



Sunday May 29th

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 29, 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.

Mission Moment – Sunday, May 29

In Ghana, 25-year-old Dominic Anane was born with a congenital hearing disability. Like many in Ghana who have disabilities, Dominic was discriminated against. His family and community denied him formal education as a result of negative cultural attitudes associated with his disability. One day, Dominic was identified during a survey by a community-based rehabilitation staff member and enrolled in a program where he was provided with a sewing machine and vocational training in tailoring and dressmaking. **Today, Dominic has established his own business and makes dresses for customers in his community.** Dominic expressed his gratitude: “I feel privileged to have benefitted from the community-based rehabilitation program, which has truly made my life meaningful.” This livelihood program is supported by the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

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

We pray for people living with disabilities around the world, especially those who are finding practical support, love and a sense of community at the PWS&D-supported Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation Centre in Ghana. Amen.

Prayer No. 33 – Taken from OVERFLOWING - Prayers for a More Sustainable, Compassionate and Just World, published in recognition of PWS&D's 75th anniversary!

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 29 We pray for people with disabilities in Ghana, who are rising above discrimination and starting businesses with support from the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Monday, May 30 We pray for the members and work of the Committee on History.

Tuesday, May 31 We pray for the ministry of Family Church of Heritage Green as the congregation continues to reach out to families in Stoney Creek, Ontario.

Wednesday, June 1 We pray for the congregations that make up the Central Alberta Shared Ministry. May they feel a strong sense of God's presence as they find new ways to share the gospel of Christ.

Thursday, June 2 We pray for the people who gather and serve at the Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry in Saskatchewan, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Friday, June 3 We give thanks and pray for Women's Missionary Society President, Cathy Reid.

Saturday, June 4 With **World Environment Day** tomorrow (June 5), we give thanks for the creation that you, Creator, called "very good," and we pray for the flourishing of all creation.

Message from the Minister:



This week, I want to address a more serious topic in the Minister's Message. My position gives me a platform to speak, and so when a contemporary issue comes up that I think has connections to our faith, I sometimes feel it is both a privilege and a responsibility to share.

In the United States, there has been a draft statement leaked from the Supreme Court that shows it is very likely that the landmark legal decision of "Roe v. Wade" may soon be overturned. This would pass the responsibility for determining whether abortions should be legal or not down to the individual states; abortions might be legal in California, but illegal in Texas, that sort of thing. In preparation, states are deciding what their laws would be, with many realizing they need to create legal protection against extradition for doctors who perform abortions for out-of-state 'visitors' to their clinics.

I feel very strongly that this potential change to abortion law is wrong. One message that comes across consistently in scripture is God's care for the poor and oppressed, and God's fury against those who mistreat them from a position of power. Even in the Old Testament, the minor prophets spit venom at the selfish rich of Israel. Amos prophesies: *"I will not revoke the punishment, because they sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals— those who*

trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth and turn aside the way of the afflicted" (Amos 2:6-7). He's hardly alone, but I only have so much space to write here!

I highly doubt that restricting access to abortions in the way that is planned in the United States poses any real obstacle to those of moderate means. For those who have the money to be choosy about their health insurance (or have it at all), who are able to cross state lines in their own vehicles, and who can take a few days off work to recover from an operation, these restrictions will be easy to circumvent. The well-off will find ways to hide the act they condemn; the poor alone will face the reality of being actually unable to access an abortion.

I have serious concerns about the justice of a law that seems poised to do little more than muscle the poor out of the abortion market. It may surprise you to hear after all this that I would generally identify myself as pro-life. But I say that because I believe that every baby deserves to be cared for in a loving family. The way to accomplish that is not, I believe, by restricting abortion access. Instead, efforts should be made to reduce the legitimate fears that women face when they find out they are unexpectedly pregnant. Subsidized day cares, legally mandated parental leave, the child benefit paid to parents, these are the more effective life-saving tools that demand pro-life support, not anti-abortion legislation.

I want to make clear that in this I am speaking for myself only. You do not need to agree with me just because I'm a minister, and I've learned and grown much from the faith and experiences of this congregation. I am open to discussion with any whose earnest desire is to see our world transformed into the way God actually wants it to be, and I know we can sometimes disagree on the way to get there. Yet I believe that despite our differences, we are still one body. Our variety of opinions can lead to a variety of cares, and that is a good thing in a world so diverse and complex. We are all loved by God, and we all have a place in God's family.

When we face modern issues in the news, may we care for the "least of these". We are, as followers of Christ, called to care for the vulnerable and the weak. God's love came down to us in Jesus Christ,

learning what it is like to be helpless and dependent. May we care for those who do not have the protection of financial security or political clout. May we seek to better the world with love and support rather than force. May we follow the way of Christ, and speak what we believe to be true when we are given the opportunity. Because God has plans for this world, by the grace of God things will change. With God in charge, that is Good News.

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person and remote Church Service available this Sunday, May 29th

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 29th 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

Summer's almost here but that doesn't change anything at Bridges To Hope! While the volunteers take some time off, students continue to fill the food hampers each week.

The demand doesn't stop because the weather is warmer; it's still there!

So, please continue to support Bridges To Hope through your weekly contributions of non-perishable food items.

As always, cash and/or gift card donations are very much appreciated. These contributions allow "Bridges" to purchase perishable items, such as margarine, fruit and vegetables, for inclusion in the food hampers. It also helps with the purchase of ingredients used to prepare cooked meals in our kitchen such as soup, goulash, roast chicken, etc., which are then provided to clients,

We really value your support!

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.

Bridges to Hope

Weekly "Specials"

May 26 – June 1, 2022

Good Buys for Food Trolley

Walmart	Quaker Instant Oatmeal	3/\$8.00
Sobeys	Heinz Beans or Kraft Dinner	4/\$5.00
Colemans	Primo Pasta	5/\$5.00
	Holiday Luncheon Meat	2/\$5.00
Dominion	Campbell's Soup	\$0.99
Pipers	Avon Peas & Carrots/Mixed Vegetables	\$1.00
	Kraft Dinner	\$1.00
Shoppers Drug Mart	Red Rose Tea/Maxwell House Instant Coffee	2/\$6.00
Lawtons	Maple Leaf Flakes of Meat	4/\$5.50
No Frills	Sugar	\$1.99

MUFFIN MAKING

Yes, we will be making muffins again! Making muffins for Bridges To Hope is a project started before Covid-19 and is now ready to start up again. Once a month, usually on a Monday morning, muffins are made and packaged for distribution in Bridges To Hope food hampers. This is not a labour intensive project; all ingredients are supplied and it takes a maximum of three (3) people to do the job. If you are interested in participating, please contact our Administrator, Heather, at 722-2382. It's great fun and **VERY satisfying!!**

~PLEASE BE ADVISED~

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Will be held on

SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH AT 12:30 ~ A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

ANNUAL REPORTS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON LINE AND BY PAPER COPY
THE WEEK OF MAY 30TH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reduce Reuse Recycle! Yes, St. David's still has an account with Evergreen Recycling! If you would like to donate the proceeds of your recyclables, just enter the Church phone number **722-2382** when you are making a drop-off. Our account will automatically be credited. Consider it as another "reuse" of your recycling!

The WA would like to announce a date change for their monthly meeting. The new date is: Monday, May 30th at 12:00 noon.

The AMS Presbyterial Meeting will be held this year at St. David's on Wednesday, June 1st from 2:00 to 4:00pm.

The TSO end-of-season Concert!!!!

Every year, we at St. David's have the great pleasure of being invited to attend this concert.

The concert will be held this Wednesday, June 1st at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. There will be a reception serving light refreshments in the church hall following the performance and all are welcome.

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

June 12th is the date for our 2022 Annual Joint Church Picnic. It takes place at the Rotary Chalet on Thorburn Road at 11 A. M. on that Sunday. We start with a worship service (outdoors we hope), followed by a Lunch of hamburgers and all the fixings, plus sides of salads and desserts, tea/coffee. St. Andrew's will provide the burgers, buns and condiments and **St. David's will provide the sides.** So, if you will be joining us for the Picnic, **please bring a salad or dessert to share!** If the weather is good (we pray), we will be outside so you should bring your own folding chair. You'll also need to bring your own dishes and cutlery. Should the weather not cooperate, we will meet and eat inside the Chalet! See you there!

Topsail United Church:

On Saturday, June 4th at 6:30pm, an Eat-In Lobster/Steak Dinner. Lobster or Steak \$45.00pp or a combo for \$70.00pp. Cost includes; a variety of salads, rolls, dessert and after dinner entertainment. Tickets will be available at the church office by calling 834-4567. Masks will be required.

The Alzheimer Society of NL is partnering with **Lodge Westmoorland** to host an afternoon of entertainment & refreshments for those with dementia and their caregivers. Registration is required, due to limited space. Please register by calling the Alzheimer Society at (709) 576-0608 or email: events@alzheimernl.ca

Wednesday, Tuesday, June 7th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm ~ at the Freemason's Hall, 115 Mount Carson Ave., Mount Pearl. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED!**

Join Jenny Griffioen and Daniel Fuchs Sunday June 5, 2022 at 3:00 in the Anglican Cathedral for a concert in support of Strong Harbour Strings. We will be playing music for violin and piano by Edvard Grieg, Amanda Maier, and Cesar Franck. Admission is by donation.

Strong Harbour Strings is an organization that endeavours to create equal access to music education. They offer free after-school music lessons to children and youth, and perform regularly for their students and community in order to share the power of music.

There will also be an art auction at this event! Strong Harbour Strings students have been creating unique art work from unusable violin pieces. These pieces will be on display at the concert.

For more information, go to: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/daniel-fuchs-and-jenny-griffioen-duo-concert-tickets-344158596627?aff=efbevent&fbclid=IwAR0f4eJohVIBZ7q24CHnnT1XVc7AzjnkW2Ysoxq6slj58VTcL5szrnXzpQ>

From the Church Office:

If you have any announcements for the weekly bulletin, please reach out to me either by phone or email before the end of day on Thursdays. I will do my very best to get your announcement in the bulletin for the Friday afternoon email distribution. Thank you! Heather 😊

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy Birthday to Isaak Bonnell who will be celebrating his 14th birthday on June 3rd! Even though Isaak and his family currently live in Glenview (a suburb of Chicago), we know he will be celebrating his big day with family and friends, near and far, including his mom and dad, Denise and Steve Bonnell, his brother, Evan, and very proud grand-parents, Eleanor and Aubrey Bonnell. Happy Birthday Isaak from everyone here at St. David's! We hope you have a wonderful birthday and a great year to come!

A very Happy Birthday to June Bowden who will be celebrating her birthday on June 4th! June is a former Good Companions and a dear friend to many here at St. David's. June keeps in touch with the St. David's news via our weekly bulletin and is a great supporter of our weekly Bridges to Hope appeal. June will be celebrating her birthday with family and friends here in St. John's. Happy Birthday June from all your friends here at St. David's! We hope you have a wonderful birthday and may there be many more to come!

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.

Update from John Chol

A couple of weeks ago, we told you about the sad news from John Chol. John's brother, Chakuen, was tragically killed by raiding cattle thieves in his village, Lankien, leaving behind a large family. John was attempting to move Chakuen's family to a refugee camp in either Uganda or Kenya. Several families from St. David's were able to help John financially with the family's transportation costs. This past week, John sent along an update and these pictures we would like to share with you.

Hi Steve, I have safely made it to Juba today May 20, 2022 with Chakuen's family and I will proceed to the camp in Uganda.



For those of you who still wish to help John and his family financially, donations made be made by E-Transfer to St. David's account. Please use stdavidsnfld@gmail.com This account is linked to our bank account and will automatically accept all donations. **Please indicate in the message field that the donation is for John Chol.**

Out and About...

The May 24th weekend was one of the best (weather-wise) that we have seen in many years. It was a great opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy the sunshine, whether you got camping, or went to your cabin, got to go for a hike/walk or just enjoyed watching the flowers burst into bloom. Below are a few pictures we thought you would enjoy....

This picture is from Heather and as her note says...*This pic sort of says "long weekend check list"... sun & blue sky ~ check, canoeing ~ check, fishing ~ check, beach walk ~ check!!!*



Janet and Brian enjoyed a walk through Bowring Park and took this picture of the magnolia bush in bloom next to the Fighting Newfoundlander statue.



Guess where this is?



Y-TAKE THE SHOT

This is a program offered by the YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The program's goal is to help in navigating COVID information, booking and/or accessing vaccines or rapid test kits. This may be accomplished via workshops and 1-on-1/group assistance. This is a free service.

Please contact:

Catherina Murphy

Program Coordinator, Health Promotion (Y-Take the Shot), Avalon Peninsula Region

Pronouns: She/Her/Hers

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From the Archives

This week, we have another picture from that May 27, 1997 get-together between the ladies from our neighbourhood churches – Pius X and St. Augustine's - and our WA and AMS groups. In the picture below (which was taken by Catherine Picco), we see in the bottom right hand corner, Marjorie Pike, Frances Steele and Ruby Penney. Thank-you Pam for these archival pictures!



Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: Who were the ministers during the Second World War?

The answer is: There were three ministers who served over the course of the war: The Reverend Wilfred F. Butcher from 1939 to 1940, The Reverend John F. Nute from 1941 to 1943 and The Reverend Frederick W. Sass from 1944 to 1945.

This week the question is: Who was the Minister that started the mission on Random Island?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: When will St. David's it's sestercentennial?

The answer is: The 250th anniversary would take place in 2025.

This week the question is: Speaking of doors and the plaques on them, there is a plaque on the door of the church administrator. Who was recognized this way?

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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