



Sunday April 24th

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 24, 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, April 24 (Mission Awareness Sunday) We give thanks for the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean (Taiwan), the Rev. Dr. Blair Bertrand and the Rev. Joel Sherbino (Malawi), who are the “living links” that connect the church to our international partners.

Monday, April 25 (World Malaria Day) We pray for the elimination of malaria, and we give thanks for the global efforts to reduce the number of lives taken by this deadly disease each day.

Tuesday, April 26 We pray for stewardship and mission committees as they work to inspire vision and enthusiasm in congregations.

Wednesday, April 27 We give thanks to God for the support of church administrators.

Thursday, April 28 We pray for the members of the Committee on Education and Reception as they meet this week with candidates and ministers who have applied to be received into The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Friday, April 29 We give thanks for volunteers who are the heart and hands of their church communities.

Saturday, April 30 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Edmonton Urban Native Ministry in Alberta, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Mission Moment Sunday, April 24th



When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we are expressing our faith. Through the words that we use, the decisions we make and the actions we take, we proclaim God's love, hope and grace in the world God loves. **Together, as The Presbyterian Church in Canada, we are participating in Christ's mission in Canada and around the world.** We share the good news of the gospel, strengthen congregations and equip leaders. We journey toward healing and reconciliation, collaborate with ecumenical and interfaith partners, advocate for human rights, and work to restore hope. When we put our gifts into God's hands, God does remarkable things!

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

You sent Jesus as a sacrifice to save our broken world. We pray that the light of Christ would go out from our churches to provide hope for all people. Amen.

Prayer No. 6 – 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



Many of you have likely noticed something new on my face the last few weeks. I've joined the glasses-wearing team! Maybe it's a product of getting (a little) older, but when I went in for my first eye exam of my adult life, I walked out with a prescription for glasses. My vision isn't very bad; I learned I

mostly suffer from minor astigmatism in my right eye that makes things like small text a little hard to focus on. The effect was barely noticeable, but it was enough to encourage me to use my insurance coverage and get an exam.

I won't soon forget the feeling of surprise when the optometrist started fiddling with the lenses on the testing machine. Watching the smallest letters suddenly sharpen into focus, I realized what I'd been missing! It was incredible to me that the difference was so noticeable, since I had barely noticed the blurriness beforehand.

I've since learned that there's nothing like wearing glasses to teach you how much you need glasses. Minor as my prescription is, taking my glasses off makes me rub my eyes and strain as I realize just how blurry everything is to my unassisted vision! How could I have barely noticed this problem before!?

*Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.*

(Psalm 119:105)

We are very good at "normalizing" problems. My eyes can constantly flex to compensate for my vision, and my brain can convince itself that things looking a little blurry is normal. If I don't wear my glasses for a while, I slowly stop noticing the problem.

Sin can enter our life in much the same way. If we never open ourselves to correction, if we never read scripture and ask "What do I need to learn from this", if we never pray and ask "God, reveal to me how I have hurt my neighbours this week", if we never consider ourselves as sinners in need of a new heart, we can normalize our own lives.

May God correct us where we do not see things clearly this week. May we know our own shortcomings and ask God to help us overcome them. May we open ourselves to the possibility that we need help, rather than refusing to accept that there is a problem. Amen.

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person and remote Church Service available this Sunday, April 24th

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 24th 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

Ever wonder what goes in a Bridges To Hope hamper?

For your information, listed below are the contents of a **SMALL** hamper which is meant to provide 2-3 days food for 1-2 people. They also distribute Medium and Large hampers which contain basically the same items, but in larger quantities. School kits and other extra items are added as required and when available. Personal care items - shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, etc. are very much in demand as well.

Using this as a guide, next time you're grocery shopping, why not add one or two non-perishable items to place on the food trolley at St. David's. If you're not back to Church on a regular basis yet, food can always be dropped off at the Church Office. As always too, cash or gift cards are helpful and greatly appreciated.

Regular Food Hamper (1-2 people; 2-3 days food)

Milk - canned evaporated - 1	Beans, canned - 1
Soup - Frozen homemade - 1 per person OR Canned - 2 small or 1 large	Dry Pasta/Rice - 1 package
Meat - Fresh/frozen - 1 OR Canned - 1	Canned pasta - Beefaroni/Ravioli, etc. - 1
Crackers - 1 sleeve saltines OR 1 box other	Pasta Sauce - 1
Cookies/Snacks- 1 box cookies OR granola bars	Cereal - 1 regular package
Fresh vegetables -1 bag (potatoes, carrots, onion, turnip)	Vegetables - canned - 2
Kraft Dinner – 1	Juice - 1 Litre (or equivalent)
Fruit - fresh - 4 per person OR canned – 1	Eggs - 1/3 carton (4 eggs)
Bread – 1	Margarine - 1 (1/2 cup block)
Tea/Coffee-1 portion (10-12 teabags, 1 cup coffee)	
Sugar - 1 portion (1 cup)	

** Extra items, such as Noodles, Hamburger Helper, Scalloped Potatoes, Rice, Toilet Tissue, Laundry detergent, etc. are included as available.

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”

April 21 – April 27, 2022

Good Buys for Food Trolley

Dominion	Graves/Apple Juice	\$0.99
	Cloverleaf Tuna	\$1.29
Sobeys	Dawn Dish Soap	\$1.99
Walmart	Heinz Beans or Pasta	\$1.25
Colemans	Primo Pasta	\$0.88
	Heinz Tomato Soup	\$0.77
	Favorite Pear Halves	5/\$5.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Belated Happy Birthday to Sylvia Taylor, whose birthday was April 22nd! Sylvia and Bob Taylor have been members of St. David's for many years and have been great supporters of the various events held here at our Church. Sylvia sang in the choir for many years and both she and Bob are loyal zoom watchers of our Sunday morning service. We know your family made sure your birthday was celebrated in fine style! Everyone here at St. David's sends their best wishes, Sylvia, not only for your birthday, but for the coming year!

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Hans Rollmann who will be celebrating his birthday with family and friends on April 28th. Hans and the entire Rollmann family have been members of St. David's for many years now and they are always supportive of the different events and functions that take place here. Hans, along with his wife, Marcella and sons, Peter and Ernst support our congregation with behind-the-scenes technical work, especially with our website and our sound system, Ernst leads the Food For Thought Group, and let's not forget about their contribution to the Board of Managers over the years. All your friends here at St. David's wish you a very Happy Birthday, Hans! We hope you have a wonderful day and may there be many more! Best wishes!

Happy Birthday to Laura Bruneau who will be celebrating her birthday on April 26th! Even though Laura is living in Ontario right now, we know her family – including mom and dad, Mary and Steve Bruneau, brother, David, aunts, uncles and cousins and proud grand-mother, Jean Bruneau – will be celebrating right along with her. Your St. David's family will be thinking of you Laura! Have a great day!

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

A reminder that the W.A. 's monthly meeting is coming up this Tuesday, April 26th at noon ~ a light lunch will be served. Looking forward to getting together again in person ~ all are welcome.



What a performance we were treated to at the Easter Sunday Service by Alanna Fraize ~ WOW !! In a word, powerful. I know I can say on behalf of St. David's, thank you very, very much for **your vocal gift Alanna.**

Speaking of gifts ... how fortunate we are to have Jenny Griffioen gifting us with her musical talents on a weekly basis. We are most grateful for you Jenny.

Here is a picture of "our" Jenny, as she accompanies a MUN Music School student in her final recital. These recitals take place every year in the latter part of April.

Thank you Stephen Bruneau for these great pictures!!



Note from Heather ~ Office Administrator

Do I even dare to say that it is beginning to look quite Spring-ish??!! Though the temperature doesn't really feel like it, the sunny skies do give the warm & fuzzies!! And we did have a lovely show of Crocus in the front flower beds. Thank you Gardening Group!!

I also wanted to mention that should you need to reach the church office, my in-person hours are: Monday thru Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm. Alternatively, please feel to leave a phone message and I will get back to you as quickly as possible. Thank you very much.

Enjoy your week!

Heather 😊

Archival Moment

From the Archives

Hope you're not getting tired of these pictures from the 1997 Flipper Dinner because we have another one! This week, it's a great picture of Millie Hammond and Lillian Crawford in the Armour Room, preparing to serve the lemon meringue pies. (There have been quite a few changes to the Armour Room since this picture was taken.) Thanks Pam for this picture from the archives!



Church Trivia Questions Way back when:

Last week the question was: What other activities did he undertake while here?

The answer is: Charles Pedley, as well as being a great lecturer also started the tea-meetings an ecumenical gathering of those of other faiths. There were also Y.M.C.A meetings held in the chapel's own lecture room and United Sabbath afternoon services held in the Temperance Hall and attended by Wesleyans, Presbyterians and Congregationalists.

This week the question is: This was an interesting man who did attend the ninth annual meeting of the Congregational Union of Canada, what resulted from the journey?

Recent History:

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

The answer is: We have several plants in the church, the Christmas cactus in the sanctuary, a plant (?) in the narthex, a Clivia in the hall and all those beautiful plants, bulbs and perennials planted out front of the church and along the side of the western side of the church.

This week the question is: What was the last major project undertaken by the congregation? This one may be questionable and you'll see why.

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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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

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	

Board of Managers: the members of the Board are:

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