



Sunday April 10th 2022, Palm 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 10, 2022" into Google. Copies of the hymns and scripture readings are included in the email sent out each Friday.

Church Office Hours: Heather Morrissey, our Church Administrator, will be in the Church, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Heather can be reached by phone at 722-2382 or by email at stdavids@nfld.com. Rev. Sturtevant's office hours are generally from 10 am to 2 pm from Tuesday to Friday. If you'd like to drop by for a chat with him or for pastoral care, please call him at 699-3661.

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 10 (Passion Sunday/Palm Sunday) As we enter Holy Week, we pray that God will stir up within us gifts of hope, love, faith and understanding so that we can serve and praise God in our lives.

Monday, April 11 We pray for Penjani Sichinga and the hardworking staff of the David Gordon Memorial Hospital as they serve the rural population of northern Malawi.

Tuesday, April 12 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Cedar Tree Ministries on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Wednesday, April 13 We give thanks and pray for those involved in the Women's Missionary Society "Come Together" online events, allowing WMS members to worship together for Easter.

Thursday, April 14 (Maundy Thursday) We pray that God blesses the church with a renewed and greater awareness of Christ's commandment to love one another as he loved us.

Friday, April 15 (Good Friday) We pray for the church and that God will keep it faithful in worship, humble in service, gracious in spirit, grounded in truth and persistent in proclaiming the good news of the gospel.

Saturday, April 16 (Holy Saturday) On this day, Jesus rests in the grave. We pray for trust in the resurrection and the power of new life.



Minute for Mission

Penjani Sichinga holds a special place in his heart for the David Gordon Memorial Hospital (DGMH) in northern Malawi, where he has worked since 2004, though not everyone shares this passion. DGMH is a rural mission that serves a population of 120,000; and due to its remote location, poor accommodation and few incentives, the hospital sees a high staff turnover rate, especially among doctors. Penjani received encouragement and support from the Synod of Livingstonia Health Department to pursue medical studies to become a certified doctor. He finished his studies in 2021, and thanks to support from **Presbyterians Sharing**, is now working on completing an internship at the Livingstonia University Teaching Hospital in Zambia. After Penjani completes his final medical training requirement, he will return to work at DGMH—but this time as a fully certified doctor!

From Atlantic Mission Society (AMS) – St. David’s Auxiliary

Today, we pray the “Five Finger Prayer”:

Looking at my thumb, God, I pray for those closest to me: my family and friends.

Looking at my pointer finger, I pray for those who point me in the right direction, like teachers and parents.

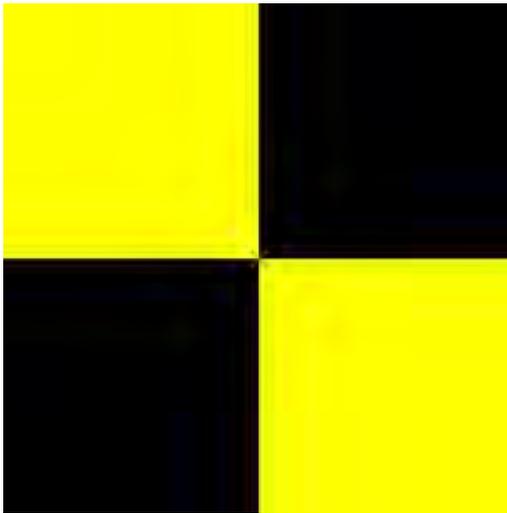
Looking at my middle finger, which stands tall over the others, I pray for those who lead our country.

Looking at my ring finger, I pray for those who are poor, sick, in pain or in trouble.

Finally, looking at my pinkie finger, I pray for myself and my own needs.

Prayer No. 70 – 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 week, my family has been battling our very own outbreak of COVID-19. As young, healthy, vaccinated people, we have been fortunate and our symptoms have been mild. We are well on our way to being fully recovered, but I will still only be attending the Sunday service virtually so that I don't spread the disease to those in attendance.

Quarantine Flag

One short thought: all of the precautions we take just seem restrictive and frustrating right up until you find yourself holding a positive test in your hands. I showed no symptoms until Thursday, and had a negative rapid test on Tuesday morning. Despite that negative test though, I am still very glad I was wearing my mask on Sunday while talking with people, while in the grocery store earlier this week, and so on. Catching COVID did not fill me with fear; I know I am statistically unlikely to require any medical aid. But I know that isn't the case for everyone. As a Christian, I am called to protect the vulnerable and the weak even if it means suffering myself. That was the example Jesus set for us: accepting hardship so that we could live abundantly. Let us take up our masks and follow him.

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2)

Easter Church Services

Maundy Thursday (April 14): A recorded service for St. David's

Good Friday (April 15): Service at St. David's at 11:00 am

Easter Sunday (April 17): Service at St. David's at 11:00 am

The Church will be open on **Saturday, April 16th from 10:00 am – noon** for those who would like to drop off flowers for Easter Sunday.

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person Church Services April 10th

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. 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 April 10th 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.

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

The vulnerable in our city have been hardest hit by recent increases in the price of almost everything it seems. Many have fixed incomes while others have little or no income and rely on government support to get them through. It is not unusual for people having to choose between food, fuel and other necessities. Bridges To Hope does what it can to help but it's only a stopgap – to get them through to their next cheque!

In recent months, we have seen an increase in the number of clients requesting food and while a lot of food, and money, comes in, much more goes out! You can help!

It may not seem much but your weekly donations of non-perishable food items supplement the perishable food items that must be purchased. Please consider adding one, two, or more, items to your regular grocery list for this purpose.

Bring the food with you as you return to worship, or drop it off at the Church during the week! Office hours are 9 A. M. to 1:00 P. M., Monday to Friday.

Wondering what to buy? Listed below are four items that are basic to every food hamper at Bridges To Hope and 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.

Canned Milk Canned Beans Canned Soup Bathroom tissue

Of course, donations of cash or gift cards are always welcome and very 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.

Weekly “Specials”

April 7 – April 13, 2022

Good Buys for Food Trolley

Dominion	Green Giant Vegetables	\$0.99
Pipers	Avon Peas & Carrots/Mixed Vegetables	\$1.00
Walmart	Colgate Toothpaste	\$0.87
Colemans	Favorite Pear Halves	5/\$5.00
Lawtons	Barella Pasta	\$0.99
	Heinz Tomato Soup	2/\$1.20
No Frills	Unico Tomatoes	\$0.99

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Condolences

The sympathy of everyone here at St. David's goes out to Eleanor Cummings and her family on the passing of her husband, Harry, last weekend. Harry Cummings was in his 103rd year and was a resident of the Caribou Memorial Veterans Pavilion. Further details on the funeral service to follow.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Rebecca Hodder who will be celebrating her birthday on April 10th with family and friends, including her mom and dad, Daphne and Jeffrey Hodder and brother, Stephen. Best wishes Rebecca from everyone here at St. David's. We hope you have a wonderful day!

Birthday greetings go out to Jayden Foding who will be celebrating his 4th birthday on April 13th. Jayden's mom and dad, Ann Marie Tohsam and Raoul Foding along with big sister, Ava, will make sure he has a very special day. Happy Birthday Jayden from your St. David's family! Enjoy your party!

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Madelyn Froude who will be celebrating her 13th birthday on April 11th! Madelyn has lots of family to help her celebrate her special day including, mom, Karen, brothers, Drayton and Jayce, not to mention her super proud grand-parents, Sue and Ken Templeton. All your friends here at St. David's wish you a very Happy Birthday Madelyn! We hope you have a great day full of wonderful surprises and lots of fun!

Announcements

Office Administrator has Arrived!!!!!!

Heather Morrissey has landed. 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 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!

WA – Kitchen Clean-up

At the last WA meeting, it was decided the kitchens could do with a cleaning and re-organization. The task has begun! Last week, the fridge got a new coat of paint – who knew a refrigerator could be painted? It looks brand new! There are more jobs to be completed. If you can lend a hand or two, please contact Lillian (754-2362), Janet Aitken (726-1916) or Janet Calver (745-1343). Any and all help would be appreciated!

News from the Pews

Our Pews are all Back

On Saturday April 2nd Steve and Ian Bruneau and Ed Vanderkloet spent an afternoon moving the first two rows of pews back into the sanctuary.

These pews have been sitting in the hall for many months and that was after they had originally spent some time on stage. As you can imagine, the pews are awkward and heavy to move around, let alone carry.

Our appreciation and sincere thanks go out to Steve, Ian and Ed for all their hard work helping us get to our evolving "new normal".

Travels with Penny

Penny is having a lovely little min-vacation visiting family in Germany and Scotland. Here are a couple of pictures from her shortly after she touched down in Germany. One shows a talented street performer and the other shows an outdoor spring flower stall. We wish her a safe and happy trip!



Newfoundland Indoor Plants!

Nothing to compare to the flowers Penny saw in Germany, but below is one of our house-plants that bloomed for the very first time in about 10 years! It seems to like the fern in the background. We discovered it is called a Clivia and that it is native to South Africa. When treated properly(!), it produces a beautiful, single, red, orange, or yellow flower in early spring.



Archival Moment

This week we have another picture from the 1997 Flipper Dinner. This is a lovely picture of Catherine Picco. Catherine is in the kitchen (with Betty Chancey at the sink) – another clean-up crew at the Flipper Dinner. Thanks Pam for this picture from the archives!



Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: The stone church was insured for \$8,000, roughly half its worth. What steps were taken almost immediately?

The answer is: Five days after the “Great Fire” on July 13th 1892 the Board of Management met at 7 Monkstown Road, the home of Mr. L. T. Chancey where committees were appointed to start re-building and ensure the poor of the congregation were fairly treated through the Poor Relief Fund. Services were to be held in the Training School on Monkstown Road and Cochrane Street Methodist Church offered their basement for Wednesday evening services.

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

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What did happen to that old office and who has occupied it over the years?

The answer is: The office eventually became the location for the church’s Archives watched over by Pam Bruce. It is also the repository for the Board of Managers, where the last ten years of financial data is stored. Lately, the office also contains the music scores for the choir.

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

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

Board of Managers: the members of the Board are:

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Envelope Secretary: Ian Bruneau