



## **Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022 the Fifth 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 April 3, 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](mailto: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 3 (Fifth Sunday in Lent)** We pray for the medical staff at the Shining Hospital in Nepal as they treat illnesses with support from the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

**Monday, April 4** We pray for the ministry of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Fredericton, New Brunswick, as the congregation seeks new ways of reaching out to their neighbours.

**Tuesday, April 5** We pray for congregations that have or are seeking Interim/Transitional Ministry and give thanks for those working as interim ministers.

**Wednesday, April 6** We give thanks for those who work and volunteer with food banks.

**Thursday, April 7** We give thanks and pray for community health workers who help to ensure the people they work with stay healthy and have access to medical attention when needed.

**Friday, April 8** We pray for the people who gather and serve at the house churches in the Cariboo region of British Columbia, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

**Saturday, April 9** We pray for the members and work of the Life and Mission Agency Committee.

## Message From the Minister:



I always love this time of year, when winter is just starting to give way to spring. Snowdrops are my favourite flower, because the joy they bring me when I see the first one growing up through the snow reminds me that winter won't last forever. The days are longer, the sun is hotter, and although here in Newfoundland that means we're in for a few months of drizzle and fog, it still brings me hopeful thoughts of gardening, playing in the backyard or at the park, and hiking in the sunshine.

In Hebrews 11:1, it is written that *"faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what*

*we do not see."* Because of Christ, we have good hopes for the future. Because of Christ, we do not need to fear what we cannot yet see. Like the snowdrops pushing up through the snow, we know we will see God's grace and goodness grow and blossom even in a cold world. We celebrate that winter will not hold on forever; the Sun is returning.

God's world reminds us of God's faithfulness. When we are very young, we can barely conceive of the changing of the seasons, and summer seems like something from the storybooks. It's only after we have lived through a few winters we learn that they never last forever. The Good News is that all of our suffering works that way. In Christ, even death is defeated, our sins are washed away, and we flourish into who we were made to be.

*For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

*Psalm 100:5*

## **From the Board, Session and Treasurer**

### **In-person Church Services April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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 April 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### **Weekly “Specials” for the Food Bank**

**March 30 – April 6, 2022**

#### **Good Buys for Food Trolley**

Dominion	Graves Apple Juice	\$0.99
Pipers	Avon Peas & Carrots/Mixed Vegetables	\$1.00
	Jade Mandarin Orange Segments	\$1.00
Walmart	Redpath Sugar – 2 Kg.	\$1.77
	Palmolive Dish Detergent	\$1.77
Sobeys	Del Monte Canned Fruit	2/\$5.00
Colemans	Heinz Tomato Soup	\$0.77
Lawtons	Barella Pasta	\$0.99

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Belated Happy Birthday greetings to Miraero Shin who celebrated her birthday with family and friends – near and far – on March 15<sup>th</sup>! Miraero has been a faithful member of our congregation for quite some time now. She is very busy - she is working on her Masters degree in Statistics at MUN while working full time, and in pre-COVID times, she sang in our choir! Miraero's sister, Wojuro, lives here at St. John's as well and will be graduating from high school in June with hopes of attending MUN starting in the Fall. Miraero and Wojuro's parents still live in Korea but stay in touch regularly. Best wishes Miraero from your St. David's family! We hope you had a wonderful birthday!

Happy Birthday greetings to Andrea Greeley who has a birthday coming up on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Andrea will be celebrating her big day with family and friends including her mom and dad, Mildred and Darrin Greeley, and her aunt, Marilyn Reardon. We hope you have a wonderful birthday, Andrea. Best wishes from your St. David's family!

Eleanor Patey will be celebrating her birthday on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Eleanor will be marking her big day with family and friends, including her mom and dad, Heather and Bob Patey, sister, Jean and of course proud grand-parents, Sylvia and Bob Taylor. Happy Birthday Eleanor from all your friends here at St. David's and best wishes for a wonderful day!

Happy Birthday to Ciaran Putt who will be celebrating his 10<sup>th</sup> birthday with his family and friends on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Ciaran is the son of Kim Andrews and Craig Putt. They, along with Ciaran's younger sister, Kaylee and proud grand-

father, Steve Andrews, will all be sharing the happy day with him. Your friends here at St. David's wish you a very Happy Birthday Ciaran! Enjoy!

**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**

### **Office Administrator is here on Monday April 4th**

Heather Morrissey will officially start on Monday April 4<sup>th</sup>. 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!

### **Atlantic Missionary Society (AMS) Meeting – April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

## **Prayer Shawl (Knitter's) Group**

Advance Notice! The Prayer Shawl (Knitter's) Group, will be meeting on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in the Armour Room. Everyone is welcome! Just bring along a pair of knitting needles and some wool and be ready to enjoy a couple of hours surrounded by friends!

## **WA – Kitchen Clean-up**

At the last WA meeting, it was decided the kitchens could do with a cleaning and re-organization. If you can lend a hand or two, please give Lillian (754-2362), Janet Aitken (726-1916) or Janet Calver (745-1343) a call. The saying, “Many hands make light work” is particularly meaningful when it comes to cleaning! Any and all help would be appreciated.

## **Bridge Party – Postponed**

Upon reflection, and in view of the recent increases in Covid-19 cases and hospitalizations, we feel it is prudent that our Bridge Party, planned for April 30, 2022 be **POSTPONED!** We will likely try again later in the year when people may be more comfortable attending public gatherings. Stay tuned!

## News from the Pews

### Kathy and Don McKay – from the Yukon (Part II)

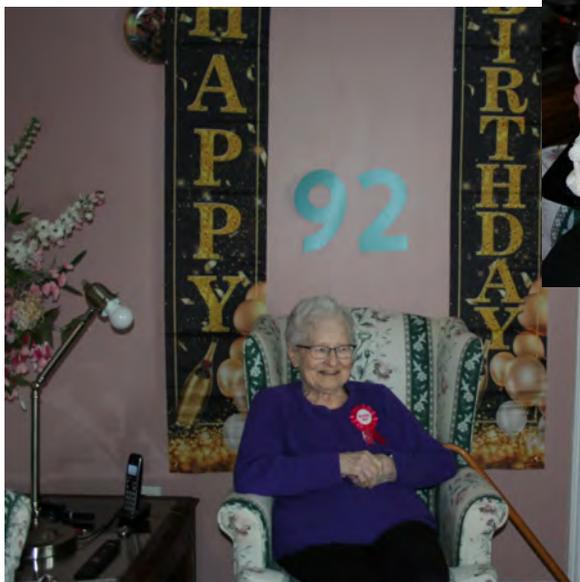


Last week, we showed some of the breathtaking photos (of the Northern Lights) from Kathy and Don McKay who were vacationing in the Yukon. This week we have some more of their photos – the majestic mountains and some outdoor winter activities.



## Bouwina's Birthday Party

Bouwina Fogwill turned 92 on March 25<sup>th</sup>! It was a multi-day event and there were many gifts and presents from family and friends near and far. Her family even decorated her house in the colours of the Netherlands' flag – red, white and blue (with a touch of orange representing the old Prince's flag from the 1930's) and of course, there were many delicious cookies and a decadent birthday cake! It was also a great day for all her friends who shared that special day with her. Needless to say, there was much chatter, laughter and smiles. Here are just some of the pictures from her birthday!



## News from the Presbyterian Connection – Spring Edition



For those of you who read the Presbyterian Connection, you may have noticed an article written by Lori-Kim den Otter. (Lori Kim and her family were longtime members of St. David's and currently live in Kingston.) Lori-Kim tells the story of how she crafted a beautiful quilt, the "Temperature Quilt" during 2020-2021. It's definitely worth a read. Find it on Page 19 of the Connection. You can find the Connection at

<https://presbyterian.ca/presbyterian-connection/>

Also in the same edition, you can find a cute picture from Lynne Allan, from St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, Grand Falls-Windsor, showing all the great hand-knitted articles that St. David's sent their way to help with their community outreach program. (Page 31) Great job Lynne!



## Archival Moment

This week we have another picture from the 1997 Flipper Dinner. This picture shows the “clean-up crew” (back to front) - Frances Steele, Olive Melendy, Bob Patey and Don McKay. (Note that even though they are in the kitchen, they are all smiling!) Thanks Pam for this picture from the archives!



## Church Trivia Questions

### Way back when:

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

**The answer is:** The fire destroyed the homes of fifty-eight families, two out of every three families in the church. Rev. G. Ward Siddall's parsonage on Monkstown Road was filled with refugees and it was also from here that the hungry were being fed and clothed.

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

### Recent History:

**Last week the question was:** What year and which minister left the original minister's office to move into the current office?

**The answer is:** Rev. J. S. S. Armour moved out of the tower office and into a new spacious office in the fall of 1966.

**This week the question is:** What did happen to that old office and who has occupied it over the 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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**Facebook page:** <http://www.facebook.com/stdavidsstjohns>

## 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:

Ed Vanderkloet      Steve Bruneau      Andem Effiong

**Treasurer:** Anne Calver

**Envelope Secretary:** Ian Bruneau