



Sunday February 20th 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 20, 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 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 20 (World Day of Social Justice) We give thanks and pray for human rights defenders and organizations, like KAIROS, which support them.

Monday, February 21 We give thanks and pray for the staff and volunteers of ARISE Ministry in Toronto, Ontario, who provide meaningful outreach and spiritual care to victims of sexual exploitation.

Tuesday, February 22 We give thanks and pray for the new members of the Cutting Edge of Mission Committee: Dr. Rick Allen (St. Andrew's PC in Toronto, Ontario), the Rev. Dr. Nancy Cocks (St. John's PC in Medicine Hat, Alberta) and Elizabeth Phillipson (St. Andrew's PC in Ottawa, Ontario).

Wednesday, February 23 We pray for PCC mission staff as they look for new ways to safely help our partners around the world.

Thursday, February 24 We thank God for the staff and volunteers of Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre, who create a safe, loving and empowering space for the community of Little Burgundy in Montreal, Quebec.

Friday, February 25 We pray for the members of the Canadian ecumenical working group for the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent (2015–2024).

Saturday, February 26 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Eastern Han-Ca.

Message From the Minister



As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!” “Do you see all these great buildings?” replied Jesus. “Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.” (Mark 13:1-2)

I don't think I've ever seen so much snow come and go so quickly. It's been an incredibly warm winter, but when we got 40+ centimetres of snow on Tuesday, in the middle of February, I thought to myself "Surely this will stick around for a while!" And walking down the street the next day, with a wind chill of -18, it felt like after a long wait, we were finally getting some real winter weather! But no, all but the biggest snow banks have now melted away, washed down the drains and back once more to the sea.

Our provincial government has said that the current plan is to have all legal pandemic mandates lifted by March 14th. Of course, some restrictions will linger past that; off the top of my head, I suspect we will be wearing masks for some time. Some things will change, too. I hope March will see a return to Coffee hour after the service, some of our groups starting back up during the week, and maybe even congregational lunches.

Even when we face problems that seem insurmountable or unending, we rest secure in God's care. Snowbanks really do melt. Lockdowns really do lift. Christ is victorious; only the good stuff truly lasts. And as we look forward to the return of some of that good stuff, that is Good News.

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person Church Services February 20th

St. David's returned to in-person services last Sunday. We had around fifteen people attend in person. We will also stream the service live and place it on YouTube for later viewing. We follow the guidance of Public Health and our own Covid-19 Best Practices Committee (CBPC), as follows:

Services continue in a hybrid (in-person and virtual) format. You do not need to complete an assessment form. If we have checked your VaxPass previously, we do not need to do so again. If you have not had your VaxPass verified, we do 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 staying home if you feel sick, are 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 20th 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 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

The application process closed on February 12th. Rev. David Sturtevant and Anne Calver are reviewing the applications and setting up interviews this week. We'll keep you informed as we progress towards getting a new church administrator.

Bridges to Hope

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 17 – February 23, 2022

Good Buys For Food Trolley

Pipers	Avon Peas & Carrots/Mixed Vegetables	\$1.00	
Lawtons	Compliments Apple Juice	4/\$5.00	
Sobeys	Pearl Milling Pancake Mix or Syrup	2/\$6.00	
Walmart	Campbell’s Soups (Top 4)	\$0.57	
No Frills	Carnation Milk	\$1.00	
	Palmolive Dish Detergent		\$1.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Announcements

Bible Study Group

We are delighted to tell you that the Bible Study group will be meeting this coming Wednesday, February 23rd @ 10:30 in the Armour Room. Sheena Findlay and friends hope to see you there!

Note from Sheena on Bible Study Time....

As you may know, I am seriously addicted to reading The Bible! I've been reading the Bible more or less every morning since a quite early age, when my big brother, Jim, got me started on this activity. This isn't a boast of any kind...sometimes I feel I can't help myself...but rather it is a gift that has kept me walking on the faith path for over eighty years, and I'm so grateful. I would recommend it to anybody! Even if I don't always "get it", it helps me "balance" my life if I go to the scriptures before I go to anybody else, and sets my path for the day!

But reading the Bible on your own has some dangers. It is fatally easy to imagine that what we think The Lord is saying to us(me) is for sure what God is saying to everybody! But as the song says, "it aint necessarily so"! So we try to check out our own views with those of everyone else in our 'local' Christian family with whatever humility we can. The atmosphere is non judgmental, and we try to discuss daily situations realistically and with prayer. We would welcome others who want to talk about the Bible and everyday life. Would be good to see you all ...or any!

We meet Wednesday mornings at 10:30, and are usually done just before Noon. If the time slot is keeping you away, please let us know and we will work on that.

AMS Meeting

The AMS monthly meeting will be held next Sunday, February 27, 2022 after Church in the Armour Room. All are welcome! Hope to see you there!

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Belated Happy Birthday wishes to Effie Chancey who celebrated her 96th birthday on February 11th! Effie has been a great friend and supporter of St. David's throughout the years. Her husband, Hal, was Fred Chancey's brother and Effie and Betty became not only sisters-in-law, but also great friends. Effie often attended the events, functions and sales held at St. David's and prior to COVID, she was a frequent Good Companion when she was in St. John's. These days, Effie resides in a retirement home in Arnold's Cove and continues to enjoy life. (For those of you who watch the "Birthdays and Anniversaries" on the NTV and CBC news, you saw a wonderful picture of Effie on Friday the 11th!) From all your friends here at St. David's Effie, we send our love and best wishes for a healthy and happy year!

Happy Birthday to Chelsea Critch who will be celebrating with her family and friends, near and far, on February 22nd. Chelsea is the daughter of Jennifer Critch, and grand-daughter of Jean and Clayton Collins. Best wishes Chelsea from everyone here at St. David's and we hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy Birthday to Gregory Hicks. Greg will be celebrating his birthday on February 27th with family and friends, including his mom and dad, Susan and Frazer Hicks and his proud grand-mother, Shirley Fraize. We hope you have a great birthday, Greg!

Happy Birthday wishes go out to a dear friend of many here at St. David's, Barbara Ellis, who is celebrating her big day on February 26th! Barbara will be celebrating with numerous family and friends, near and far. Barbara has 3 daughters (Lynn, Susan and Fiona who all live in St. John's or close by with their families) and 1 son (Neil who currently resides in Ontario). Besides her "St. David's Family", Barbara has many wonderful friends in Florida. Barbara has been – and continues to be – involved with many Church groups and activities over the years, including Sunday School, the Brownies, Girl Guides, Pathfinders, Rangers, CGIT, the WMS/AMS, the WA, Good Companions, Bible Study and the Board of Managers. Best wishes, Barbara from all your friends here at St. David's! We hope you have a wonderful day and may there be many more!

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

Out and About with.... Kathy and Penny

Got these great pictures on Wednesday from Kathy and Penny who were taking advantage of the lovely winter day to go snowshoeing! Looks like



they had a terrific day!

Kathy



Penny



Their Snowshoe Hike

The David Duder Clouston Memorial Window

Last week, I had a quick visit with Peter and Pearl (Clouston) and during our time together, Pearl passed along 3 old hymn books that had been dedicated in memory of Hutton Clouston. This began a discussion of who Hutton Clouston was and how he was related to Peter. According to Pearl and Peter, Hutton Clouston was a great supporter of the Church and was always willing to lend a helping hand. They also remember him as looking very spiffy. He always dressed well and wore a flower in his lapel! But the history of the Clouston family is also really interesting....

Two Clouston brothers, Walter and John, left Scotland and came to Newfoundland in the 1800's. Tinsmiths by trade, they arrived in St. John's to work on the flashing for the Roman Catholic Basilica! It wasn't long before they decided to put down more permanent roots here in Newfoundland. They went on to become St. John's business men, opening an appliance store, John Clouston Ltd., on Duckworth Street, where they sold and serviced such brand names as General Electric, Lennox and Fawcett. They also operated a sheet metal shop.

John Clouston and his wife, Annie (Mearns) had nine (9) sons, including Alwyn, Afton and Don – familiar names to many in our congregation. Peter Clouston is Don's son. Peter married Pearl Gosse and they had two children, Donald (d. 2021) and Cynthia, who currently lives in St. John's. Walter, the other brother from Scotland, also married. He had a son, Hutton, who in turn had two sons, David (who passed away in 1963 at the age of 31) and Jim. David had a son, Geoffrey.

And so it was in June 1967, the beautiful rose window that graces the front of our Church was dedicated as the David Duder Clouston Memorial

Window. Below is the description from the 1967 Session statement. The Clerk of Session at that time was C. W. Barnes.

In June 1967 at a short special service, Geoffrey Clouston, the son of the late David Duder Clouston, unveiled the lovely round window over the front door depicting the Four Gospels and the Dove of the Holy Spirit. This window was donated by Mr. J. Hutton Clouston, in memory of his son, David. The lighting arrangement by which this window and the front door are illuminated at night does much to emphasize the beauty of the front entrance of the Church.



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Archival Moment

This week, we have a picture of the Beavers (perhaps taken around 1975??). Unfortunately, we do not have a definitive date on this particular picture or any names to go with it. So, if you can identify anyone in this picture, please get in contact with either Pam Bruce or me (Janet). We'd love to be able to identify some of the people here!



Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

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

The answer is: The sectarian violence in Newfoundland affected the last three meetings in 1834 when riots broke out. The January meetings carried on without any riots, but the meetings ceased until the Society was revived in 1838.

This week the question is: Prior to the Temperance Society's creation, Rev D. S. Ward, in March 1829, was present at another gathering where toasts were offered. How did he react?

Recent History:

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

The answer is: The Board of Managers in previous iterations was known as the Committee of Management. That was back in 1843!

This week the question is: Back in the day, a city-wide World Day of Prayer service was held. In 1974, It was held at St. David's. Who from St. David's were the speaker, the soloist, and the president who led the worship?

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.

How to reach us:

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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:

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Treasurer: Anne Calver

Envelope Secretary: Ian Bruneau