrance of two very special people. We hope you enjoy...

Minnie M. (Gillard) Bonnell (1925 – 2021)

Aubrey O. Bonnell (1918 – 1994)

Minnie was born and raised in Harbour Grace, Conception Bay and in 1942, at the age of 17 and upon graduation from high school and subsequent completion of her Teacher's Certificate (Third Grade), relocated to Pasadena on the province's west coast. There she assumed her first teaching position in a one-room schoolhouse. Later, she also completed her Second Grade Teacher's Certificate.

Aubrey was born in Lamaline, Fortune Bay and later moved with his family to Pasadena. As a very young man, he enlisted and was sent overseas as a member of the 59th (Newfoundland) Heavy Regiment. They were stationed in Sussex, England where he assumed the role of a Signaller with the regiment. After discharge he returned to Pasadena.

On July 20, 1944 Minnie and Aubrey were married and put down roots in St. John's. Minnie was Anglican, Aubrey was Salvation Army, they married at Wesley United Church and (to cover all bases, it was always joked) became members of Queen's Road Presbyterian Church. In 1959 the church relocated to Elizabeth Avenue and became St. David's Presbyterian Church. Both were long-time members and took active roles in the church with Minnie teaching Sunday school and participating in various ladies' groups and Aubrey serving on the Kirk Session and the Board of Managers.

Aubrey pursued a lengthy career in the Federal public service and Minnie, when their four sons (Aubrey Jr., David, Paul and Chris) were old enough, took employment with the Vera Perlin Society as a teacher. To enhance her knowledge and skills in this specialized area she completed, with distinction, Certificate Programmes in Rehabilitation and Early Childhood Education at Memorial University.

Minnie and Aubrey also played an advocacy role on behalf of the mentally handicapped of the province. This involved the donation of many hours of service to the various committees and boards with which they worked. They were also instrumental in working with other parents and government in establishing residential services and other community supports for the mentally handicapped. None of these benefits existed in our province at that time but many still exist today.

Family life was of critical importance to Minnie and Aubrey and their home was a happy and welcoming one that embraced strong Christian values and hard work in pursuit of the goals one set for one self.



Minnie and Aubrey Bonnell

Family Names Crossword Puzzle

Anne has put together another crossword puzzle that is sure to test your knowledge of just some of the family names associated with St. David's. It's not too mind-boggling, so have a go at it and see how you do. The answers will appear in next week's bulletin.

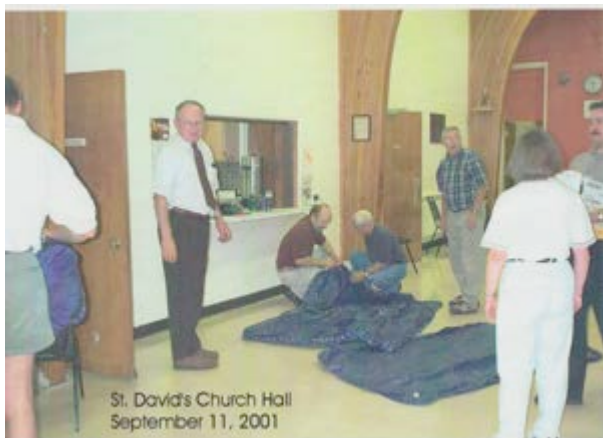
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1 Lillian ----, Clerk of Session	2 Marcella, Hans, Peter and Ernst ----
5 Miraeto and Woojuro ----	3 Anne Marie and Raoul -----
9 --- Bruce, church archivist	4 Eleanor & Aubrey or David & Judy ----
10 --- MacKay choir member	6 Sylvia and David ----
11 The ---- family, Matthew and Jamie and kids	7 Kay ----
12 Both Becky and Leith (plural)	8 Choir member Ed -----
13 ---- den Otter now in Alberta	11 David and Patsy ---
15 First name of 8 down --	14 preposition
16 Ken and Sue ---- elders both	17 Coxongor's surname ----
19 Eun --	18 Old family name, Betty ----, son Paul
20 --- Bruneau elder and offering secretary	22 First minister John ---- way back in 1700's
21 Marjorie (----) Pike nickname (in memory of)	25 Bouwina, Frank and Bill ----
23 --- of the Covenant (Biblical)	27 Family name, Jean, Steve and Ian --- -
24 Richard and Gail ----	29 Andrea ----
26 ---- Cummings former elder & member BOM	32 Edith ----, husband Bill (in memory of)
27 Organist ----- Way	35 Kyle and Sonya ----
28 Ivy and Max --- (in memory of)	37 Rukiya's surname ----
30 David (retired elder) and Judy ----	39 Barry and ----Learmonth
31 David ---- (in memory of) on bulletin cover	
33 - Kay ----, Bouwina's sister	
34 Gerhard -----	
36 Uncle -- Clouston (in memory of)	
38 Minister in the 70's and 80's Jim ----	
40 Linda --- (in memory of)	
41 Jim (elder) ---- and Frances (in memory of)	
42 ----Hammond (elder, in memory of)	
43 Josh and Gracie ----	
44 Olive ----, daughter is Marilyn Reardon	
45 ---- Artiss and husband David	

Clues

Archival Moment

Twenty years ago, September 11, 2001, will be a day that many of us will never forget. As I read through the stories from our Church archives about 9/11, I again realized just what a small world we live in. Several of our St. David's families had children or other close relatives working in or very close to the Towers and some in our congregation were travelling at the time and got caught in the flight diversions. Here in St. John's, many churches offered their facilities for the stranded passengers arriving from all around the world. The St. David's congregation opened their doors and their hearts without hesitation. Within hours, calls were made, supplies were brought to the church and we extended the hand of friendship to 69 people that made St. David's their "home" for two days. Their horror, disbelief, and confusion was soothed and comforted by our congregation's friendly faces, warm smiles and kind words.



St. David's Church Hall
September 11, 2001

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Just some of our Visitors from away

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: How many churches has this congregation used over the years?

The answer is: There is some discrepancy in the numbers. There are four main ones and several other places where worship took place. The three recorded ones are on Victoria Street (LSPU Hall site), Chapel Hill or Queen's Road (the old Stone Chapel and the Queen's Road church) and the current church on Elizabeth Ave. Then, there was an earlier small wooden meeting house somewhere near the eastern end of Military Road.

This week the question is: In the early (and later) days where else has this congregation met?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What church family was renown as carpenters and builders?

The answer is: The Thomas family has had a long history of builders for both the churches in St. John's and also in the mission at Poole's Cove.

This week the question is: What current church family is well known for carpentry and involved in church-related construction?

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 now that things are starting to re-open. 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:

Minister: Rev. David Sturtevant – Cell phone: 699-3661

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Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/stdavidsstjohns>

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) – Ernst Rollmann

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