



Sunday March 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 March 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'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 20 (Third Sunday in Lent) God of Life, help us to hear your Word to us in the scriptures so that we may become instruments of your saving love in the world.

Monday, March 21 (International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination) God of Truth, we pray that your Spirit guides us to work in faithful solidarity to eliminate race-based violence and prejudice so that all people may flourish.

Tuesday, March 22 (World Water Day) We give thanks for the sacred gift of water. Let us work to ensure that all people have access to safe water in Canada and abroad.

Wednesday, March 23 We pray for the members and work of the Life and Mission Agency Committee.

Thursday, March 24 We pray for the Caribbean and North America Council for Mission (CANACOM) and for Jennifer Martin and Leslene Laing as they support the 14 member churches.

Friday, March 25 We pray for the people who gather and serve at the Anamiewigummig Fellowship Centre in Kenora, Ontario, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Saturday, March 26 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Newfoundland.

Message From the Minister



This week we had a leak at my house. It wasn't a bad one, just a corroded pipe that I noticed when I walked into the laundry room and felt it drip on my head. I tried to fix it myself, it started dripping faster, and so I called my landlord and she in turn got a plumber to come in and fix it. In the meantime though, my pipe was still leaking, so we turned to that oldest of drippy-pipe solutions: the bucket.

We had a few big five-gallon pails lying around, so I put one of those under the drip, listened to it plink-plink-plinking right on target, and walked away with the certainty that this solution would work pretty well, at least until the plumber got there. Or so I thought. It's a good thing there's a drain in the laundry room floor, because in what felt like no time at all that bucket had filled up and was threatening to spill. I emptied it and put it back, but after what felt like no time at all it was full again. Even a slow drip fills a bucket much faster than you would think.

In Phillipians 4:8, Paul writes "My friends, fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honorable." As Christians, we should be sanctified by our relationship with Jesus Christ, filled with the love of the spirit until it spills out of us like the water overflowing its bucket in my laundry room. Just like that bucket, one of the best ways for us to be filled is by constant little drips of grace. Praying basic prayers before meals and bedtime, reading

scripture and taking time to help the weak, individually these may not feel like much. But as we repeatedly open ourselves to one drip of grace at a time, we are filled. One little blessing at a time, one little thing to be thankful for, one little message to God.

May you celebrate each tiny blessing you get today. May you share small blessings with others, and trust God just a little bit. Because the little bits of faith add up, drip after drip after drip. Praise God for that!

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person Church Services March 20th

The COVID-19 restrictions have all been discontinued. Things have changed and we would like to welcome everyone back to church and to the Sunday Coffee Hour after church this Sunday. We are going to continue to stream the service live and place it on YouTube for later viewing.

Services continue in a manner similar to before Covid. We encourage you to wear a mask if you feel more comfortable doing so and maintain physical distancing while in Church. If you feel sick, are symptomatic, or have had an exposure to COVID, please keep in mind the safety and health of others by staying home and catching the service online.

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 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 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.

Bridges to Hope

In recent weeks, there has been a noticeable increase in new clients at Bridges To Hope, made up mainly of working people and international students. There has also been an increase in the number of hampers being prepared for delivery to seniors who cannot leave their home due to illness, transportation barriers, impaired mobility, and other challenges.

The demand for assistance does not diminish! Now, more than ever, your help is needed!

Now that we can worship in person, please remember 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.

Thank you for your continuing support – it is greatly appreciated.

Weekly “Specials”

March 17 – March 23, 2022

Good Buys for Food Trolley

Pipers	Avon Peas & Carrots/Mixed Vegetables	\$1.00
Dominion	Dare Breton or Vinta crackers	\$1.99
Walmart	Kraft Dinner – 12 pack	\$9.77 (\$0.81 each)
Sobeys	Heinz Beans or Pasta	4/\$5.00
Colemans	Holiday Luncheon Meat	2/\$4.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Condolences

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to Sarah and Wesley King and their families on the passing of Sarah's mom on Sunday past. Sarah, Wesley and Dean have been in Toronto these past few weeks helping with her mom's care and spending some very special time together. Everyone at St. David's is thinking of you and your family, Sarah, and we hope that our prayers bring you some peace and comfort.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

First, a correction from last week and apologies to Daley and his family. Daley Johnson celebrated his first birthday on March 15th with his big brother Leo, his mom & dad, Samantha & Cecil Johnson, his grandparents, Doug & Tracey Hudson & great grandparents Dave & Sylvia Hudson. (And thank-you Sylvia for helping me out!)

Belated Happy Birthday wishes to Pearle Clouston, who celebrated her birthday on March 11th with her husband, Peter and daughter, Cindy. Pearle, Peter and Cindy have been long time members of St. David's and have always been there to support different church events and activities. (Who can remember our flipper dinners? The success of those dinners was due to many volunteers, including Pearle, who cooked dozens of flippers to perfection and Peter, who supervised cooking the vegetables!) We hope you had a wonderful birthday Pearle, and may there be many more. From everyone here at St. David's, best wishes for the coming year!

Happy Birthday greetings to Elizabeth Thistle who will be celebrating her birthday on March 23rd! As we mentioned in last week's bulletin, Elizabeth has moved to Corner Brook to be nearer her family. Moving or not, we can still send birthday wishes to Elizabeth and let her know that she is still in our thoughts and prayers. We know Margo and her family and all the staff and residents at Mountain View Retirement Home will ensure that Elizabeth enjoys a wonderful birthday – including cake and candles! Elizabeth has been a long time member of St. David's Church and a great supporter of many of the activities and events over the years. She was a member of our choir for many years, served on the Board of Managers in the 70's and was a very active member of the WA. And let's not forget how she faithfully helped out with coffee time after Church. Best wishes Elizabeth from your St. David's family.... we'll be thinking of you!

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Bouwina Fogwill who will be celebrating her 92nd birthday on March 25th with family and friends here in St. John's and far away! Bouwina holds a special place in our hearts and is a great friend to many here at St. David's. Bouwina's three children – Frank, Bill and Margaret – along with her grand-children and of course her sister, Kay Korpel, are a big part of her life as well. Bouwina was an enthusiastic bowler with Good Companions, the Treasurer for the AMS for many years and our leader and mentor for the Prayer Shawl (Knitter's) Group. Always an inspiration and a treasured friend! Your St. David's family sends you best wishes and much love – and may you have a wonderful birthday with many more to come!

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. This Sunday we are delighted to resume this fellowship time. We ask that you wear a mask unless you are eating or drinking and continue to social distance.

We look forward to seeing those we haven't seen for a long time!

WA Meeting

St. David's W. A. (Women's Auxiliary) are planning a meeting for Tuesday, March 22nd, at 12 Noon. This will be an opportunity to catch up with people we have not seen for quite some time! You don't have to be a member to attend! **All are welcome!** Please join us; a light lunch will be provided.

Vigil for Ukraine

Topsail United Church will be hosting a Peace for the Ukraine Vigil on Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:30. Representatives from the local Ukrainian Community, local churches and the Town Councils of Conception Bay South and Paradise will be participating in the event. A free will offering for those affected by the war will be received. There will be a candle lighting vigil. If you can bring your own individual battery-operated candle, it is greatly appreciated. Masking is required.

News from the Pews

A Note from Heather

As you heard in last week's bulletin, we have a new Church Administrator – Heather Steele Morrissey! We have a lovely (“Hello”) story from Heather and some pictures that she wanted to share with you. We know you'll enjoy it!

A warm hello from your new church administrator!!! I want you all to know, that I feel honoured to be able to say that ~ I am delighted to have this opportunity to serve St. David's in this way.

Many (many) years ago, when my parents, Jim and Frances Steele, took their wee baby daughter out to meet her new family, the congregation at St. David's was second only to meeting her Grandparents. Attending Sunday service, Sunday school, junior choir, Camp Geddie, helping out in the crèche, teaching Sunday school, the church “family” get-togethers, picnics, etc, it all became part of my upbringing at St. David's.

But the biggest influence on my life was the privilege of growing up surrounded by a caring and giving congregation ~ to witness the selfless service to their church and community ~ I know how blessed I am to have been given this firm foundation.

I left St. John's in my mid twenties for new experiences in education and career ~ and found myself in Quebec, Ontario and Alberta. During that time, I married Fred Morrissey, the boy I grew up with ~ who lived a street away ~ we went to the same schools and church ~ yes, St. David's. Our married life in Alberta has provided many wonderful opportunities. We have been incredibly fortunate to meet some amazing people and have some unbelievable experiences ~ we are most grateful for our 30 years there.

Many of you know I have been travelling back and forth from Calgary to St. John's ~ with increased regularity in the past twenty years ~ ever since my

beautiful Mom was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Fortunately, I was able to transition my career in Interior Design to contract work, so that my schedule would allow me the flexibility I needed to support Dad in his tireless devotion to Mom's care. (Don't get me started on my gratitude for my parents ~ I could write volumes on their selflessness. They are quite simply the best persons I have ever known.) When Mom passed away in May of 2012, it naturally triggered the awareness that none of us are getting any younger. With my Dad and Fred's Mom both living on their own, my thoughts turned to the plan Fred and I made at the beginning of our married life ~ to eventually move back to NL. So here I am, almost 35 years ago to the day I left.

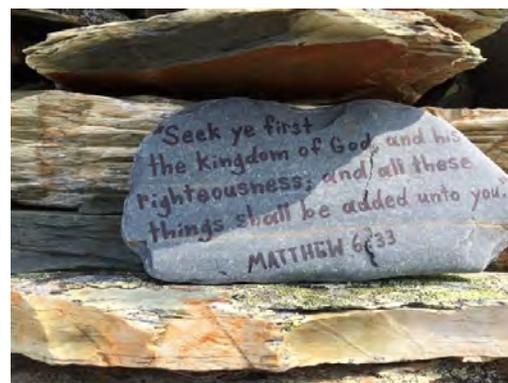
One thing I knew about this next stage was that my "work life" needed to take a different direction. It needed to feel more meaningful ~ needed to be more purposeful ~ imagine my excitement then, when I heard St. David's was looking for a new administrator!!! So, after the interest expressed, the application processed, a cohesive zoom interview and Session approval ~ an offer was extended and accepted. It is with joy that I start this exciting journey with all of you.

Blessings and much luv,

Heather Steele Morrissey

Here are two pictures from Spectacle Head Trail in Cupids. Heather wrote:

Sometimes messages show up in the most unexpected of places.... two pictures from one of the most memorable of mine ~ because in my morning meditation from that very same day, I read Matthew 6!!!



Archival Moment

Thanks to Pam Bruce and the work she has put into the archives, we have another wonderful picture from May 27, 1997. The WA and The WMS invited the ladies from St. Pius X and St. Augustine's to a social gathering. Seen in the picture are (from left to right): Sheilagh Gamble, Gracie Wood, Roma Garland, Kathy McKay and Ruby Penney.



Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

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

The answer is: The services at Quidi Vida lasted for eight years before the church was turned over to the Anglican minister. The old building was torn down and a new church built. We know it now as a high-class- restaurant.

This week the question is: Skipping forward fifty years or so, when was the Great Fire and how did the Stone Chapel fare?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: 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?

The answer is: The ladies names were not given but those of their husbands were. Jean Bruneau became Mrs. A. A. Bruneau and Margaret King became Mrs. York King.

This week the question is: What year did David come to St. David's as minister and when was his anniversary?

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

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