



Sunday December 5th 2021 – Second Sunday in Advent

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 December 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:

Church Office Hours: Rev. Sturtevant is in the office Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm, if you need to drop off or pick up something. For pastoral care, please contact him at 699-3661. Monica McNeill, our Office Administrator, is working from home and can be reached through the church's phone number (722-2382) or email at stdavids@nfld.com.

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, December 5 (Second Sunday of Advent) We pray for peace in the world: in our churches, in our families and circle of friends, and in our spirits as we prepare to welcome the Christ child among us again.

Monday, December 6 We pray for ministries that are exploring new ways to welcome, include and support LGBTQI+ people and families.

Tuesday, December 7 We thank God for those who are engaging in God's mission in the world and finding effective ways to share the Gospel of Christ with neighbours.

Wednesday, December 8 We pray that the light of Christ will shine brightly and provide comfort to all who are ill, struggling or mourning this Advent season.

Thursday, December 9 We pray for the Rev. Chen Hsin-Liang, the new General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan.

Friday, December 10 (Human Rights Day) We pray for families living in situations of conflict or in exile, and we give thanks for the church's support of Presbyterian World Service & Development programs that protect the rights of refugees.

Saturday, December 11 We give thanks for the education the Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation Program provides to raise awareness and support people with disabilities in Ghana so that they can lead fulfilling lives free from stigma.

Message From the Minister



This Sunday in Advent is called the Sunday of Peace. Peace is a rare commodity at my house. Oliver and Orson are 4 and 2, and together with the cats, bunnies, and dog, they make sure Mom and Dad never get a moment's peace. They always want to play, they always want to eat, they always want us to read them a story, and on it goes. I honestly think they don't stop moving all day, except for at nap-time, and even then it feels like sometimes only Mom and Dad actually fall asleep!

Of course, even in the midst of all that chaos, peace still sometimes finds a way. Sometimes, when I'm reading a story, I'll smell Orson's hair and feel a sense of contented peace. Or I'll be running around with Oliver, both of us laughing, and my worries will fade to the background and I will find a moment of peace even as I run around the park with him.

Peace doesn't mean just sitting still. God offers us the gift of peace, but surely also has more for us to do than sit around in peaceful stupor. When he was facing his death, Jesus spoke the well-remembered words to his disciples: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as

the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (*John 14:27*) He did not mean that their coming days would be free of trials, he knew it would be just the opposite. The crucifixion and burial was not a peaceful event! But he offered them peace so that in the midst of business, they would still find contentment, that peace would come from within them, rather than from the world around them.

So may peace grow within you this week, in spite of all that surrounds you. May you find yourself rooted in the Good News of God's love this holiday season, undismayed by any troubles. For Christ gives us peace in the midst of the storm, and it is a peace the world can never understand nor overcome. What Good news that is for us!

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person Church Services

St. David's would like to welcome you back to our in-person church service. For over a month now we have used the QR code to verify vaccination status and each week we do better at this new process. We still ask for your assessment status as we have since we started in-person services.

Our morning worship is at 11 am. We also live-stream the service, or you can access it later. Please wear your masks especially during singing and respect social distancing norms.

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. 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'd certainly 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 Dec 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.

Can We Help? Do you need help getting your QR code or getting it in the format you want (on your phone, a paper copy or a wallet size copy)? Do you need help with any small jobs around the house or garden such as raking leaves or preparing your garden for winter? Do you need any help getting groceries perhaps? Or maybe you would just like to have a chat with the minister or an elder? If so, give the church a call at 722-2382 or email us at stdavids@nfld.com and we'll see what we can do to help. If you'd like to drop by the church to see David or to drop something off, he's in his office from 10 am to 2 pm Tuesday through Friday.

Treasurer's Report, Session and Board of Managers (BoM) Update

Treasurer's Note

Each week I look at the state of our bank account and even with our lives still in flux, this congregation is donating to our church. I'd like to sincerely thank all those who continue to do so; through donations dropped off at the church, by donations coming to us through your elder(s), to those who have embraced e-transfers, by those who are on PAD (pre-authorized donations), and lastly by those who come to church each Sunday. Thank you all.

If you're wondering "Why is your treasurer still relatively calm about the church's finances?", I do have an answer. Last year we ended the year with a healthy balance and we have been using that to get us to where we are today. While we had several maintenance charges for the Tower door and our furnace, there were no new major upgrades or purchases. We paid only what was absolutely necessary.

Meanwhile, I am working hard ensuring every outside source of income is identified: getting back HST rebates and looking at the Presbyterian Church

of Canada sources of help for congregations. This week I also learned that we will be getting help from the St. Aiden's Fund.

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.

Financial Report Update

The Financial Reports for 2020 were sent out several weeks ago and people who get their bulletin from their elders also received copies. Please call the office if you did not receive a copy or would like one dropped off.

Christmas Hamper Project

The Christmas Hamper project is well underway and we have already picked up some great deals. Anne Calver is keeping track of the list of the food items and the tasks required to gather, prepare, and distribute the hampers. We currently have Ocean Spray Cranberry Sauce, Robin Hood flour, Clover Leaf tuna, Kraft Cheez Whiz, and Heinz beans. The full list of grocery items is listed below. We need twenty (20) drivers this year, two deliveries per driver, and remember it's always good to have a helper because some of the boxes are heavy! Anne has a list of prospective drivers, please consider adding your name to that list.

Bridges to Hope

Weekly Specials

December 2 - December 8, 2021

Good Buys for Food Trolley

STORE	ITEM	PRICE
No Frills	Heinz Beans or Pasta	\$0.97
	Holiday Luncheon Meat	\$1.88
Sobeys	Compliments Macaroni & Cheese or Beans	\$0.88
Lawton's	Kraft Dinner	\$0.88
Piper's	Kraft Peanut Butter (1 kg)	\$3.99
Dominion	Green Giant Vegetables ***	\$0.99
	No Name Evaporated Milk *** Great buy for Christmas Hampers	\$1.00
Walmart	Aylmer Soups (4 kinds)	\$0.47

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Preparations are well underway for Christmas Hampers . . but **help** is still needed!

Here's how you can help:

- Make a monetary donation ... just indicate that donation is for "Christmas Hampers"
- Donate a gift card ... can be used to purchase food items for hampers
- Donate non-perishable food item(s) ... see Hamper contents below for suggestions
- Volunteer to help prepare for Hampers in some way ... specific tasks will be assigned (Very limited number of packers needed!)
- Volunteer to deliver a hamper or two ... **NEED 15-20 DELIVERY PEOPLE THIS YEAR!**

Each Hamper has a value of \$75 - \$100 and contains

<i>Turkey (10-12 lb.)</i>	<i>Vegetables - Cabbage, Carrot, Turnip, Potatoes</i>	
<i>Flour (2.5 kg)</i>	<i>Sugar (2 kg)</i>	<i>Onions (2-3 lb.)</i>
<i>Oranges (3-5 lb.)</i>	<i>Apples (3-5 lb.)</i>	<i>Tuna (170 g tin)</i>
<i>Green Peas (tin)</i>	<i>Corn (tin)</i>	<i>Evaporated Milk (tin)</i>
<i>Cheese Whiz</i>	<i>Peanut Butter</i>	<i>Juice (1 Litre)</i>
<i>Milk (2L 2%)</i>	<i>Cranberry sauce (tin)</i>	<i>Cereal (Box)</i>
<i>Teabags (72/144)</i>	<i>Coffee (Instant)</i>	<i>Margarine (454 g)</i>
<i>Eggs (1 dozen)</i>	<i>Bread (1 loaf white)</i>	<i>Bread (1 loaf w/wheat)</i>
<i>Bread Crumbs (1 pkg.)</i>	<i>Savoury (18 g)</i>	<i>Cheese (block)</i>
<i>Crackers</i>	<i>Cookies</i>	<i>Beans (tin)</i>

N.B. An item with a strikethrough indicates that we already have enough of that item for forty (40) hampers – our initial goal. We will do more if funds permit!

DELIVERY DATE: DECEMBER 18, 2021

Two persons required for each delivery - Hampers are heavy!

Further info/questions?

Please contact: Lillian Crawford (754-2362/691-3057)

Anne Calver (682-4329) Church Office (722-2382)

Message from Monica

So long.....but not good-bye!

As I sat to write this, I want to express how difficult it was. It's hard to say goodbye to people you have spent the last 13 years working with. I watched so many of you work tirelessly for others whether it was through knitting, doing up beautiful Christmas Hampers, cooking, baking ,or repairs around the church, the list continues on. I believe the attributes I admired most when watching is how much dedication and joy you put into each project. How many times did I hear laughter coming from the kitchen or the Armour Room, it was truly inspiring to see how much fun you all made hard work look like.

Most of all I want to thank you! Thank-you for your warmth, patience, the first year was a rough one, I had no clue as to what was coming next and Rev. Dent was fairly new as well so we blindly got through the firsts but you were so gracious and helpful, I will always remember that.

Thank-you for being like a second family to me, so, I will only say good-by as your administrator and as a friend I will see you again!

All the best

Monica

Pictures of the Family



Ben and Duke



Sam



Merry Christmas from Monica and the Pups!

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Geoff Hudson who has a birthday coming up on December 6th. Geoff will be celebrating with family and friends, including his mom and dad, Sylvia and Dave Hudson. Best wishes from everyone here at St. David's Geoff! Enjoy!

Happy Birthday to Andrew Ellis who will be celebrating his big day on December 9th. Andrew is the son of Neil Ellis and grandson of Barbara Ellis. Congratulations Andrew from your St. David's family and our best wishes!

Happy Birthday to Noah Venth who will be celebrating his birthday on December 9th with family and friends, including his mom and dad, Kirsty Gillies and Robert Venth and proud grandparents, Penny and Stewart Gillies. Best wishes Noah from everyone here at St. David's and we hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy Birthday to Paul Chancey who will be celebrating his birthday on December 10th with family and friends, near and far, including his wife, Holly, and two sons, Noah and Joshua, sister Kathy and of course, proud mom, Betty Chancey. Best wishes, Paul from everyone here at St. David's. We hope you have a great day!

And a very Happy Birthday to Harry Cumming, who will be celebrating his 103rd birthday on Saturday, December 5th! Harry currently resides at the Caribou Memorial Veterans Pavilion (DVA) and enjoys good health according to his wife, Eleanor. Best wishes Harry from everyone here at St. David's and we know that Eleanor and your family will make this a very special celebration!

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.

Announcements

Thanks!

Many thanks to Chris Morano who provided all the beautiful music at last Sunday's service. It was a real treat and his little piece at the end of the service had some of us literally dancing in the pews!

Many thanks to Jenny Griffioen for providing the music this week.

AMS Advent Meeting

In preparation for Christmas, the AMS will be meeting after church on Sunday 5 December. (This will be a combined meeting for November and December.). Donations will be for A Classroom for Every Child.

A Classroom for Every Child. (A Project of PWS&D)

Education is one of the most crucial tools in breaking cycles of poverty, but over 260 million children—the majority of whom are girls—don't have the opportunity to go to school. By opening classroom doors, providing necessary supplies and delivering training for teachers, your gifts will help children reach their full potential.

\$27 provides a child with textbooks

\$60 provides a teacher with training to ensure quality education

\$100 supplies blackboards, flipcharts, markers and chalk for a school

\$375 helps send a student to school for one year

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be holding their monthly meeting in the Armour Room on Tuesday, December 7th at 10 am.

Coming Soon

In upcoming issues of this bulletin will be three new crossword puzzles, one on the current and past members of this congregation, one for kids all about animals and one about all things Christmas. Sharpen your pencils!

News from the Pews

Willing Hands

Last week, the “Souper Group” got together to put into action an idea many of us have talked about for some time. The plan was for a few of us to get together and prepare and deliver a simple lunch for church members and friends of St. David’s. Ideally, we would have loved to have done it for everyone, but as a pilot project, this was not possible. I believe I can speak for everyone involved and say that it was a tremendous success! The cooks in the kitchen certainly enjoyed themselves and the recipients were thrilled with the homemade choir soup, rolls and cookies. More importantly though, the “lunch” was a chance to connect with people again, have a little chat and even share a meal together in some cases.

Many thanks to the “Souper Group” – Kay Scott (who came up with our name!), Lillian Crawford, Kathy McKay, Penny Gillies, Jenny Griffioen, Janet Aitken, and her friend, Dorothy French. Many thanks to Marilyn Reardon who provided the yummy homemade rolls – so delicious – and to Judy Cumby who donated Tim Horton’s cookies (as part of the Tim Horton’s Fund-Raiser day for Bridges to Hope.)

Stay tuned for another “Souper” event! If you would like to help out in any way, contact any member of the Souper Group.



Souper Group – Serving the Soup



Some Members of the Souper Group

Farewells and New Beginnings

As many of you know, Monica, will be leaving St. David's to take on a full time position at the medical clinic where she has worked part-time for many years. December 7th is her last day with us. To say that she will be missed is an understatement. Over the past 13 years, we have had the privilege of getting to know her – along with her husband, Mike, her son, Ben, her dad, Sam, all her fuzzy, furry pooches and of course her fish and bearded dragon!

She has been the quiet presence of St. David's, holding things together when sometimes it feels like everything is falling apart around us. She was always the first person you saw when you came to the Church office and her cherry smile and "Hello" made you feel welcomed and at home right away.

From a work point of view, Monica has been our rock. She has managed the administrative duties with professionalism and good humour. She handled all the renters with fairness and smoothed things out when there was the occasional "oops"! Whenever one of the renters had a question, she was there to answer it and she always made their time at St. David's a pleasant one. She kept things running smoothly – from tracking down misplaced keys to purchasing items for the Church to making bank deposits, and everything else in between.

She was an enthusiastic participant in many of our Church groups including the WA, the knitting group (Prayer Shawl) and the "head chef" for muffin making! She and her family would often take part in our special events – the Good Companion dinners, our sales and our food drives for Bridges to Hope.

On the personal side, she has been a wonderful friend to many. We have learned about her great love for animals - from dogs to fish and even her bearded dragon. We have learned of their different personalities and heard the stories of their many antics. We have watched Monica come to love her garden and all the plants and flowers that are starting to grow there. Thanks to the encouragement of Pam Bruce and Penny Gillies, Monica has started to believe that she really can dig up and divide perennials and they will grow! We know that she has a great love of music and shares this with her husband, Mike. We also know that she is an avid reader and eager to share a recommendation for a favourite book. We have come to admire all the beautiful hand-knitted goods she has made while coming to the knitters (Prayer Shawl) group and how she in turn has been a mentor to those of us who are just beginning to learn how to knit. And we know that she is a marvellous cook/baker, who shares her love of baking with those around her and helps to turn out dozens and dozens of muffins every month for Bridges to Hope. Most importantly, she is a great listener and comforter. Thanks for the many little chats – they meant a lot.

Many of you have your own special memories of Monica and how she made your day a little better just by being herself. Treasure them all.

So as we prepare to say “good-bye”, we also want to wish Monica all the best as she takes up her new position. Change is always a bit scary but also very exciting. Best wishes from all the crowd here at St. David’s. We’re cheering for you! Stay in touch and drop by to see us when you can – there will always be a cup of tea and a chat just waiting inside these doors! Take care and all our love....

Below are some pictures of Monica from the past years. We hope you enjoy them and that they bring back special memories that you have of her.



Monica with the Banners – Christmas 2020



Monica Joins us For Tea
(Knitter's Group)



One Beautiful Hat (Knitted by Monica)



Monica and Ozzie (Knitter's Group)



Fellowship Time
(Knitter's Group)



Bearded Dragon



Rose from New Bush
(Monica's Garden)



Muffins Coming Out of the Oven



Monica Starts Counting (Muffin Making)



Monica Joined us For a Chat and Cup of Tea (WA)



Monica at Her
Wedding Shower (2012)



Monica Cuts Her Cake (2012)



Monica and Mike (2012)

Archival Moment

This week, we continue our little series of the Good Companions at various Christmas Dinners. Thanks to Pam Bruce and Kay Scott for keeping these pictures safe and sound for us to share with you. Here's another picture from the 1985 Christmas Dinner that took place in the Armour Room. Who do you recognize?



Christmas Lunch in the Armour Room, 1985

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: The church had some rough times with the passing of John Jones. What happened to the little congregation over the next several years?

The answer is: A Vacancy Committee was set-up and searched for a new minister with the help of Rev. Greathead of the London Missionary Society. For a time in 1800 the congregation enjoyed the services of Rev. Henry Brunton, a missionary from Africa. He set sail for home in Scotland in November 1800. After that there was a succession of ministers who stayed for two to four years until 1824, while the congregation slowly dwindled.

This week the question is: The church had a new minister in 1824, who was he and how did the little church prosper?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What Christmas service(s) are considered to be the best (ever)? There are several and you can pick your favourite.

The answer is: The TSO concerts, the Children's Pageants, and the candlelit Christmas Eve services are certainly favourites. If anyone chose another service, please let me know!

This week the question is: What two gentlemen were guests for many of our candle-lit Christmas Eve services?

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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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