



Sunday February 13th 2022

Our Sunday service is at 11 am and this week we will meet in person and 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 February 13, 2022” into Google. Copies of the hymns and scripture readings are included in the email sent out each Friday.

Church Office Hours: Rev. Sturtevant is back in the office from 10 am to 2 pm from Tuesday to Friday if you'd like to drop by to have a chat with him. For pastoral care at any other time please contact the minister, he can be reached by phone at 699-3661. You can always leave a message on the church's phone number (722-2382) or email us 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, February 13 (Anniversary of the Publication of the Letter of Repentance) As the PCC continues on a journey of repentance for the harm done by homophobia and transphobia in the denomination, we pray for God's grace and love to guide the church in becoming safe and inclusive for all.

Monday, February 14 We give thanks for the care and support the church is helping provide to orphans in Malawi through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Tuesday, February 15 We pray for the members and work of the Committee on Church Doctrine.

Wednesday, February 16 We pray for Living Waters Mission, an inner-city mission of the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough in Ontario, which brings hope and comfort to people struggling with addiction and mental health.

Thursday, February 17 We pray for the safety and well-being of children.

Friday, February 18 We give thanks for the programs of Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry in Saskatchewan that provide a sense of belonging, care and inclusion for people of all nations while upholding Indigenous cultural practices.

Saturday, February 19 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Winnipeg in Manitoba.

Message From the Minister



This Friday, Oliver had his first of four days of Kinderstart! The other three days are spread out later in the school year, but this was, officially, his first day of real school. As you can tell from the picture, he was pretty excited.

These days, there's always a little apprehension that goes with this kind of thing: with COVID, you never know what will be different or even cancelled. It's hard to know what to expect these days, a reality I reflected on as I was trying to explain to Oliver what he could expect at his first class. Would they have to wear masks? Would the kinderStart kids have to stay distanced? And Oliver's burning question: Would they have snacks?

When I read through the Bible, I'm often struck by how unexpected God's plans can be for the people in them. Jesus entry to Jerusalem on a humble donkey wasn't expected, Moses spent an afternoon talking to a bush in his pasture, and the early church had

to welcome Saul the Christian-killer into their midst as the newly-converted Apostle Paul.

Trusting in God means that we don't need to be afraid when we're trying new things. We never need to let uncertainty or fear keep us from doing new things, because God will be with us no matter what. As we settle into a "new normal", it's good to know that God's will be with us in whatever new experiences we are facing. That's Good News for all of us!

*Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.*

*They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.*

(Lamentations 3:22-23)

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person Church Services start February 13th

St. David's will return to in-person services this Sunday February 13th. We will also stream the service live and place it on YouTube for later viewing. We are following the guidance of Public Health and our own Covid-19 Best Practices Committee (CBPC). Below is their direction:

Services will continue in a hybrid (in-person and virtual) format. You will not need to complete an assessment form. If we have checked your VaxPass, we will not need to do so again. If you have not had your VaxPass verified, we will need to verify it. Mandatory indoor masking is required at all times for everyone over the age of five, children four years and under are exempt from masking. Please adhere to Public Health guidelines on isolation when feeling sick, symptomatic, or if you have had an exposure to COVID. Please maintain physical distancing when in church.

Getting the Service and Bulletin using our website

This bulletin is placed on our website as soon as the Rollmann family receives a copy on Friday morning. 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 Feb 13th 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 with any small jobs around the house or garden? Do you need any help getting groceries perhaps? Or maybe you would just like to have a chat with 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.

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

Treasurer's Notes

I'd like to thank you 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.

Session and the Board of Managers are aware of our financial status and we will be taking a serious look at our finances during February. If you have any questions or suggestions on what we can do, please do not hesitate to contact me at acalver@nf.sympatico.ca.

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.

Board of Managers Update

There has been a response to our job description. The application process remains open until February 12th. Rev. David Sturtevant and Anne Calver will be reviewing the application(s) and getting back to those who applied. It may take a week or so to start interviews, we'll keep you informed as we progress towards getting a new church administrator. The job description is available at our website, through our Facebook page, and on the PCC national website.

Bridges to Hope

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Restrictions are lessening, and what can we say;

We can come back to church – O Happy Day!

Bringing non-perishable food items to church for Bridges To Hope is an activity in which many in our congregation like to participate. Now that we can worship in person, we can start to bring our non-perishable food items with us and place them on the Food Trolley which will be at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

We will continue to print in our bulletin weekly “specials” from the various flyers of grocery/personal care items which are always in demand and useful to BTH clients.

If you wish, items can be dropped off at the church during the week; there is generally someone there, Tuesday to Friday, 10:00 AM. To 2:00 P. M.

The demand for assistance does not diminish! Now, more than ever, your continued support is needed, and very much appreciated. Thank you.

Weekly “Specials”

February 10 – February 16 2022

Good Buys For Food Trolley

Pipers	Purity Ginger Snaps	2 for \$5.00
Lawtons	Heinz Beans or Pasta	4 for \$5.00
Sobeys	Christie Cookies	\$1.99
Dominion	Palmolive Dish Soap (members)	\$1.99
Coleman's	Graves or Fairlee Juice (1l)	4 for \$5.00
Walmart	Campbell's Soup	\$0.57
	Lancia Pasta (900 ms)	\$1.27

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Condolences

J.C. Jacob

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to the family of Dr. J.C. Jacob (JC), who passed away on February 2, 2022, in India, after a brief illness. Dr. Jacob was born in India in 1934 and went on to graduate from the Christian Medical College (CMC). His professional life eventually brought him to Montreal where he would meet his future wife, Mary Buell. In 1968, he and his wife settled in St. John's and he became a highly respected neurologist and Clinical Professor of Medicine. After his retirement, he and Mary stayed in Newfoundland, but upon Mary's passing, he returned to India and lived in Bangalore, near his siblings. Both Mary and JC were great supporters of their Church – St. Andrew's – and JC especially loved music and even sang in the Church choir. A great friend to many here at St. David's, he will be missed.

(For a more detailed write-up of Dr. Jacob's life and accomplishments, please refer to the Telegram, February 9, 2022, Page A3.)

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Belated Happy Birthday wishes to Nabil Shalaby who celebrated his birthday on February 5th! Nabil is a long-time member of St. David's. We know that Tanya, Christina and Nadia made it a very special day for him and that he celebrated his birthday with family and friends near and far – including Egypt and Texas! Best wishes Nabil from your St. David's family and we wish you all the best in the coming year!

Happy Birthday to Valda Morrissey who will be celebrating her 89th birthday on February 14th – Valentine's Day! Valda will be celebrating her special day

with son, Fred, daughter-in-law, Heather(Steele), and many other friends and well-wishers. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a wonderful birthday, Valda, and may there be many more!

Happy Birthday to Alexander Bruneau who will also be celebrating his birthday on February 14th! Alexander will be celebrating his big day with family and friends including his mom and dad – Jill and Ian Bruneau, siblings, Samantha and Timothy, aunts, uncles and cousins and of course, his grandmother, Jean Bruneau. Best wishes for a great day, Alexander from everyone here at St. David's!

Happy Birthday to Nadia Shalaby who will be celebrating her special day on February 16th with her mom and dad – Tanya and Nabil – and her sister, Christina! We hope you have a wonderful day Nadia and best wishes from all your friends here at St. David's!

Birthday greetings to Junup Chol who will be celebrating his 16th birthday on February 16th. Junup is the son of John Chol and Nyayalyal Gang-Luai. (John and Nyayalyal are former members of St. David's and are still in close contact with many members of the congregation.) Best wishes Junup for a wonderful birthday from all your friends here at St. David's. We hope you have a great day!

Happy Birthday greetings to Jackson McLean, who will be celebrating his birthday on Tuesday, February 15th, with family and friends – near and far! Jackson is the son of Christine and John McLean, who are currently living in Nova Scotia. Best wishes Jackson from your St. David's family - we hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy Birthday to a very special little boy, Orson Sturtevant, who will be celebrating his 3rd birthday on February 19th! Orson will be celebrating his special day with his parents, Michelle and David Sturtevant, big brother, Oliver, his grandparents and aunts and uncles in Ontario, and lots of other friends near and far. Let's not forget Ozzie, Sampson, Moses, and the other little pets who will be there for all the fun! Your St. David's family wishes you a fun-filled day Orson. Much love from everyone!

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

Coming Up

The “Souper Group” Lunch was a great bit of fun as mentioned last week, so be on the look-out for an event happening in early March – with a pancake theme! (Hint: Shrove Tuesday)

Out-and-About (Janet and Brian)

We are getting through the winter and it's hard to believe that it is February already! I don't know about you, but for us, the days and weeks seem to speed by. I can't always say that we “accomplish” a lot, but we have fun trying! The past week, we have taken advantage of the mild weather and have walked through Bowring Park several times – enjoying the birds and ducks – from a distance still.



After all the rain, the ducks have their own pond!

The other day we noticed some unusual birds enjoying the sunshine. They were not the regular swans or ducks that make their home there. Luckily, we met a man who knew exactly what they were – cormorants. He said they come to Bowring Park regularly over the winter months because they can catch fish/trout in the pond and river system. Who knew!



Cormorants Enjoying the Sunshine

At home, Brian has got the AeroGarden going and he's growing tomato plants. So far, so good. Some of the plants have actual flowers on them now, so who knows.... we might yet get a few Tiny Tims to eat in a few more weeks!

Archival Moment



This week, we have a picture from 1975. It's a picture of the Cub group from St. David's. Thanks to Pam Bruce, we have some of the boys' names documented. Can you fill in the missing names? If so, let us know!



Top Row (L to R): Robert Hodder, Ian Penney, Dave Hodder

Middle Row (L to R): Jimmy Armour, Barend Kiefte, ?,?, John Hammond

Kneeling (L to R): Neil Ellis, ?, ?, Christopher Martin

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: What was the growth of the Temperance Society like over the next year or so?

The answer is: The Rev. Ward proposed a Juvenile Committee for those under 23 and by September 1833 the Temperance Society had 217 members. In October, Rev. Ward was on board the brig Selina at Samuel Conder's wharf when the Mariners' Temperance Association was formed. Things were off to a great start.

This week the question is: How did the Temperance Society evolve over the next couple of years? Hint: Some of those years were turbulent in Newfoundland.

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What were the previous names of two of the church's groups – the AMS (Atlantic Missionary Society) and the WA (Women's Association)?

The answer is: The Atlantic Missionary Society evolved from the Women's Missionary Society (WMS) when all were welcomed to join. The current Woman's Auxiliary previously known as the Women's Association (WA) evolved from the Queen's Road Ladies Aid.

This week the question is: What was the name of the original group who evolved into the Board of Managers?

Do you have any ideas for some church trivia? Email or call the church.

Offerings Your church donations can take many forms including using the Pre-Authorized Donation (PAD), if you'd like to have your donations made using 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 re-opening. 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

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 Sue Templeton

Janet Calver Kathy McKay Tanya Shalaby

Penny Gillies Steve Bruneau Ian Bruneau

Aubrey Bonnell Eleanor Bonnell Jenny Griffioen

Jennifer Waterman Ed Vanderkloet

Board of Managers: the members of the Board are:

Ed Vanderkloet Steve Bruneau Andem Effiong

Treasurer: Anne Calver

Envelope Secretary: Ian Bruneau