



Sunday September 5th 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 5, 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 35:4-7, Mark 7:24-37

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 699-6881. 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 5 We pray for the Rev. David Mang, Joshua Su and for the new worshipping communities growing in the Presbytery of Montreal in Quebec.

Monday, September 6 (Labour Day) We pray for the safety and well-being of all workers, and for fair pay and benefits for all.

Tuesday, September 7 (Rosh Hashanah) We pray for our Jewish neighbours who are celebrating Rosh Hashanah (New Year's Day) and the anniversary of the creation of the world.

Wednesday, September 8 (World Literacy Day) We give thanks for the gift of literacy and for teachers and tutors who pass on the gift of reading and writing.

Thursday, September 9 We pray for all of the students attending theological colleges who are beginning or resuming their studies. May they be enriched and challenged through their studies.

Friday, September 10 We pray for Csilla Bertalan, Director of Samuel House, and her colleagues as they provide Christian care to underprivileged children in Romania.

Saturday, September 11 We pray for peace in Palestine and Israel so that all children may grow up in a safe place with equal opportunities.

Photos from Rev. David's Holidays



Orson playing at the Mall



Michelle making friends with Igor at Lester's Farm



Orson enjoying a at freshly-toasted marshmallow



Rev. David at La Manche



Oliver being himself



Brothers on the hunt for Blueberries at Cobbler's Path



Oliver the climber,
"showing his muscles"



A short rest from all the
fun of campin

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

The Latest – 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 5th 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

Fall and Winter will be here before you know it! For many clients of Bridges To Hope, this means bigger bills for basic items like heat and light! Often this means less money available for food and that's where "Bridges" comes in. Food hampers help to bridge the gap – providing quality food, fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh bread, eggs; even meals prepared in our own kitchen! Your help and support of Bridges To Hope enables us to carry out our programs and assist those in our community who need a helping hand! Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Specials This Week (Sept 2-8) – **Good buys for Food Trolley!**

Lawtons

Cloverleaf Tuna - \$0.99

Heinz Beans or Pasta - \$0.99

Sobeys

Compliments Diced/Crushed Tomatoes - \$1.00

Compliments Soups (assorted) - \$0.99

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

A correction from last week. We mistakenly said that Claire O'Grady was celebrating her 5th birthday. Actually, Claire celebrated her big #6 birthday! (See pictures below) Sorry for the mix-up Claire. We hope you enjoyed a wonderful birthday with your family and friends and we wish you all the best as you start school next week – going into Grade 1!!

Happy belated anniversary wishes to Judy and Dave Bonnell who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 21st! Judy and Dave have been longtime members of St. David's and take part in and support many of the activities held here at St. David's. Congratulations from everyone here at St. David's! We hope you enjoyed a wonderful day with your family and friends and we wish you many more years of happiness!

Congratulations to Heather and Brad Burness who will be celebrating their 23rd wedding anniversary on September 5th. (Heather is the daughter of Edith Peach and Brad the son of Brenda Burness.) Best wishes to you both from all your friends here at St. David's and may there be many more happy years ahead!

Happy 31st wedding anniversary to Jacqueline and Maxwell Brockerville who were married on September 8, 1990. Congratulations from all your friends here at St. David's. Jacqueline and Maxwell will be celebrating the special day with family and friends, including Jacqueline's mom and dad, Jean and Clayton Collins, and her two sisters, Jennifer and Janet, and their families. Best wishes and much happiness!

Happy Anniversary to Penny and Stewart Gillies who will be celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary on September 8th! Penny and Stewart will be celebrating this milestone with family and friends, near and far, including their 3 daughters – Allison, Joanna, and Kirsty and their families – and of course, Cleo! Your St. David's family wishes you much happiness now and in the coming years! Our love to you both.

Happy Anniversary to Judith (Judy) and Frank Woolridge. Judy and Frank were married on September 9, 2013 and will be celebrating their 8th wedding anniversary with family and friends. Best wishes for many happy years to come and congratulations from everyone here at St. David's!

Happy Anniversary to April and Tom Kennedy who will be celebrating their special day on September 5th! This is April and Tom's Silver Anniversary – 25 years! Congratulations to you both from everyone here at St. David's. We wish you a wonderful day and many more years of happiness 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

Update on Sheen Findlay

Sheena is still recuperating from her surgery and hopes to get home from the hospital this week. She is learning a whole new set of skills as she gets used to her new hip – getting in and out of bed, sitting in a chair, walking up and down stairs, and getting acquainted with her walker. She is so thankful for your thoughts and prayers and she is looking forward to returning home later this week. We'll keep you posted!

Keeping in Touch with Heidi, Sean, Claire and Grace

It was lovely to hear from Heidi Wells this week and to hear a little about their summer and Claire's birthday. (As mentioned above, Claire celebrated her 6th birthday last week and is looking forward to entering Grade 1!) Here is the note from Heidi....

All is well here! The summer has been fantastic, and gone by in the blink! Claire will be back to school in another couple weeks, wow!!!!

We did a couple trips to Kilmory, which the girls love! Hope you managed to enjoy the lovely weather?

Her birthday was great! Celebrated with her closest little friends and family. I've included some pictures.



Claire's Birthday Party with Friends



Six Candles to Blow Out!



Claire, the Birthday Girl, Celebrating Being 6!



Good Friends!



Enjoying the View at Kilmory



Some Night Magic



Family Time- Grace, Heidi, Sean and Claire

Note from Hans Rollmann

It's always great to hear your comments about our Trivia. Anne's questions are a bit of fun but at the same time they test our knowledge of the history of our Church going back many generations. And a fascinating history it is! Last week's question asked about a riot. Really?? We were delighted to have Hans Rollmann send along some detailed information about this event from our Church's past. Here is Hans's note and an excerpt from the actual article. (If you are interested in reading the full article, just let us know, or better yet, give Hans a call!)

In the Bulletin for this week the question is raised what the riot during the early days of the Dissenting congregation was all about. I once published an article and edition in which I contextualized the riot a little. Here is that section from the article and edition. There is also a good treatment of the riot in the church's bicentennial history on pp. 17-19 Hans.

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John Jones, James O'Donel, and the Question of Religious Tolerance in Eighteenth-Century Newfoundland: A Correspondence

Hans Rollmann

I

On the 17th of April 1785, the small congregation of Dissenters that had gathered in St. John's for the six o'clock evening worship was rudely disturbed by a mob of angry men, women, and children hurling rocks at their meeting house.^{1} When a sergeant from the garrison appeared at the entrance, he was struck on the head with a stone thrown by the Catholic rioters. And although the frightened worshippers several times before had been the object of pranks by Navy soldiers pouring gunpowder down the chimney,^{2} this disturbance appeared to be more serious. Only the utmost efforts of John Livingston, an influential citizen, succeeded in dispersing the mob and restoring calm.^{3}

When the congregation brought a grievance before the local judges, it in turn was accused of inciting anti-Catholic feelings through the sermons of its minister John Jones. The Rev. Walter Price,^{4} a local Anglican clergyman, had accused the Congregationalist minister and former paymaster at the garrison of preaching "against the Roman Catholick's Religion and thereby mak[ing] dissentions in this place." In a petition to the justices, Jones defended himself by stating that although he considered "the Church of Rome to be repugnant to Scripture," he "never used the words Roman Catholic or Papist, Pope or Popery in any of [his] public Preaching, either in St. John's or elsewhere." Nor did he wish, the minister assured the court, "to give offence to any, but to live at peace with all men, well knowing that true religion does not consist in Sects and Parties but in righteousness and Godliness and peace." Having himself experienced persecution at the hands of the governor and the Established Church earlier in his career as a minister, he now desired "that his fellow Citizens of the Catholic party should enjoy with himself the full liberty of Conscience." Although the staunch Calvinist disagreed with Roman Catholicism on many points and was always ready "to assert and prove Scriptural truths according to his several oaths taken in this Court," he most happily concurred "in whatever his Majesty and the Parliament might think proper to do for their [i.e. Catholics'] relief in the Toleration of their Religious Principles, and this not only from a motive of duty and Loyalty, but of equity and Justice, that what he would men should do unto him, the same he would do unto them."^{5}

If any among the Catholic rioters felt that their assault might receive the blessing of the Church, they were quickly told differently by the new superior of the Catholic mission in Newfoundland. The Reverend James Louis O'Donel^{6} publicly repudiated the mob action in no uncertain terms. Just the year before, he had come to the island, following a request made by Irish merchants, to serve among the largely Gaelic-speaking Irish Catholics. By his presence, it was hoped that the behaviour of what the merchants in their letter to Bishop Talbot of London had called "unruly and scandalous priests" might be checked and the influx of unlicensed ones from Ireland be controlled.^{7} When the former teacher of theology at Prague arrived in St. John's on 4 July 1784,^{8} even the hard-to-please Rev. Price quickly called him "a sensible, well-disposed man."^{9} And John Jones, to remember the event, wrote in his journal: "This year 1784 the Romish Priest came to the Harbour, got full toleration and exercise [of] the Popish Religion in all respects, obtained leave to build a chapel and laid the foundation thereof."^{10}

The days of gubernatorial fiat, when the heavy-handed, governor Dorrill tore down dwellings and fishing places in which itinerant priests had said mass,^{11} were now all but memory. Presumably, the relaxation of the penal laws in England in 1778,^{12} the subsequent removal of the discriminatory "except Papists" clause from the instructions to governors of Newfoundland in 1779,^{13} the realities of Irish population growth in

the island,^{14} the trouble with Methodists in Conception Bay,^{15} perhaps even the benign example of a changed legal situation for Catholics in Quebec^{16} and Nova Scotia,^{17} and, more recently, the 1783 permission for Catholics to build a chapel in St. John's^{18} - all of this had finally culminated in a more general public announcement of religious liberty in 1784 by Governor John Campbell,^{19} the son of a Scotch clergyman.^{20} The governor, by a vaguely worded instruction, even allowed Catholic priests to solemnize marriages.^{21}

Already by the end of 1783, Irish merchants had approached the ecclesiastical authorities in Ireland,^{22} and through them Bishop Talbot, the Vicar Apostolic of the London district, who was responsible for the Roman Catholics of Newfoundland.^{23} Bishop Egan of Waterford had also speedily informed the Sacred Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith in Rome.^{24} When on 30 May 1784 Pope Pius VI approved O'Donel's appointment and raised Newfoundland to an independent ecclesiastical territory under the direct control of the Holy See,^{25} the establishment of institutional Catholicism in the island had begun in earnest. One of the first public actions of the new Prefect Apostolic was to reproach the rioters.^{26}

John Jones persuaded the judges of his innocence; and when three offenders were found, convicted, and sentenced to lashes, he successfully pleaded for a remission of these Draconian penalties.^{27} What followed the mob action and subsequent trial was a remarkable exchange between the Congregationalist minister and the future Catholic bishop of Newfoundland, which is contained in the manuscript history of the Dissenting Church of Christ in St. John's, now in the possession of St. David's Presbyterian Church.^{28}

Footnotes:

1) I am grateful to the Kirk Session of St. David's Presbyterian Church in St. John's, its former minister the Rev. James Armour, and its Interim Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Sheldon MacKenzie, for permission to consult and print passages from the 18th- and 19th-century manuscript history "Notes Concerning the Dissenting Church at St. John's, Newfoundland" (hereafter: "Notes"). The "Notes," which also contain the following documentation, are part of a larger volume of church records bearing the title: "Congregational Church/Saint John's/Newfoundland, / *The Dissenting Church of Christ at St. John's 1775 - 1975: A History of St. David's Presbyterian Church, St. John's, Newfoundland* ([St. John's]: n.p., [1974]). I am also grateful to my colleague Prof. John R. Williams for reading and commenting on this edition.

2) "Notes," 15.

- 3) "Notes," 20 – 21.
- 4) Cf. Ruth M. Christensen, "The Establishment of S.P.G. Missions in Newfoundland, 1703 – 1783," *Historical Magazine of the Protestant Episcopal Church* 20 (June 1951), 223.
- 5) For the preceding, see "Notes," 22 – 25.
- 6) Anonymous, "James Louis O'Donel", *Dictionary of Canadian Biography: Vol. 5: 1801 to 1820* (Toronto, Buffalo, London: University of Toronto Press, 1983), 631 – 634.
- 7) Archives of the Sacred congregation of the Propagation of the Faith (Vatican), hereafter: "PF"; PF/SOCCG, Vol. 867 (1784), 31rv, 32rv - 33rv, 38rf. Cf. the useful indices provided by Luca Codignola for the Public Archives of Canada (Ottawa).
- 8) PF/Congressi (AA), Vol. 2 (1763 – 89), 562rv – 563rv.
- 9) Manuscript Journal of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (London), hereafter: SPG; SPG Journal, Vol. 23 (Friday 17 December 1784), 423.
- 10) "Notes," 20.
- 11) Cf. already the documentation in Charles Pedley, *The History of Newfoundland: From the Earliest Times to the Year 1860* (London: Longman, Green, Longman, Roberts & Green, 1863), 90 - 96. These documents, drawn from C.O. 194, have been reprinted many times since.
- 12) 18 George III, cap. 45, and 18 George III, cap. 60, *Great Britain: The Statutes at Large: George III 1778 – 1779* (Washington, D.C.: Microcard Editions, n.d.), Card 2, 74 - 75 and 152 - 154.
- 13) Whereas Article 21 of Governor Palliser's instructions of 1764 (C.O. 194/17) had read: "You are to permit a free exercise of religion to all persons *except Papists* [emphasis my own] so that they be contented with a quite and peaceable enjoyment of the same, not giving offence or scandal to the government," the clause "except Papists" is absent from the instructions to governors since Governor Edwards in 1779, presumably because of the liberation of the Penal Laws; cf. Raymond J. Lahey, "Religion and Politics in Newfoundland: The Antecedents of the General Election of 1832" (St. John's: Unpublished Lecture, Newfoundland Historical Society, 15 March 1979), 3 - 4.
- 14) E.g., Mr. Price to S.P.G., 30 November 1784; SPG Journal, Vol. 23 (Friday 18 February 1785), 43; "The Harbour of St. John's contains between 2 and 3000 Winter-residents, three fourths of whom are Roman Catholics, and one half of the remainder are Methodist."
- 15) Jacob Parsons, "The Origin and Growth of Newfoundland Methodism 1765 - 1855" (St. John's: M.A. Thesis, Memorial University of Newfoundland, 1964), 26, 32.

- 16) John S. Moir, *Church and State in Canada 1627 – 1867*, The Carleton Library, Vol. 33, ed. by Robert L. McDougall (Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 1967), 92 - 110.
- 17) John Garner, "The Enfranchisement of Roman Catholics in the Maritimes," *The Canadian Historical Review* 34 (1953), 203 - 218. I am grateful to Prof. T.M. Murphy for acquainting me with this article.
- 18) See fn. 7.
- 19) Provincial Archives of Newfoundland and Labrador, GN 2/1/A, Vol. 10, p. 138: "Pursuant to the King's instructions to me, you are to allow all persons inhabiting this island to have full liberty of conscience, and the free exercise of all such modes of religious worship as are not prohibited by law, provided they be contented with a quiet and peaceable enjoyment of the same, not giving offence or scandal to Government"; cf. also Public Record Office, C.O. 194, Vol. 35 (1780 - 1784), p. 631 ("Extract of Newfoundland Instruction"): "12. To allow the Exercise of Such Modes of Religious Worship as are not prohibited by Law"; SPG Journal, Vol. 23 (18 February 1785), 43: "The Late Gov[erno]r Campbell left behind him a paper, which signified, that it was his Majesty's pleasure to grant his Subjects in Newfoundland, of all persuasion (as by Law tolerated,) equal authority and privilege in the exercise of their religion."
- 20) William Garden Blaikie, "John Campbell," *The Dictionary of National Biography* (London: Oxford University Press, 1921/23), Vol. 3, 829 – 830.
- 21) Cf. the vague formulation in C.O. 194, Vol. 35 (1780 - 1784), 631: "No man to administer the Sac[ra]m[ents] that [sic] is not in Orders, and respecting the conduct of ministers." I am grateful to Mrs. Barbara Crosbie for having located this instruction.
- 22) See fn. 7.
- 23) PF/Acta, 154 (1784), 294r; PF/SOCCG, 867 (1784), 34rv – 35rv and 36rv – 37rv; PF/Lettere 244 (1784), 480 – 481r.
- 24) PF.Acta 154 (1784), 294rv.
- 25) PF/Acta 154 (1784), 294rv; PF/Lettere 244 (1784), 477v – 479r and 480rv – 481r.
- 26) "Notes," 27.
- 27) *Ibid.*
- 28) The letters were copied in the end of the 18th century/beginning of the 19th century by a church member, in the case of O'Donel's letter with less literary skill than the original writer. Thus spelling and punctuation have been tacitly corrected in some cases. The documents can be found in "Notes," 27 – 33.

Reflections from Eric Cumby

I was bold enough to ask Eric if he would consider writing a short article for the bulletin sometime. I was delighted when he sent along this wonderful reflection of how his faith has grown and developed throughout the years. I know you will enjoy it and I hope that he will send along more articles in the coming weeks. Thank-you Eric!

“For I was a stranger and ye took me in...”

Matthew 25



Millertown Church

This is the little community Church in Millertown, sited at one end of town.

It's on a little hill on a point of land jutting out into Red Indian Lake. It's where I was baptized and introduced to organized religion. I'm afraid my young boy memories focus on the more secular: the kerosene lamps hanging on wall brackets, the big rope hanging from the bell tower, the pump organ with it's unique wail.

OK, here's my own faith journey all the way through many years and paths from Millertown to St. David's.

I grew up as a member of the United Church of Canada, first in Millertown and then through my growing up in Grand Falls. My mom and dad were active members of Memorial United Church, and let's just say I was a regular but reluctant attendee. Sunday School was "de rigueur", until I discovered that the Catholic boys were playing baseball on Sunday afternoons. Yep, after Sunday dinner I dutifully left my house to go to Sunday School but more enjoyable pursuits led me astray. Full confession – baseball did rank way up there on this teenage boy's list of favourite things to do!

During my growing up years in the 1950's, St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls was a thriving church. I remember a Rev. Patterson who organized a popular non-denominational youth group that was active over the summer months. Good memories of outdoor badminton on the Church grounds. Than-you Rev. Patterson!

In time, with so many young people, I strayed from the constraints of youth and began walking my own path. Young and indestructible, who needs organized religion? Church became more of a social and special times affair. Regular church attendance just wasn't cool.

The next leg in my faith journey was my Catholic years. My wife, Isabel, grew up Catholic, in a home of strong Catholic practice. This was no Sunday morning religion. This was a committed way of life. Our union constituted what was known back in the day as a "mixed marriage". There was a strong Protestant Catholic divide in Grand Falls that raised its ugly head in so many aspects of everyday life.

Thank God we've learned to move a little closer to the essence of the teachings of Jesus – love, compassion, and kindness to all our neighbours, and never, never be judgmental.

For many years I followed the Catholic faith, at least to the degree a non-Catholic could. My children have all been raised Catholic. Three still attend Mass and two are very involved in the parishes. Once, when we were living in Illinois, I decided to take a course to study the Catholic religion with the intent of becoming a Catholic. It was not to be. Two fundamental precepts clashed with my own inherent sense of logic and not having the necessary gift of faith to accept what my own material based mind believed, well, let's just say that an unstoppable force met an unmovable object. Maybe.

Undeterred, I continued to faithfully attend Mass with my wife and family, eventually just my wife and me and finally without my wife, who passed away in 2016. There has been a comfort in the ritual of the Mass, with the message and with the friendships.

Over the years, I have been privileged to have attended Church at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City (NYC), at Notre Dame in Montreal, at a centuries old Basilica in France built with black lava rock, at an inner city gospel singing Church in South Carolina, at the unique igloo Church in Inuvik (insulated from the ground to avoid melting the permafrost), at a tiny little Church at Fort Good Hope on the Mackenzie River in the North West Territories (NWT) (with the most breath-taking interior of any church), and many other places of worship. Every week I look forward to virtually joining Rev. William Mercer at Wesley United Church. This service always leaves me feeling better for having watched and listened.

Finally then how have I "cast upon the shores of St. David's"? It's probably trite to say this but, "I came because of Kathleen and I stayed because of you." St. David's is one more blessing in all the blessings, goodness and joy that precious Kathleen has brought into my life.

But it was the welcoming warmth from all of you that spread like a cozy blanket. There was immediate acceptance, without judgment or assessment. There were friendly smiles, conversation over coffee and getting to know each other. Acceptance!

Over those past few years, my admiration and respect for the togetherness of this band of Christians, is immense. You do so much to keep St. David's alive and relevant. So much by so few. You feed the poor, you reach out and comfort a parishioner who needs a hand, you administer the outreach services, you run the business of the Church in all its aspects. You are wonderful people doing wonderful works.

Church is so much more than Sunday morning service. It is more than bricks and mortar and stained glass windows. It is a people with a shared bond of faith, with like beliefs in Jesus and his teachings of love and kindness. It is people who practice goodness each and every day, who do what they can, right where they live to make our world just a little better.

Yes, there are big challenges in keeping St. David's alive and well in the coming days. But you are a strong people with many talents. You will prevail. Keep the faith!

For my part, I feel privileged to be able to attend St. David's and honoured to call you friends. Maybe I'm home?

Before I finish, I must express my admiration and respect for everyone who plays a role in ensuring that COVID-19 does not disrupt the spirit of St. David's. They provide a very much needed and welcomed communication link with the St. David's church family. No small task, but such a valuable link. They continue to give generously of their time and talents in reaching out and touching so many isolated folks. I can't stress too much how important it is to inform and keep the flock together.

Archival Moment

This week, thanks to Gracie Wood, we have a lovely picture from June 2009. It shows Sylvia Hudson, Betty Chancey and Gracie Wood enjoying friendship and good food at the closing luncheon of the year for the WA. We think it took place at Edith Peach's house. Thank-you Gracie!



WA Lunch – June 2009

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: The first meeting house had a lively history, including a riot. What was that about?

The answer is: Basically it was a squabble between the new head of the Church of England and John Jones. A crowd met at the meeting house but were disbursed by a member of the garrison who lived next door.

(For a more detailed explanation, please read Hans Rollmann's article in the News From The Pews section!)

This week the question is: How many churches has this congregation used over the years?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What current church family has a famous Bible?

The answer is: The family is the Artiss family whose Bible was featured in a bulletin last year.

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

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.

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? Please call the church at 722-2382 or email us at stdavids@nfld.com and we'll see what we can do to help.

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.

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