



Sunday March 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 March 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's office hours are generally 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 or to 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, March 13 (Second Sunday in Lent) Loving God, nurture our faith so that we may love you and trust you more fully.

Monday, March 14 We give thanks for programs the church supports through Presbyterian World Service & Development that empower girls to rise above disadvantage and discrimination to pursue their goals.

Tuesday, March 15 We pray for those in the Order of Diaconal Ministries who are called to serve the church in the areas of Christian education, pastoral care and social ministries.

Wednesday, March 16 We pray for professors and students at the Vancouver School of Theology in British Columbia.

Thursday, March 17 We pray for those who receive and count our offering. May they feel God's blessing as they do these important tasks for God.

Friday, March 18 We give thanks for the support the church provides through Presbyterian World Service & Development to facilitate access to clean water and sanitation training sessions that help communities stay healthy and prevent the spread of disease.

Saturday, March 19 We pray for church planting initiatives in the church.

Message From the Minister



If you're involved in church work in St. John's, and even if you're not, you've likely heard the shocking news that most of our local Catholic church buildings going up for sale. One of the main reasons for this is that they need to have funds available to pay those who suffered abuse at Mount Cashel orphanage, but the amount the victims are owed is still yet to be determined.

There are many people in this situation to pray for. The victims of the orphanage are once again in the news, once again facing reporters, once again re-living their traumas. The innocent laity of the Catholic Churches, trying to share the love of Jesus in a pandemic and faced with the uncertainty of a "for sale" sign on their church. Please pray for them!

But I also rejoice, because I see in this action a faithful response to Jesus' call to us: *"And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well."* (Matthew 5:40). Without knowing how much they will finally be asked to pay, the church is preparing to pay everything. I hope that these churches going up for sale shows just how far they are willing to go to support the victims.

Once the dust has settled, many congregations will likely "buy back" their buildings, or have a few smaller congregations merge into one building. But for now, they are up for sale, preparing to pay any price for reconciliation. That is a show of love. That is Good News.

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person Church Services March 13th

The COVID-19 restrictions continue to change. We will continue to 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 March 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 Notes

I'd like to thank everyone who continues to donate to St. David's through your envelopes on Sunday mornings, by e-transfers, or through your monthly PAD contributions. Thanks also to the 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.

Board of Managers Update – New Administrator

The request for approval for filling the vacant post of Church Administrator went before Session at their March 8th meeting and was unanimously approved! We are delighted to welcome Heather Steele Morrissey as our new Church Administrator! Heather shares a deep history with and love for St. David's and its families – learned from the best – her dad, Jim Steele. We welcome her with open arms and know that she will play an important role for our congregation as we move forward post-COVID! Heather will be taking up her new position at the end of March. Next week we hope to hear directly from Heather – stay tuned!

Bridges to Hope

With restrictions changing, volunteers are being called back to Bridges To Hope! Over the past few weeks, staff (4) have been dealing with packing food hampers in addition to their regular duties. It has been a very busy time for them!

Now that we can worship in person, please start to bring non-perishable food items to church 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”

March 10 – March 16, 2022

Good Buys for Food Trolley

Looks like Juice is the product of the week! Great Buy!

Dominion	Graves/Fairlee Apple/Orange Juice	\$0.99
Walmart	Graves Apple Juice	\$0.97
No Frills	President’s Choice Apple Juice	4/\$3.88 (\$0.94 each)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Condolences

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to Jennifer Waterman and Derrick Fleming and their family on the passing of Derrick's dad. The passing of a parent is never easy regardless the age, so we hope that simply knowing everyone at St. David's is thinking of you and your family at this time brings some peace and comfort to you.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday greetings to Sylvia Hudson who will be celebrating her birthday on March 18th! Sylvia will be celebrating her birthday with family and friends, near and far, including her husband, Dave, and children, Douglas, Geoffrey and Kathryn and their families and her sister, Sandra Hamlyn, currently living in Ontario. Always an inspiration, Sylvia has been a tireless worker and a super organizer for many of the events and activities within the Church. In pre-COVID times, she managed the smooth running of the coffee time after Church every Sunday and always made sure there were plenty of supplies on hand. She's a long-time member of the WA and has played a big role in all the WA-sponsored events over the years. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a very Happy Birthday, Sylvia! We hope you have a wonderful day and enjoy every minute – much love and happiness!

Happy Birthday wishes to Daley Johnson who will be celebrating his 1st birthday on March 15th! Daley will be celebrating his big day with his mom and dad, Samantha Hudson and Cecil Johnson, grand-parents, Michelle and Geoffrey Hudson and proud great-grand-parents, Sylvia and Dave Hudson, not to mention many other family members, near and far! Everyone here at

St. David's wishes you a very happy birthday Daley. Enjoy your day and have lots of fun!

Rev. David will be celebrating his 31st birthday on Sunday, March 13th! David will be celebrating with his wife Michelle, sons Oliver (4) and Orson (3), cats Moses and Sampson, dog Ozzy, and all the smaller animals Michelle has added to their residential zoo! Even though coffee hour does not start up until next week, Rev. David still counts it as being his birthday present.

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

The Return of Coffee Time

Coffee Time after our worship service has been one of the many activities we have really missed during the Covid-19 Pandemic. With the Special Measures Orders imposed nearly two years ago officially coming to an end on Monday, March 14th, Coffee Time will resume on Sunday, March 20th. Some Covid-19 protocols will remain in place; more details next week. We look forward to seeing those we haven't seen for a long time!

News from the Pews

Wonders of Modern Technology

Yes, technology is great when it works but last week for whatever reason, many of the pictures we had for you did not appear in the final bulletin. So here again are those pictures...

From the Soup Lunch on Wheels, we have a picture of just some of the homemade rolls and pancakes. Add syrup to those pancakes – yummy!



Homemade Rolls and Pancakes!

While dropping off soup and pancakes in to the Hudsons last week, Kathy McKay saw both Sylvia and Dave and their visitor, Dallas Frost. Many in the congregation know Dallas from way back. Kathy took this lovely picture and we wanted to share it with you!



AMS Meeting

The AMS meeting held after church last Sunday was a wonderful together with members of our group. Here's a picture of some of the attendees:



AMS Meeting. Left to Right Sheena, Lillian, Kathy and Penny

Out-and-About with Janet and Brian

We went out for a walk last week in Bowring Park and came upon these two "friends"!



Swans in the Park..



Enjoying Lunch

Prayer Shawl Group (Knitters)

This past week, the Prayer Shawl (Knitter's) group met in the Armour Room, happy to pick up the needles once again and enjoy a special time together. It



Lots of Knitted Goods!

may have been a cold, blustery day outside, but a lovely cup of tea/coffee and lively chatter warmed the soul. We might not have met too often in the last little while, but many hands were busy as seen in this picture taken by Kathy McKay. Thanks Kathy!

While, we were knitting, Lillian read out a note from Lynne Allan, St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor. Here's what Lynne wrote:

Hi Lillian:

I thought I would let you and the rest of the St. David's knitting group know that three groups have benefited from the donation of knitted items sent to St. Matthew's.

Many of the newborn-size items (caps, mittens and booties) were donated to the local hospital's obstetrics unit.

The balance of the newborn-size items, as well as the pullovers, slippers and some of the hats for older children, were donated to the local hospital auxiliary to be sold in the gift shop. Profits from gift shop sales help fund programs and the purchase of equipment.

The rest of the caps for older children were donated to the local Salvation Army's Community and Family Services division.

All three groups are part of the Community Outreach program at St. Matthew's. They were very appreciative.

Lynne

News from Elizabeth Thistle

I got a call from Margo Noseworthy, Elizabeth's daughter, earlier this week and she had some news. Elizabeth has moved into a retirement home in Corner Brook. This might come as a surprise to some, but Elizabeth has been thinking about this for some time now. Most of Elizabeth's family now live in Corner Brook and both she and Margo felt the time was right to make the move. For sure we will miss her here at St. David's, but we totally support

her decision and are happy to see her settled away in a beautiful home with lots of support and more important, close to her family. Below is Elizabeth's new address and I'm sure she would welcome letters/cards from her friends at St. David's! Best wishes Elizabeth and all our love as you get used to your new "home"!

Elizabeth Thistle

Mountain View Retirement Home

161 Premier Drive

Corner Brook

NL, A2H 7M6

Elena Rosen – Her Story

I've had the pleasure of chatting with Elena many times over the years, here at St. David's and at many festivals, concerts and shows within the St. John's area. Elena is a beautiful singer and over the years has sung not only with the St. David's choir but with many of the more established and renowned provincial choirs. But there was so much about Elena that I did not know and I was delighted when she agreed to share with us the story of how she first came to Newfoundland. What an adventure! I know you will enjoy what she has to say!

Elena's Story

That is Spanish for An Argentinian in Newfoundland. Like many in our demographic, I ask myself: where has the time gone? Yes, there were many important events since I landed in St. John's in 1970, but 52 years?

My then fiancé (Ted Hannah) and I, fresh out of graduate school (SUNY at Stony Brook), came here with the idea of spending only two years before returning to mainland Canada. I had lived in the U.S. for six years but never settled for good. Ted was sure he didn't want to live in the U.S. and preferred to be in Canada. So I made the fateful decision to follow him to this remote place that I had briefly studied in high school, back in the 50s. All I remembered was my geography prof pointing to Terra Nova on the big map of North America, but had no idea what he had said. With a thesis deadline hanging over my head, I had no time to search for information in those pre-internet days.

My only Canadian friend in New York, a young woman from Montreal, was horrified that I was choosing to go to Newfoundland. She told me that all there was to eat there was fish and more fish, that it rained all the time and that it was a very poor place without much in the way of modern conveniences. Ted had been to St. John's as a Navy officer some years back and told me it was an interesting place worth exploring, but also said it was very poor and behind the times. The way he described St. John's I pictured a very remote outpost – but love won!

We drove in Ted's VW Bug from New York, loaded to the gills with our rather meagre possessions. Our books were shipped by mail. As a Canadian citizen Ted didn't have to do anything to enter Canada, just show his passport. I, however, had to get a visa through MUN.

I started the process in late May, with a travel date of late August. My dealings had been with Art Sullivan's office, where I had been offered a position. I was assured that my papers would be waiting for me at the

border between Houlton, Maine and Woodstock, New Brunswick. But the confirmation from the Canadian Embassy was not arriving, so I started calling Dr. Sullivan's office, without ever finding anyone there. After an anxious month, already into July, I called the Canadian Embassy in NYC and they informed me there was no such file for me. Panic! They recommended that I initiate the process at my end, which I did and once again, the papers would be waiting for me at the border. In the meantime, I kept calling Art's office and one day, miraculously, someone picked up the phone! He introduced himself as Graham Skanes. I explained the problem and asked him why no one had been answering the phone (I was wondering what kind of university I was falling into), and his blase reply was "Oh, because we're having a beautiful summer!" I started having serious doubts about this university and thought to call the whole thing off. He assured me he was going to expedite matters but – nothing happened.

So we launched forth on this big adventure and drove to Houlton, crossed the border and went to the Canadian Immigration office in Woodstock. After searching high and low, nothing was found! I had no visa! The gentleman in charge was very polite but said we couldn't stay in NB, we had to go back to Maine until this was solved. By then we were into the Labour Day weekend, which meant a three day wait at least. The problem was that my U.S. student visa had run out! We drove back to Maine and, of course, they wouldn't let me back in. We explained our predicament and, thankfully, were allowed in, but were supposed to stay in this motel near the border and not wander around except to find a place to eat.

Those were the longest three days in memory! We crossed the border again and, to our shock, no visa papers had arrived. The lovely gentleman at Immigration, a retired Canadian Army person, started to ask questions about my background and so forth. He was really trying to help but he explained that when a process has already been started his hands were tied. All of a sudden his expression became hopeful and he asked if, by any

chance, we were intending to get married. When we responded in the affirmative, his eyes shone and said, with a big smile, "The problem is solved! You can enter as the future spouse of a Canadian. All you have to do is send me a copy of your marriage certificate within six months and you will receive your landed immigrant visa!" Interestingly, during his questioning, he was probing for my origins, suspecting that I might be the daughter of Nazi refugees in Argentina! I was relieved to reveal that I'm Jewish and that most of my extended family had been killed by the Nazis, and that cleared his doubts. He explained that, having fought in Europe during WWII he could not, in good conscience, let a Nazi into Canada.

Onwards and forward! We drove to the ferry to cross into Port aux Basques. Upon landing there, we drove off with half a tank of gas, assuming that at some point we would fill up. We were in a hurry because we were supposed to be at MUN at the latest on the day after Labour Day, and we were late! Soon enough the gas gauge showed we were low. However, there were no gas stations! There was nothing but the ribbon of the Trans Canada Highway (a two lane rural road at that time) and lots of hills. We found out that VWs can run on hope and fumes. At every downhill Ted would shut the engine off and we coasted holding our breath. Had we known how hospitable and helpful Newfoundlanders are we wouldn't have worried but hey, we were coming from New York! We finally came upon a gas station and all was well.

Upon arrival in St. John's and checking, as instructed, into the Holiday Inn, I looked out the window, which overlooked Kent's Pond, and right away my attachment to this rock began. The sun was setting over the pond in a clear blue sky. The next morning we went to the campus and checked in. It was another beautiful, sunny and warm day. We were directed to the TSC gym because registration was taking place and every member of the Psychology Department was there. For us newbies it was an overwhelming, confusing scene. And who should come to greet us and welcome us but Graham

Skanes himself! From then on we had a pleasant collegian relationship, we even shared an office at one point during one of Graham's sabbaticals.

Our offices were in one of the infamous temporary buildings but we were happy to be settled in. Later, we drove up to Signal Hill and were, of course, impressed with the view. But what really astounded us was the purity of the air. Coming from highly polluted New York, breathing in the air was an incredible experience that really made us giddy. And thus started my life in this unique and beautiful corner of Canada.

No regrets.

Archival Moment

Thanks to Pam Bruce and the work she has put into the archives, we have another wonderful pictures from years ago – 1979 to be exact and the St. David's 1st Cub Pack at Camp. Do you recognize anyone?



Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: In 1834 a new chapel was built and opened in Quidi Vidi. On July 30, 1834 the Anglican minister, Rev. Bridge conducted the morning service and the afternoon service was done by Rev. Ward. What kind of controversy followed?

The answer is: The "*Royal Gazette*" reported it was built on the principle that it was open for any Protestant minister to provide a service in it. Time was allotted on Sundays and different evenings of the week for the Anglicans, Congregationalists, and Wesleyans. Rev. Haigh, the Wesleyan missionary complained in a letter to the "*Patriot*" saying he had not been invited to the Opening. Rev. Ward replied in a letter to the "*Ledger*" saying he repeatedly asked for the co-operation of Rev. Haigh and he had not responded.

This week the question is: How long did this ecumenical venture last and how did it end?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What was named after Jessie Carson's father?

The answer is: The Marine Atlantic passenger ferry running between Newfoundland and Nova Scotia and later Labrador was named the "William Carson" after Dr. William Carson, physician, reformer, and politician.

This week the question is: What was found to be a bit unusual about the way the names of the ladies taking part in the AMS World Day of Prayer in 1971 were described in the papers of the day?

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

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Aubrey Bonnell Eleanor Bonnell Jenny Griffioen

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