



Sunday March 27th 2022 the Fourth Sunday in Lent

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 27, 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 27 (Fourth Sunday in Lent) God of Hope, renew us and energize us for service in your church and the world.

Monday, March 28 We pray for staff at the Shining Hospital in Nepal as they treat illnesses and provide vocational training with support from the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Tuesday, March 29 We pray for the Canadian Armed Forces and all military chaplains who bring guidance and support to our troops and their families at home and abroad.

Wednesday, March 30 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Winnipeg Inner City Missions in Manitoba, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Thursday, March 31 (Transgender Day of Visibility) We pray for transgender people, who often feel afraid they will lose the support of those they love if they reach out. Help us to listen well so that we may work in solidarity for the dignity and well-being of all transgender people.

Friday, April 1 We pray for the Rev. Dr. Bob Faris, nominee for Moderator of the 2022 General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, as he prepares for the upcoming Assembly.

Saturday, April 2 (World Autism Awareness Day) We pray for children with autism and related conditions, and we thank God for church programming that supports them and their families.

Message From the Minister



Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all the people, and plants of the field to everyone. — Zechariah 10:1

Many Bible texts talk about the destructive power of storms and how sometimes God uses storms to bring judgment. But many other texts describe storms as bringing blessings, especially in the rains that water the land.

Regular rainfall was essential for ancient cultures with limited irrigation systems. When Jacob sent his sons from Canaan to buy food in Egypt (Genesis 42), it was impossible to grow food where they were. They needed rain for their crops, but instead they had a massive famine. In our modern day of supermarkets and companies like Hello Fresh that will deliver fresh ingredients to your door (for a price), that kind of famine feels like an ancient memory.

With the war in Ukraine limiting global supplies of wheat and fertilizer on top of an already shaky supply chain from the impact of COVID, I have read concerns of grocery prices skyrocketing. There is no real need to be afraid, no experts are saying we will starve, but we are nonetheless reminded that our ample supply of bread isn't a guarantee, it's a privilege of our modern lives. Even today, we must put our trust in God to provide the basics for us and our families: clean water, affordable food, safety and security. It's not a given, it is a gift.

May we be thankful for the gifts we receive, so that we can be inspired to give what we can to others.

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person Church Services March 27th

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 27th 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.

Atlantic Missionary Society (AMS) meeting following service

After the service today, the AMS will be meeting in the Armour Room. All members, would-be members, and interested newcomers are welcome!

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

Listed below are four items that are basic to every food hamper at Bridges To Hope. These items are purchased on a regular basis to ensure that they are always there! Think about this when you're doing your grocery shopping! Why not add one or two (or more) items and bring them with you to place on the Food Trolley as you enter the Sanctuary. It will be a great help!

Canned Milk Canned Beans Canned Soup Bathroom tissue

Of course, other non-perishable food items are always welcome and much appreciated.

Attention: Cat Lovers. Some clients at Bridges to Hope often ask for cat food and we are happy to give it to them, ***if we have it!*** It is **not** an item that we purchase! You may not know but there is actually a pet food bank in St. John's but it is only open once a week for a couple of hours and is not accessible to those who do not have transportation. If you can donate one, two or several cans, it would go a long way! Thank-you.

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 24 – March 30, 2022

Good Buys for Food Trolley

Walmart	Redpath Sugar – 2 Kg.	\$1.77
	Palmolive Dish Detergent	\$1.77
Sobeys	Hunt's Pasta Sauce	\$0.99
	Compliments Pasta	\$0.99
Lawtons	Heinz Tomato Soup	2/\$1.20

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Condolences

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to John Hammond and family on the passing of John's uncle, Eric Hammond, on March 16, 2022. Eric was a WWII Veteran, serving as a member of the 166th Newfoundland Field Regiment, Royal Artillery. Eric was also a talented musician and played the clarinet in the CLB band for over 40 years. He was predeceased by his parents and other members of his family, including his brother, Harold Hammond and sister-in-law, Millie. Eric's funeral took place on March 19th, 2022 from Barrett's Memorial Chapel. The thoughts and prayers of everyone here at St. David's are with John and his family at this time.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday greetings to a very special friend to many here at St. David's, Sheena Findlay, who will be celebrating her special day on March 29th. Sheena has been a faithful and much loved member of St. David's for many years and continues to offer her insight, gentle guidance and support to many of us through one-on-one chats or through group activities. Sheena was an Elder for many years and continues to be involved with the AMS, actively participating in the group's missionary and spiritual initiatives. Sheena is an avid supporter and organizer for the weekly Bible Study group and always encourages thought provoking discussion. And let's not forget all the times she helps out with after-Church Coffee Time. Needless to say, Sheena is an important member of our St. David's family! Love and best wishes Sheena from everyone here at St. David's! Have a wonderful day!

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Max Burness who will be celebrating his 17th birthday on March 29th along with his mom and dad, Heather and Brad Burness, his sister, Sophie, and proud grandmother, Edith Peach. We wish Max a wonderful day spent with family and friends!

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.

Message from Sheena on the Ukraine

Thoughts on Ukraine

I'm finding it very hard to watch the reporting on all the hardships and cruelties that people are suffering in the Ukraine at present. Television is a great source of information, but often tells us far more than our minds can absorb or our hearts can tolerate.

When I see old women like myself hobbling painfully over the wreckage of their homes, pushing their few remaining possessions in a battered grocery cart, my heart aches in sympathy for them.

When I watch little kids waving goodbye to their dads from a bus that I'm afraid will get bombed on the way to safety, I want to weep at the terrible things done in warfare by human beings to other human beings.

When I realize that a hospital that gives shelter and healing to wounded, shattered families are being deliberately destroyed, my helpless anger just about chokes me!

These and many other images, haunt my imagination and give me reruns of what I had thought were long forgotten memories of my own childhood as a preschooler in 1939 -1945, World War II.

So what can Christians do to preserve the peace, strengthen their own mental health, and give usable help in Ukraine?

The following are just some suggestions for coming to terms with, and maybe even being helpful, in relation to the nightmare situation in Ukraine. Please pass on any suggestions that you yourself have.

1. I try to limit my radio/ TV news time about Ukraine and the war, to about twenty minutes a day, before going off to do something else, or change the channel. More than that usually turns out to be repetition, passive consumption and maybe misinformation, all of which feeds in to my worst fears/nightmares.

2. Let's actively seek out other reliable sources of information. Penny Gillies located online a really helpful publication of the Presbyterian Church in Canada ...look for the Ukrainian flag at PCC. This gives, I believe, some up-to-date information about the work being done in and around Ukraine, and puts "faces to Mission". In spite of the carnage and terrible events going on there are still glimpses of hope and evidence that God has not abandoned His people, so neither should we.

3. Pray, then give. When any of us is faced with what appears to be a desperate situation, the Bible tells us to pray first, then act. Putin, I believe, is a very bad man, crazy on power, and doing things that are truly devilish. Please humour me as I put in a plug for the Bible on the subject!! If you look up Ephesians Chapter 6, verses 10 to 20, you'll find there a vivid description of the "spiritual fighting" that I think is going on underneath the actual warfare in Ukraine. This helps me better understand the horrors in Ukraine. And it reminds me to **pray and give.**

4. Please **give**, if you haven't already done so. If you do it through AMS, we can provide a tax receipt, and send any funds on via our church up-along.

Sending things like blankets or supplies is emotionally very satisfying, but not too practical....money travels much more efficiently to Europe than woolly jumpers!

Thanks for anything you can do to help.

Sheena Findlay on behalf of AMS

Announcements

Office Administrator

Heather Morrissey will officially start on Monday April 4th. This is great news for our congregation not to mention our visitors and renters. Please feel free to drop by the Church anytime to welcome Heather and say "Hello"!

Coffee Time is Back

Coffee time is back! Please feel free to join us in the Church Hall after the service for a chat, a tea/coffee and some goodies. 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 you!

Women's Auxiliary (W. A.)

The W. A. met this week for the first time since **February 20, 2020!**

Covid-19 certainly put the kibosh on our fundraising activities but we are now ready to move forward --- albeit in a different way! Large events that

we enjoyed so much are not likely to resume for some time so we are taking small steps for now with our fundraising endeavours!

Our first foray is a **Bridge Party** (Lunch with Bridge) planned for **Saturday, April 30, 2022** at 12:30 P. m.

Starting small, we are limiting attendance to fifteen (15) tables (about 50% of hall capacity). Some Covid-19 protocols will remain in effect, i.e., masks to be worn while moving around, meal will be “served” to make it as “contactless” as possible, etc.

The menu will be slightly different as well! We will offer a choice of two soups, rolls, dessert, tea/coffee. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Tables of four (4) must be booked in advance!

We expect this event to sell out quickly and is a “pilot project” which, if successful, and we have no doubt that it will, may lead to a regular event, perhaps once a month, in Fall 2022.

News from the Pews

Coffee Time – It’s Back – Come Join Us!





WA Meeting

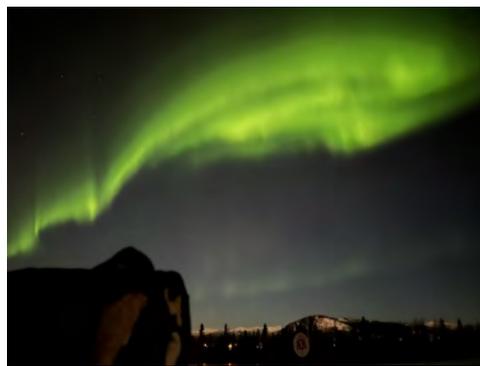
As Lillian mentioned above, the St. David's W. A. (Women's Auxiliary) met Tuesday, March 22nd, for their first meeting since February 20, 2020! It was so good to get together again and there was much to talk about. Below, is a picture of some of our members. Left to right: Dorothy French, Lillian Crawford, Janet Aitken, Patsy Carmichael and Penny Gillies.



Kathy and Don MacKay – from the Yukon

Kathy sent this little note earlier the week along with some breath-taking pictures. (This week we have their pictures of the Northern Lights – next week you'll see some pictures of the mountains and their outdoor activities!) Thank-you Kathy and Don and enjoy your trip!

These are some pictures from our adventures in Yukon. We are here because Don wanted to come to the Yukon in a wish to travel to all the territories. One more to go! I love seeing the northern lights, so we are both happy.



Archival Moment

For many of us, this time of year brings back good memories of St. David's annual Flipper Dinner. There are so many stories out there – but it's always the pictures that speak volumes! Thanks to Pam Bruce and her work with the archives, we have a number of pictures to share with you. This week, we have a great one of Patsy Carmichael and Heather Patey, taken in 1997.



Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

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

The answer is: The Great Fire started around 5 pm on Friday July 8th 1892 and quickly spread from the corner of Pennywell Road and Freshwater Road down over the hill and eventually burned a large area of the town. Around 10 pm the fire started up Garrison Hill and along Queen's Road, the Stone Chapel "was doomed". By the next morning "its bare walls alone stand in position today" an excerpt from a newspaper of the day.

This week the question is: In 1892 the congregation numbered some 700 with a membership of 200. What effect did the fire have on the congregation?

Recent History:

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

The answer is: Rev. David Sturtevant came to St. David's in 2017. The official anniversary is March 1st 2022, David's fifth anniversary.

This week the question is: What year and which minister left the original minister's office to move into the current office?

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) – Vacant

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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