



Sunday February 6th 2022

Our Sunday service is at 11 am and this week we will 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 6, 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 6 (PWS&D Sunday) We give thanks for the programs and partners the church supports through Presbyterian World Service & Development that are empowering vulnerable communities.

Monday, February 7 We pray for the staff and volunteers of Boarding Homes Ministry in Toronto, Ontario, who share God's deep love and acceptance for people struggling with isolation, addiction and mental health.

Tuesday, February 8 We pray for Mphatso Nguluwe-Chikhwaza, Livingstonia Synod Health Director. May God give her wisdom and strength as she provides leadership to three mission hospitals in northern Malawi.

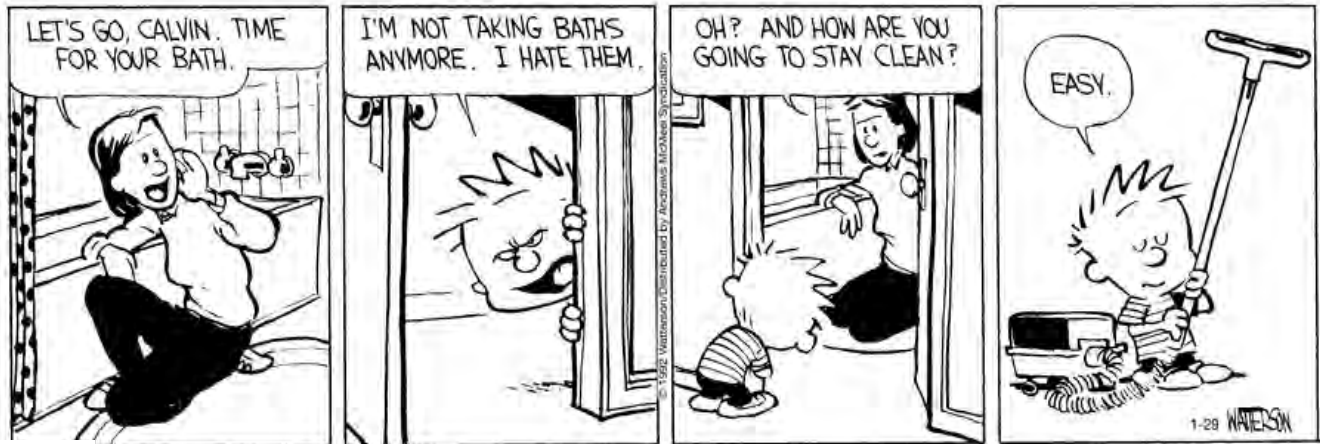
Wednesday, February 9 We thank God for 125 years of Presbyterian mission in India and pray that Jesus' truth and love continue to bless those who serve.

Thursday, February 10 We pray for theological students who graduate this spring and begin the process of seeking a call to a congregation.

Friday, February 11 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Northern Saskatchewan, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Saturday, February 12 We pray for people struggling with food security and living amid civil unrest in Yemen, and we give thanks for the food assistance that Presbyterian World Service & Development partners are providing them with support from the PCC..

Message From the Minister:



One habit of Oliver's that makes me smile is his love for "reading" comics. On our recent trip back to Ontario, my parents gave me a stack of their Calvin and Hobbes books, since I loved reading them when I was younger (and I still do!). Oliver's taken a liking to them, and will often spend fifteen minutes or so before bed reading them. At four years old, he's able to read a few words by sounding out the letters, and he can sight-read some familiar words (like EXIT, because he sees it so often on exit signs), but most of the text remains a mystery to him. It seems that he likes the challenge of figuring out what is happening in a comic, using the pictures and the few words he can read.

Of course, his favourite thing is when I sit with him and read it to him. Reading comics is a bit tricky, not like reading books, because you can't just read the speech bubbles and call it a day. In the comic above, for example, I'd be adding things like "Look at his face; how does Calvin feel about taking a bath?" "What's he holding at the end? How is he going to stay clean? Is that a good idea, or a silly idea?" Some comics have jokes that just don't make sense to a four-year old, so I'll read them, try to explain, but quickly move on to a funnier one.

As I was doing this, I realized it's a lot like the process of reading scripture. The stories are there, in black and white, but sometimes they need context. You wouldn't understand that comic if you didn't know what a vacuum cleaner looked like, what it does, or the fact that it wouldn't work to clean a child. If you didn't know those things, or if you only knew a few of them, you might think this was a serious account of Calvin coming up with a

new way of keeping himself clean, and maybe consider cleaning yourself the same way. Couldn't you picture children doing that after reading this comic, precisely because they don't always know those things?

Scripture was written with context in mind. If there are passages that confuse you, it's a good idea to ask if there are context clues you are missing. If we read scripture expecting to understand everything on our first reading, we're certain to come to foolishness, vacuuming ourselves instead of showering.

So may we continue to have humility as we read scripture. We don't know it all, there are passages that are confusing and we occasionally get things wrong. But despite that, God still loves us, and what we are able to understand always draws us back for more. The Word will never run out of new things to teach us, and if Oliver's happiness at having the comics he already loves really explained to him proves anything to me, that kind of learning is worth looking forward to.

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person Church Services

St. David's has again suspended our in-person church service. We are following the guidance of Public Health and our own Covid-19 Best Practices Committee. As we did in February and March of 2021 when we also stopped our in-person services, we will move back to in-person services when it is safe to do so.

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 6th 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 and we are leaving the application process 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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We are all hopeful that, before too long, we will be able to return to in-person worship services and some of our “normal” activities.

Bringing non-perishable food items to church for Bridges To Hope is one such activity in which many in our congregation like to participate. In anticipation of the return, we will be starting to print weekly “specials” from the various flyers of grocery/personal care items which are always in demand and useful to BTH clients.

Perhaps you’d like to start picking up a few of these items so that you are ready when you are comfortable making your next trip to St. David’s. 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.

Whatever level we are in, the demand for assistance does not diminish! Now, more than ever, your support is needed, and very much appreciated. Thank you.

Weekly “Specials”

February 3 – February 9, 2022

Good Buys For Food Trolley

Pipers	Heinz Beans	\$1.00
Lawtons	Palmolive Dish Detergent	\$1.87
Sobeys	Campbell’s Soups	\$0.69
	Barilla Pasta/Garden Select Pasta Sauce	\$0.99
Dominion	Ocean’s Light Tuna	\$0.99
Walmart	Sugar	\$1.97
No Frills	Aylmer Soup	\$0.69

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Condolences

The sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to Pam Bruce on the passing of her brother, David on January 7, 2022. David lived in England.

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

There are no announcements this week.

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

Souper Group

This past Wednesday, February 2nd, the Souper Group got together and prepared and delivered a turkey soup lunch for church members and friends. Ideally, we would love to have had one of our old-fashioned soup lunches in the Church Hall – remember them? We look forward to getting together as a Church family when life permits but in the meantime, we try to reach out to as many of our Church members as possible. I believe everyone involved felt it was a tremendous success! The “chefs” certainly enjoyed themselves and the recipients were delighted with the homemade turkey soup, rolls and cookies. The “lunch” was a wonderful opportunity to touch base and connect with people again, have a little chat and even share a meal together in some cases.

Many thanks to the “Souper Group” – Tanya Shalaby who roasted and carved the turkey, our chefs and kitchen helpers – Penny Gillies, Tanya Shalaby, Eleanor Bonnell, David Sturtevant, Kathy McKay, Kay Scott, Lillian Crawford, Marilyn Reardon, Judy Bonnell, Janet Aitken, Janet Calver, and to our drivers who made the all important deliveries – Jennifer Waterman, Lillian, Penny, Kathy, Kay, Tanya and Janet C.

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



Vegetables Ready for Soup



David Carves the Turkey



Tasting the Soup – So Important!



Penny, Kay and Kathy Serving the Soup



Kay Prepares to Pack the Lunches

Archival Moment

I must start with an apology for the narrative that accompanied the pictures for the past two weeks. Anyone who knows anything about the history of our congregation knows that the pictures depicted the turning of the sod for St. David's Church – not the Church Hall – and the date was October 1958 – not 1965! The names of the people in the pictures were correct. Here are the pictures again.



Rev. Goldsmith Leads the Service



Mrs. John Calver Turns the Sod – Oct. 1958

This week, we show you another picture from that day. The little girl is Glenys Penney.



Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: Rev. Ward was a popular figure and how did the Benevolent Irish Society respond?

The answer is: The Benevolent Irish Society (BIS) had dinner at various times through the year and the next week, the members toasted various personages of the city including as the 11th toast “the Reverend Mr. Ward and the Dissenting Clergy”. They made 29 toasts that evening, so liquor was still running freely.

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

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What year did Mr. James Steele join the Session?

The answer is: Mr. Steele joined Session in 1956.

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

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:

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

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Church email: stdavids@nfld.com

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

Groups:

Women's Auxiliary – Lillian Crawford

Good Companions (Seniors) – Kay Scott

Bible Study Group – Sheena Findlay

Atlantic Mission Society – Kathy McKay

Session – Lillian Crawford

Board of Managers – Steve Bruneau (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	Tanya Shalaby
Sue Templeton	Janet Calver	Kathy McKay
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