



Sunday May 15th

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 15, 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 15

In Malawi, unreliable rainfall patterns are a significant issue affecting farmers. As a result of climate change, these unpredictable rains greatly impact food security and limit what farmers can and cannot plant. To assist farmers in Malawi's Karonga District, workshops that teach conservation agriculture techniques are held. Farmers learn how to use mulch and make compost to nourish the soil and grow better crops. Farmers also learn other essential techniques, including weed and pest management, to address the ongoing challenges of climate change. **Since implementing a conservation agriculture approach, many farmers have significantly increased their crop yields.** This agricultural project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development, in partnership with Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

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

Lord, you created plants and animals, fields and forests, oceans and rains. You declared all things good. We celebrate in prayer alongside farmers in Afghanistan, Guatemala, Haiti, Malawi and Pakistan who have seen their crops flourish as they embrace sustainable agriculture principles that also help them care for your creation. Amen.

Prayer No. 47 – 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 15 We give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development partners who teach farmers in Malawi about conservation agriculture, helping them to protect and revitalize life-giving soil and cultivate plentiful harvests.

Monday, May 16 We pray for those who have suffered racial discrimination within the church. May we, as a church, take action to repent of the harm that has been caused by acts of discrimination.

Tuesday, May 17 (International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia) We pray for an end to all forms of hatred and discrimination that target LGBTQI2+ people. As a church, we have been part of this harm, and we repent.

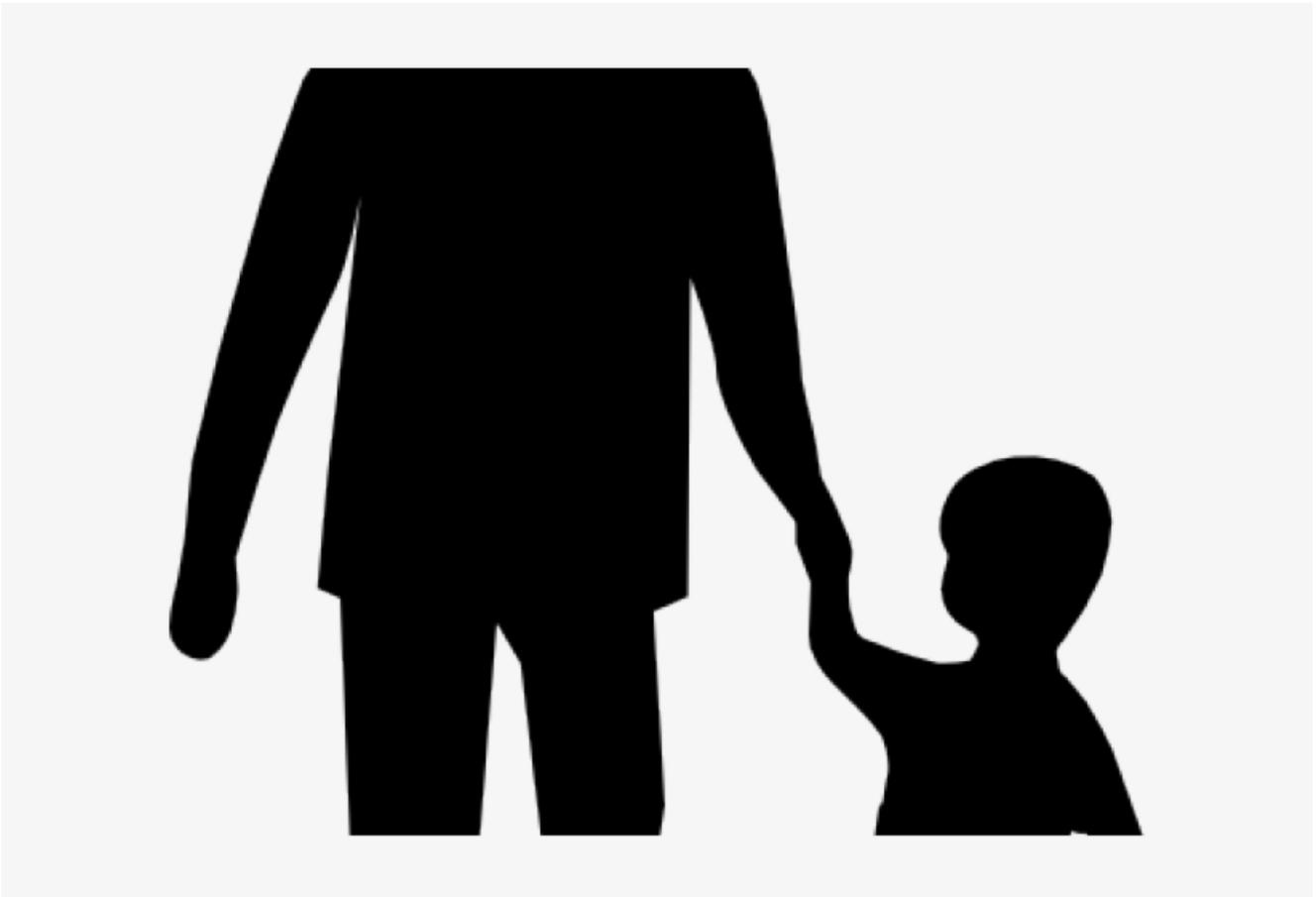
Wednesday, May 18 We pray for new graduates of our theological colleges who are patiently listening to God and seeking a call to congregational ministry.

Thursday, May 19 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg in Nova Scotia.

Friday, May 20 We give thanks for the mission and ministry of Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and for the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Margaret Mullin.

Saturday, May 21 We pray for those planning the 2022 General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, which will meet online beginning June 5.

Message from the Minister:



This past week I've been looking after my boys by myself while Michelle is in Ontario. It has been going very well, and I've found myself connecting with them better than ever, perhaps in part because with Michelle gone, I have no-one other than my children to talk to at home (other than the cats and dog, but they aren't very conversational).

It's a great opportunity, but discussions with pre-schoolers can get a bit repetitive at times, so this morning, searching for some adult discussion, I turned on the news on the radio while we sat and ate our Cheerios. The news stories were: A Russian soldier is on trial for war crimes in Kiev, the UN is preparing a stern reprimand for the Taliban who are forcing the women of Afghanistan to remain in their homes except for emergencies, and the ongoing concern and discussion around the possibility of the American Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade* and allowing states to ban abortion access.

I found myself wondering if I should probably stop listening to the news with my kids around. After all, Oliver is approaching five years old, and he's going to start understanding more of what's being said. None of the news was good, none of it presented a world that I want my kids to live in.

I still don't know the answer to that. How much to expose them to and how much to shield them from is something I'm sure I will be working on for quite a while. But as I sat with them eating our bowls of cereal together, it occurred to me that maybe the best approach wasn't to worry as much about what facts of the world I was telling them about. Maybe the better approach is to reassure them that no matter what, I will be with them, that no matter what, I will love them, and that no matter what, we will face the problems in the world together. And since they think I, as their Daddy, am infinitely strong, fast, rich, and capable, that brings them immense comfort indeed.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6

So often, we wonder what we can do in the face of darkness. Grief, injustice, faithlessness, evil, we see these things affecting those around us and wonder what we can do to fix it, to protect them, to save them. Sometimes we can do something, and sometimes we cannot. But every time, we can give the gift of presence, of standing beside and offering support with no solutions. That's a good gift to give, and hearing that we are not alone is always good news.

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person and remote Church Service available this Sunday, May 15th

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.

Condolences – Peter Clouston

Passed peacefully away at the (Palliative Care) Miller Centre on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, Peter Clouston.

Predeceased by his parents, Donald & Margaret Clouston; in-laws, Raymond & Violet Gosse; and son, Donald (November, 2021).

Leaving to mourn with fond and loving memories his wife Pearl (Gosse); daughter, Cindy; daughter-in-law, Violet; grand-children Renee (Patrick) Byrne, Carol Fowler (John Butler); as well as a large circle of relatives and friends.

Peter was a kind and gentle soul and a longtime member of St. David's who gave freely of his time. He will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

Funeral arrangements will be arranged by Carnell's Funeral Home and will be available later today on their website. The Funeral service will be held 11:00am on Monday, May 16th at St. David's with a reception to follow in the Church Hall.

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 15th 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

Each week when I go to Bridges To Hope, I inquire if there's anything in particular that they need, hence the recent request for cat food! Thank you to those who responded so quickly; it's very much appreciated!



This week, they suggested Instant Oatmeal packages! These are portioned into packages of 4/5 and used mostly in “Emergency” hampers but clients receiving regular hampers often request them. Something to consider when you're picking up a donation for the food bank!

P.S. It doesn't have to be “Quaker” (as illustrated) – there are other brands which fit the bill!

Of course, other non-perishable food items are always helpful.

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 12 – 18, 2022

Good Buys for Food Trolley

Pipers	Mario Corned Beef	\$3.99
Lawtons	Graves Apple Juice	4/\$5.00
Colemans	Heinz Tomato Soup	\$0.77
	Hunt's Pasta Sauce	4/\$5.00
No Frills	Oceans Tuna	\$1.29
Sobeys	Jif Peanut Butter	\$3.99
	Lantic Sugar	\$1.99
Dominion	Clover Leaf Tuna	\$1.49

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!!**

Announcements and Items of Note:

The monthly meeting of the AMS will be held following this Sunday's service (**May 15th**) at **12:30** 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.

Also at Topsail United Church:

On Saturday, May 28th from 9:30am to 2:00pm, a Spring Flea Market. Admission is \$1.00. Masks will be required. Please see their website for details.

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

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

Wednesday, 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 to follow soon.

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!

The lovely yellow potted Mums in the Sanctuary this morning are the gift of Janet Aitken. Much like you Janet, thank you for their sunny presence!!!

We are delighted to have Jenny Griffioen lead the music for this Sunday's service. Thank you very much Jenny!

If the Sanctuary seems a brighter than it has ... it is not only the sunshine outside ... several light bulbs needed replacing put were so high up even our electrician was challenged !! So Jenny Griffioen with the assistance of Stephen Bruneau to our rescue!! Thank you both sooo much!!

Heather ☺

A VERY SPECIAL SAVE THE DATE . . .

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

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

This year, the concert will be held on 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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy Birthday to Dean King who will be turning 3 on May 19th! Dean will be celebrating his big day with his family and friends, near and far. Dean is the son of Sarah and Wesley King, and a cherished member of our St. David's family. We wish you a wonderful day Dean – have lots of fun!

Happy 10th Birthday to Emma Ryan who will be celebrating her birthday on May 23rd with family and friends! Emma is the daughter of Aimee Reardon and grand-daughter of Marilyn Reardon (Melendy). Happy Birthday Emma from your St. David's family and we hope you have lots of fun and wonderful surprises!

More Photos from Barbara Ellis

Barbara Ellis has been home now for a couple of weeks but she wanted to share this great story with you along with a couple of pictures.



This is Stoyan and his family, his wife Ianitza, and kids Kristoffer and Maleny. Stoyan came with the folks from Bulgaria about 37 years ago. They got off the plane in Gander and claimed refugee status. After bringing him and 2 others to St David's one Sunday and then home for lunch, I realized we couldn't communicate as they didn't speak English. I didn't know how to tell them it was time to go home so they stayed for dinner! After clearing up, we gave them their coats and headed for the car to get them back to the Airport Inn where they were staying. It started a long and wonderful relationship with Stoyan and he ended up moving in with us and becoming part of the family. He eventually sponsored his mom, Petra, over from Bulgaria. His first job here was riding a Dickie Dee Ice Cream bike and then at The group home next to St David's. Eventually, with Stewart Gillies' help, he got a job repairing dental equipment which led him to Mississauga, Ontario., where he is still living and working. He still regards me as Mom and my kids as his sisters and brothers. We spent Easter Sunday dinner (his Palm Sunday as he's Greek Orthodox) and breakfast the next day (before I left), together. He hasn't changed much except he's getting grey.

Pictures from Andy Effiong

Andy sent along a little note and some great pictures to share with everyone.....

I have been vacationing in Europe for the past 2 weeks. I am in London, England. Will be headed over to Germany, the Netherlands, and Sweden in the coming days. I am having a blast! Lots and lots of fun!!!! I'll send some stuff for the bulletin!

*My best wishes and blessings to you and yours,
Andy*



From the Archives

A couple of weeks back, we were sharing some pictures from the 1997 Flipper dinner. We have another picture from that event. As many of you remember, the dinners were a lot of work but such great fun at the same time. It was truly a joint effort by many members of the congregation. Whereas the cooking of the flippers and the dessert were the responsibility of the ladies, cooking the vegetables was delegated to the men. Do you remember the set up in the breezeway? There were huge boilers full of freshly peeled and scrubbed vegetables sitting on top of the hardy Coleman Stoves. Once the vegetables were deemed “cooked” by Millie, the men had to lug them into the kitchen where they were strained and made ready to go on the warmed plates. Below is a great picture of Clayton Collins and Harold Chancey – just two of those helpers. Thanks Pam for this picture from the archives!



Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: What person was this book dedicated to and what account in the book led to this dedication?

The answer is: Charles Pedley's book on the History of Newfoundland was dedicated to the Colonial Secretary, the Duke of Newcastle, who visited Newfoundland with the young Albert Edward the Prince of Wales in 1860. The book included a detailed account of this royal visit, hence the dedication.

This week the question is: Who was the longest serving minister of the church?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: In 1973, a new suite of rooms was opened in the hall to commemorate two stalwarts of the congregation, Mrs. G.W. Chancey and Mr. J. Hutton Clouston. We know the Clouston Room is upstairs at the back of the hall. What room was named after Mrs. Chancey? I need help on this one, since I don't know the answer! I suspect I know, but.....

The answer is: The name of the new kitchen

This week the question is: What is a sestercentennial?

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

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