



Sunday April 17th Easter Sunday

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 April 17, 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.

Monday, April 18 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, April 19 We pray for presbytery and synod clerks as they provide churches with wise and compassionate advice.

Wednesday, April 20 We pray for the members and work of the Assembly Council.

Thursday, April 21 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew.

Friday, April 22 (Earth Day) We pray for the well-being of the Earth's ecosystems and for those displaced and harmed by the climate crisis.

Saturday, April 23 We pray for the members and work of the Gender, Sexuality and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

Mission Moment Sunday, April 17

In Afghanistan, an excited Salma had just passed Grade 4, but Salma's father didn't want her to continue her education because the school was too far away.

When a meeting with the school didn't change his mind, community and religious leaders involved with a girls' education project visited Salma's parents.

They explained the importance of education for girls from both

human rights and religious perspectives. After a few hours of discussion, Salma received permission to return to school.

Unfortunately, the current political situation in Afghanistan means many children are faced with uncertainty about their futures, particularly girls. This education project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.



From St. David's Auxiliary (Atlantic Mission Society)

We pray for peace and hope for the people in Afghanistan. Bring bread for those who are hungry, bring healing for those who do not have access to healthcare and bring warm homes to all who have been displaced. May they find peace, strength and resources to rebuild their lives and country.

Prayer No. 25 – Taken from OVERFLOWING - Prayers for a More Sustainable, Compassionate and Just World, published in recognition of PWS&D's 75th anniversary!

Message From the Minister



Easter is coming! For so many families like mine, that means the kids are getting excited to sing Easter hymns, participate in bonus church services during the week, and fast as we wait for Jesus to rise again. Just kidding. Like children everywhere, my kids are most excited about one thing: chocolate.

So how can we turn the great chocolate egg hunt into a moment to learn about Christ? Well, there's a few ways! Firstly, the egg is a sign of new life, like the new life that Jesus offers us. At our home, we've blown out a few eggs to paint the eggshells, and the empty eggs that still look unbroken can remind us of the surprise of the empty tomb. Inside the eggs is the sweet chocol-

ate, like the good news of the resurrection, and like Mary, my kids love to come running and say "GUESS WHAT I FOUND!"

Easter is a celebration of God's love for us breaking all the rules. In Jesus Christ, God loved us even when we didn't deserve it, more than we could ever earn. So maybe the most important way that our egg hunt will be like Easter is just in the uniqueness of the unearned treat, the abundance that is there for those who will just seek it, the sweet gift that is enough to share.

May you share that spirit with those in your life this Easter season. Whether you are hiding eggs or just eating them yourself, whether you are sitting at a family dinner or just on the Zoom call, this is a time for celebration and sharing. May the Spirit surprise you today with the same joy that came to Mary in the Garden. The sweetest gifts may be hidden from your sight, but like Jesus said, "seek, and ye shall find." Happy Easter, and God bless you all!

-Rev. David

From the Board, Session and Treasurer
In-person and remote Church Services from Thursday April 14th to Easter Sunday 17th

The Maundy Thursday service will be available online only. Please see the email from Rev. David to get the Zoom or YouTube information.

The Good Friday and Easter Sunday services will be in-person and the services will also be available on-line.

Good Friday

Hymns:

#375 Fairest Lord Jesus

#231 When I survey the wondrous cross

#235 Alas, and did my Saviour bleed

#239 O sacred head, sore wounded

#358 There is a redeemer

Scripture:

John 18:1-19:42 (pp. 1610)

The Easter Sunday Service will include Communion

Hymns:

#243 Jesus Christ is risen today

#258 Thine be the glory

#530 I come with joy

The Apostles' Creed # 539

Communion Service Liturgy #564

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalms 118:13-24 (Responsive)

John 20:1-18

Since the COVID-19 restrictions have all been discontinued, things have changed. Masks are no longer mandatory, however we strongly recommend that they continue to be worn and you maintain social 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. We would like to welcome everyone back to church and to the Sunday Coffee Hour after church this Sunday.

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 April 17th 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 stdavidsnfd@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.

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Good Buys for Food Trolley

Sobeys	Compliments Soup	\$0.99
Pipers	Avon Peas & Carrots/Mixed Vegetables	\$1.00
	Jello Powder	\$0.89
Walmart	Del Monte Canned Fruit	\$1.67
	Catelli Blue Pasta	\$1.27
Colemans	Holiday Luncheon Meat	2/\$4.00
Lawtons	Clover Leaf Tuna	4/\$5.50
	Compliments Evaporated Milk	2/\$2.22
No Frills	Maxwell House Instant Coffee	\$2.99

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Belated Happy Birthday wishes to Eleanor Cummings. Eleanor's birthday was April 10th. With the passing of Eleanor's husband, Henry (Harry) Cummings the Sunday before. Eleanor said that it was a very special day - spent with family. Your friends here at St. David's are thinking of you Eleanor and know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Marijke den Otter who will be celebrating her birthday on April 23rd with family (Lori Kim, Andy, Benjamin and Dini) and friends, near and far! Marijke is living in Ontario now, but she will always be a part of our Church family. Happy Birthday, Marijke and best wishes from everyone here at St. David's!

Happy Birthday to Cassidy Quinton who will be celebrating her birthday on April 22nd with family and friends, including her mom and dad, Becky and Leith Quinton, brothers, Josh and Luke and their families, along with many great friends. Best wishes Cassidy from your St. David's family! We hope you have a wonderful day.

Happy Birthday greetings to Kurt Aubrey-Bassler who will be 12 years old on April 22nd! Kurt will be celebrating his big day with mom and dad, Christine and Kris, sisters, Maggie and Charlotte, aunts, uncles and cousins, and proud grand-father, Gerhard Bassler, not to mention lots of friends. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a wonderful birthday Kurt! We hope you have a great day!

Happy Birthday to Charles Stockwell who will be celebrating his 2nd birthday on April 22nd with family and friends! Charles is the son of Gordon and Sarah Stockwell. Gordon was our organist for many years here at St. David's and both Sarah and Gordon sang with the choir and delighted us with their musical talents. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a wonderful birthday Charles and we know you'll have lots of fun!

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

Guest Soloist

We are delighted to announce that Alanna Fraize will be our guest soloist at the Easter Sunday Service!! Welcome Alanna ~ we are very grateful to have you with us this Easter Sunday!!

Note from the new Office Administrator

I have just finished my first two weeks in the church office and I would like to report, that learning to navigate the responsibilities of the position has been interesting and enjoyable. Of course, this is large part due to the kindness and patience of Anne and Janet Calve, who I offer my sincerest appreciation. I also want to thank the familiar faces that were visiting the church and stopped to say hello. Lastly, if I may be of assistance to any of you to answer questions, receive bulletin submissions and/or relay messages, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. It's part of what I'm here for! Heather

News from the Pews

News from Barbara Ellis

I received a little note from Barbara this week....

This is my bleeding heart that's in front of my house in Florida. It's just beautiful at the moment. Hate to have to leave it behind but at least I have the picture to look at.

Going to spend Easter in Mississauga with Neil and grand kids Steeley and Andrew.

See you first of May.

Blessings,

Barbara

and here is her picture!



Archival Moment

From the Archives

This week we have another picture from the 1997 Flipper Dinner. This is a great picture of more of the “worker bees” – (from left to right) Pearle Clouston, unknown, Millie Hammond and Darlene Thompson. Does anyone know our mystery person? Thanks Pam for this picture from the archives!



Church Trivia Questions Way back when:

Last week the question was: What minister arrived in 1857 and had a reputation as a great lecturer?

The answer is: Charles Pedley gained a reputation for his sermons and his lectures. On a November 1857 Sabbath he preached two sermons and an afternoon prayer meeting devoted to the Indian Mutiny. The *Public Ledger* advertised sermons on topics ranging from the laying of the Atlantic Cable, the death of General Havelock, the death of Prince Albert, along with the suppression of the Indian Mutiny.

This week the question is: What other activities did he undertake while here?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What were the names of the two previous church administrators? Hint – each one served roughly fifteen years.

The answer is: Monica McNeill was our most recent administrator and Judy Woolridge was in the office prior to that.

This week the question is: What plants are scattered around the church and what kind of plants are they? Hint – plastic ones do not count!

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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