



Sunday May 1st

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 May 1, 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, May 1 We pray for people in Afghanistan who are facing severe hunger, and we give thanks for the food assistance that Presbyterian World Service & Development and Canadian Foodgrains Bank are providing them with support from the PCC.

Monday, May 2 We pray for the candidates for ministry and guidance counsellors as they engage in the shared process of vocational discernment during Guidance Conference this week.

Tuesday, May 3 We pray for peace throughout the world.

Wednesday, May 4 We pray for members of the Women's Missionary Society Council during their biennial meeting today.

Thursday, May 5 We pray for the safety of all those who risk their lives to help and save others.

Friday, May 6 We pray for the safety and recovery of all those affected by flooding in British Columbia.

Saturday, May 7 We pray for people, families and communities affected by the opioid crisis. Grant healing and strength to all who struggle with substance abuse and addictions.

Mission Moment Sunday, May 1st

Since the Taliban took control of Afghanistan in August 2021, an atmosphere of uncertainty has prevailed in the country. Large numbers of people fled to urban centres in hopes of escaping the country, leaving their homes and livelihoods behind. As a result, many are struggling to make ends meet and many more are facing severe hunger. Presbyterian World Service & Development is responding by providing emergency food assistance. Through an ecumenical collaboration with members of Canadian Foodgrains Bank, monthly cash distributions will be supplied to some of the families experiencing the greatest need. As a result, around 2,550 families will be able to purchase food and pay for necessary items. This emergency food assistance is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development, in collaboration with Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

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

God, we praise you for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. We give thanks for the many ways this ecumenical coalition allows PWS&D to work toward a world without hunger – so that more people enter each day food secure. Amen.

Prayer No. 53 – 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:



This is not my dog, but she is in my living room. This is Callie, a German Shepherd owned by some lovely people renting a basement apartment across the street from us. Unfortunately, their upstairs landlord is intimidated by her imposing stature, and so Callie has needed another place to stay during the day while things get sorted out. I can understand the intimidation: German Shepherds are iconic guard dogs, powerfully built and bigger than most

other breeds. Even I would have a hard time controlling her if she was determined to pull at her leash and take off.

But Michelle can never stand to see any animal suffer, so when we saw Callie in a car in front of our house a few days in a row, she reached out to the owners, and now Callie spends her daytimes in our backyard and her nights sleeping inside her own home.

Now, there's something I've realized about Callie. She may look big, and she may look scary, but she is the gentlest dog I have ever met when it comes to people. My kids can take the ball from her mouth, play at her food bowl, shout and run around her, and she has never shown the slightest sign of anything other than gentle good natured mild interest. And well she should! At six years old and a few pounds overweight, all she wants out of life seems to be lying down and listening to the sounds of a family around her.

"Even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save." (Isaiah 46:4)

How often our fears end up being unfounded! We carry worries around with us every day, even though they bring us nothing. We look to the future and see teeth, claws, a looming figure that scares us, and we don't trust that God will see us through. But God has promised to be by our side. Jesus told his followers to put their burdens on him and follow him. The Spirit guides us to do things we never would have thought possible.

In Christ, we never need to be afraid. We do not need to make decisions based on fear or worry. When we act with compassion and trust in God to take care of the fangs and claws we fear, we will learn the truth of God's love and the foolishness of our own worries.

This week, may you give your fears to God. God has made you, God will bear you, God will carry, God will save. The fear is so often worse than the reality, the future's bark seems worse than its bite. May you be filled with the peace that comes from trusting in the Lord, and the relief of feeling your fears melting away. For if our God overcomes even death, what is there to be afraid of?

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person and remote Church Service available this Sunday, May 1st

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 afternoon. 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 May 1st 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; Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

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

Weekly “Specials”

April 28 – May 4, 2022

Good Buys for Food Trolley

Pipers	Avon Canned Vegetables	\$1.00
	Heinz Ketchup	\$1.00
Sobeys	Hunt’s Pasta Sauce	\$0.99
Walmart	Heinz Beans or Pasta	\$0.97
Lawtons	Compliments Evaporated Milk	4/\$5.00
	Compliments Apple Juice	4/\$5.00
No Frills	Campbell’s Soup	\$0.59
Shoppers Drug Mart	Colgate/Crest Toothpaste	\$0.88

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Announcements and Items of Note

This morning's service will be broadcast tonight on VOWR at 7:00pm. Please let any family and friends know of this alternative to hear the service, as not everyone has access to YouTube. Thank so you! 😊

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet this coming Tuesday, May 3rd at 10:00am in the Armour Room.

Topsail United Church Men's Club is holding a take-out Flipper Dinner on Monday, May 16th, 2022. Pick up from 4:30pm to 6:00pm. Tickets are \$25.00 each and must be paid for in advance. No sales at the door. Please call their church office between 9:00am and 12:00pm, Monday to Friday at 834-4567.

The Alzheimer Society of NL is partnering with **Lodge Westmoorland** to host an afternoon of entertainment & refreshments for those with dementia and their caregivers.

Being held on two afternoon: Wednesday, May 4th AND Tuesday, June 7th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm ~ at the Freemason's Hall, 115 Mount Carson Ave., Mount Pearl.

Registration is required, due to limited space. Please register by calling the Alzheimer Society at (709) 576-0608 or email: events@alzheimernl.ca

MASKS ARE REQUIRED.

The 46th Annual Kirk Lobster Dinner is being held June 8th & 9th. This is a drive-through-take-out event.

Your dinner includes: 2 full Lobsters, 3 side salads, dessert and refreshment. Tickets are \$75.00 each. For more information contact Elizabeth at 726-5385 or kirklobster@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!! The Annual church picnic with St. Andrews has been booked for Sunday, June 12th at The Rotary Park on Thorburn Road. Details will follow soon.

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Belated Happy Birthday to Judy Barnes, whose birthday was April 27th! Judy and her husband, Bill, have called St. David's their Church for many years. In pre-COVID times, Judy was a member of the WA and played a key role with our Christmas Sale – heading up the bake stall and ensuring that all those delicious treats found a good home. We know your son, Jamie, made your birthday a very special day, Judy. All your friends here at St. David's are thinking of you and Bill and send their best wishes for your birthday and for the coming year!

Happy Birthday to Jack Porter who will be celebrating his 14th birthday on May 1st! Jack will be celebrating his birthday with family and friends, including his mom and dad, Katie Berghuis and Daniel Porter and younger brother, Benjamin. (Jack is the great grand-son of the late Elisabeth and Peter Berghuis.) Best wishes, Jack from everyone here at St. David's and we hope you have a great day!

Happy Birthday to Gregory Hudson who has a birthday coming up on May 1st! Gregory will be celebrating his big day with family and friends, including his mom and dad, Michele and Geoffrey Hudson, brother, Matthew, and of course proud grand-parents, Sylvia and Dave Hudson. Best wishes, Gregory, from everyone here at St. David's. We hope you have a wonderful birthday!

Happy Birthday to Catherine Bailey who will be celebrating her birthday on May 3rd! Catherine will be celebrating her special day with family and friends, including her husband, Richard, and children, Aidan and Sophie, her mom and dad, Judy and Dave Bonnell, her sister, Karen and family, and her aunt and uncle, Eleanor and Aubrey Bonnell. Best wishes, Catherine, from everyone here at St. David's. We hope you have a wonderful birthday!

A very Happy Birthday to our own Janet Aitken who will be celebrating with her family and friends on May 7th! Janet's mom and dad, Cyril and Effie Barnes, played a significant role in the history of our Congregation. Janet continues the tradition by being very active in our Church's life through the

WA (Treasurer), the Prayer Shawl (Knitter's) Group, and Bridges to Hope (regular Muffin-Making assistant) just to name a few. Janet is a great supporter of all the events and activities that take place here at St. David's and always helps keep us organized and on track. Janet will be celebrating her special day with her husband, Paul, daughter, Jill, son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Chantal, grand-daughter, Raphaelle, and her brother, Douglas (living in England) and his family. Happy Birthday Janet from your family here at St. David's! We wish you all the best and may there be many more birthdays to come!

Happy Birthday to Luke St. Croix who will be celebrating his 16th birthday on May 3rd! Luke will be celebrating with family and friends, including his mom and dad, Susan and Frank St. Croix, siblings, Samantha, Ashley and Matthew, aunts, uncles and cousins and of course, his proud grand-mother, Barbara Ellis. Happy Birthday Luke! Your St. David's family wish you a wonderful birthday! Enjoy!

Happy Birthday to Claire Goobie, who will be celebrating her birthday with family and friends on May 7th. Claire is the daughter of Olive and Charles Goobie. Best wishes, Claire from everyone here at St. David's! We hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy Anniversary to Scott and Kaena Bonnell who will be celebrating their 17th wedding anniversary on May 6th! Scott is the son of Eleanor and Aubrey Bonnell. Even though Scott and Kaena are living in the States now, we know your family and friends, near and far, will be thinking of you both on your special day. Best wishes, Scott and Kaena, from all your friends here at St. David's!

News from the Pews

The following is a note from Barbara Ellis, who is in Ontario visiting her son Neil and family

I thought the congregation would like an update on Timi. He was the Nigerian young man who came to go to university and stayed with me and attended St. David's.



He is married to Yinka who was in high school with him. They have a twin Joseph and Susanna who are 7 and a 2 year old daughter Margaret Anne. I spent the afternoon with them on Saturday. It was wonderful to see them again after 3 years due to no travel to Ontario. Timi was interested in everyone at St. David's.

Barbara



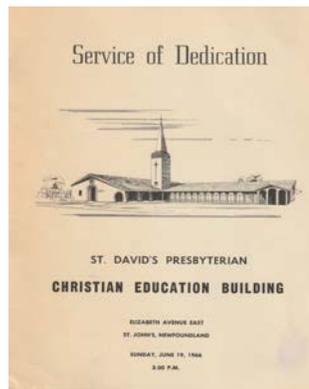
WA Meeting

The WA met this past Tuesday, April 26th to discuss future plans and fund-raising possibilities. We were delighted to have Heather Morrissey and Eleanor Cummings join us. (We hope to see you again!) It was also a great opportunity to pre-celebrate Janet Aitken's upcoming birthday and to sing Happy Birthday! (Note the COVID way of blowing out candles!!) Below are a few pictures from the meeting.



Archives

This past week, Pam and I were going through some of the old papers from the archives and came across the Service of Dedication booklet for our Christian Education Building (i.e Church Hall). The service of dedication took place on Sunday, June 19, 1966.



But, on the back page, there was a brief history of the congregation from 1775 onwards and one paragraph caught my eye. Here is part of that paragraph – note the date. As I'm writing this, it's exactly 63 years ago!

On Sunday, April 26th 1959, the fifth and present Church was dedicated by the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Right Reverend John McNab, D.D.

Church Trivia Questions:

Way back when:

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

The answer is: Charles Pedley spent nine weeks away, leaving St. John's for Boston with an up-state tour of New York (Rome, Utica, Syracuse, and Buffalo), crossing into Canada (Niagara, Hamilton, Toronto) before starting the homeward journey through Montreal and Quebec (by lake and river, the "Thousand Isles", and down the "Rapids"). He recounted his journey in a lecture at the chapel to a very large audience from all denominations and as reported in the *Daily News*.

This week the question is: What was this minister's more lasting fame?

Recent History:

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

The answer is: The two projects were the stained glass windows in the hall and the ramp project. The windows project started well before the ramp project (2018-2019) and finished much later, the last invoice was actually paid in 2021.

This week the question is: What was the original name of our current church hall? In other words, how did it come about?

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	

Board of Managers: the members of the Board are:

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