



Sunday May 22nd

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 22, 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 22

Living Waters is a mission of the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough that reaches out to marginalized people in downtown Peterborough, Ontario.

The Rev. Jonathan Baird regularly visits people living on the streets and invites them to the two drop-in programs that Living Waters Mission runs in partnership with the Bridge Youth Centre. The programs offer meals, support, counselling and Christian fellowship. One woman, who struggles with mental health and addiction, expressed her appreciation: “I come here because it is the only place where I feel loved.”

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

All-knowing God, we pray for the millions of people who are facing food insecurity. Make us more aware of those in our own community and around the world who are in need, and stir our hearts to respond. We pray specifically for PWS&D's partners who are responding to this urgent need.

Prayer No. 72 – 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 22 (Healing & Reconciliation Sunday) We pray for healing for Indigenous families and communities, both within and outside the church, who are struggling with intergenerational trauma from Residential Schools and other forms of colonial violence. Guide our church and congregations in ways that uphold Indigenous rights and reject anti-Indigenous racism.

Monday, May 23 We pray for Living Waters Mission, an inner-city mission of the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough in Ontario, which brings hope and comfort to people struggling with addiction and mental health.

Tuesday, May 24 We pray for all those who form and keep our laws. Give them gentleness, wisdom, prudence, restraint and a spirit of courage and equity.

Wednesday, May 25 We pray for commissioners, young adult and student representatives, and committee conveners as they prepare for the 2022 General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Thursday, May 26 (Ascension Day) We give thanks to God for the life and ministry of Christ and the gifts we have all been given to continue it in the world God loves.

Friday, May 27 We give thanks and pray for faithful women leaders, like Shimy Mathew, Secretary of the Nurses League of the Christian Medical Association of India, who is currently facing many challenges.

Saturday, May 28 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Winnipeg Inner City Missions in Manitoba, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Message from the Minister:



This past Sunday evening, if you stayed up very late and looked up at the sky, you would have been able to watch the moon go from full, to a crescent, to a strange red colour. It was a Total Lunar Eclipse, an alignment of the sun, earth and moon where the earth's shadow happens to pass over the full moon and cover it completely. Only the red light that can "bend" through the earth's atmosphere is able to illuminate the moon for a couple hours, until the moon moves out of the earth's shadow and becomes full again. It's a very next phenomenon to witness, and as I stood out and watched it I decided to take a picture with my phone. I also found another picture of the lunar eclipse from Space.com; I'll leave it up to you to guess which picture is mine and which came from the professionals!

There's some things that can't really be captured to show to other people. When the eclipse happened, Michelle was still in Ontario, and we were on a video chat while I stood outside and watched. Although her weather was fifteen degrees warmer, it was also overcast, so she could only listen and lament as I tried to describe what I was seeing to her.

In many ways, our life of faith is marked by experiences that are just as hard to share with words or even pictures. Some of the most profound spiritual experiences are hard to explain or express in a way that feels adequate. I might pick up a leaf and, looking at its intricate veining, be struck with a sense of how big God's creation is, how complicated the web of life around me is, how reliant I am on other life, and so on. I can share the ideas, but not the impact.

I think sometimes that makes us hesitate to share our experiences. It feels silly or childish to say "Sorry I was late, I got distracted looking at a leaf". But there are some things in life that have to be experienced in the moment to be understood. We shouldn't value something less just because we can't explain it well enough, and we shouldn't treat as foolish everything we cannot put into words. We don't understand everything, and we can't communicate everything, and that is ok. When we're uncertain, confused, or unable to explain, that's Good News!

*"God thunders with His voice wondrously,
doing great things which we cannot comprehend."
(Job 37:5)*

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person and remote Church Service available this Sunday, May 22nd

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 22nd 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

BRIDGES TO HOPE held its Annual General Meeting on May 16, 2022 at Wesley United Church. A copy of their Annual Report is available in the Church Office. Here are two interesting notes from the Manager's Report which reinforce the importance of our continued support:

"In 2021, our team helped relieve hunger to over **11,100** people in our community. "

"Bridges To Hope partnered with two community groups (Connections for Seniors and Local Wellness Collective) to distribute food hampers to those in our community who otherwise cannot access food banks. These outreach initiatives help address gaps in service delivery and ensure that seniors, those with disabilities, and those without access to reliable transportation can access food assistance. In 2021, Bridges To Hope distributed **1,584** hampers through these outreach partnerships an **increase** from **135** in 2020."

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.

Bridges to Hope

Weekly "Specials"

May 19 – 25, 2022

Good Buys for Food Trolley

Colemans	Quaker Instant Oatmeal	2/\$6.00
No Frills	Carnation Milk	\$1.00
Dominion	Graves Apple Juice	\$0.99
Walmart	Great Value Macaroni & Cheese	\$1.00
	Dawn Dish Detergent	\$1.96

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:

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!

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 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 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. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED!**

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

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

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.

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!

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 Anniversary to Roxanne and David Hancock who will be celebrating their 19th wedding anniversary on May 24th! Roxanne is the daughter of Evelyn and Nowell Melendy, (niece of Marilyn Reardon and Mildred Greeley). Congratulations to you both!

Happy Birthday to Leslie Stuckless who will be celebrating her birthday on May 28th with family and friends, including her daughter, Leslie, and mom, Lorna! Best wishes Leslie from all your friends here at St. David's! We hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy Birthday to Laura Barnes who will be celebrating her birthday on May 24th! We know her family and friends, including her mom and dad, Martha and Glenn Barnes and brother, Nathan, will be celebrating right along with her. Best wishes Laura from your St. David's family and we hope you have a great day!

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!

Happy Birthday to Ava Foding who will be turning 7 years old on May 24th! Ava will be celebrating her big day with her mom and dad, Ann Marie Tohsam and Raoul Foding and younger brother, Jayden. Your St. David's family wishes you a wonderful birthday Ava. We hope you have a great day!

Happy Birthday to Kathryn Hudson who will be celebrating her birthday on May 26th, with family and friends, including her mom and dad, Sylvia and Dave Hudson! All your friends here at St. David's send along their best wishes for a wonderful day and for many more birthdays to come!

Happy Birthday wishes to Daniel Rumbolt who will be celebrating his birthday on May 23rd! Daniel will be celebrating with family and friends near and far, including his mom, Jill (St. Anthony), brother, Jeremy, and proud grand-parents, Patsy and Dave Carmichael. Best wishes Daniel from all the folks here at St. David's! We hope you enjoy your special day!

A very Happy Birthday to Monica McNeill who will be celebrating her birthday on May 26th! Monica will be celebrating her big day with her family and friends – near and far – including her husband, Mike, her son, Ben, and her dad, Sam Johnson, along with her brothers, Marshall and Neville and their families. Needless to say Monica is very special to all of us at St. David's and even though she has moved on to a new job, we still think of her as part of our St. David's family. Best wishes Monica from everyone here at St. David's! We hope you have a wonderful birthday and may there be many more!

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.

The ANC Farmers

It's that time of year again and farmers and gardeners are on the move! Not too many people are as enthusiastic about what they are growing than our good friend, Emad Nahat, who is literally turning rocks into a thriving vegetable garden on the land east and north of our Church! Steve sent along some pictures: The farmers – Emad and Steve; A truck load of organic manure; and the result of all that hard work and know-how – a greenhouse full of zucchini!

Here's a little note from Steve Bruneau...

Hi Heather! Here are a few pics of Emad Nahat, our Syrian farmer partner. His greenhouse behind the church is working well and he has a new load of fertilizer for the season.

Steve



From the Archives

This week, we look back to May 27, 1997 and a wonderful social gathering that the AMS and the WA hosted. They invited the ladies from our neighbourhood churches – Pius X and St. Augustine's - to an afternoon tea. In the picture below (which was taken by Catherine Picco), we see Millie Hammond, Marjorie Pike, and Harriet Bryars along with three guests from the other churches. Thank-you Pam for these archival pictures!



Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

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

The answer is: John Jones was the minister from 1775 to 1800, with some absences during that time for trips to England with his corp. The longest ministry was by Daniel S. Ward from 1824 to 1843.

This week the question is: Who were the ministers during the Second World War?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What is a sestercentennial?

The answer is: This is one of the names given to a 250th anniversary. Other names not recognized by the OED are **quartermillennial** or alternately **semiquincentennial**.

This week the question is: If St. David's were to have one, when would it be?

Mystery of Plaque Revealed

Last week, Anne's "Recent Trivia" question asked: "What room was named after Mrs. Chancey?" The answer was the new kitchen in the Church Hall.

Well, that little bit of trivia got more interesting with a note from Paul Chancey! Thanks Betty and Paul! Here's some of Paul's note.....

I think Ann was talking with Mom a couple of days ago about the plaque that was on the kitchen door in the church to recognize a Chancey. She mentioned it to me tonight and I actually have the old plaque here though it is in rough shape.

My uncle, Kye, was a watchmaker and an engraver. I suspect a change might have been needed to the plaque for some reason and it ended up with Kye. I doubt the change, whatever it might have been, was ever made. When he died, his stuff ended up in my basement. The plaque was in his stuff. The plaque says:

"This kitchen was renovated in 1973 by the St David's Women's Auxiliary in honour of Mrs. W. G. Chancey a tireless worker in all the women's groups of this congregation.



My recollection is that it was on the door to the original kitchen in the hall.

I am not positive but the way it was done suggests to me that W. G. Chancey may have been her husband's name. (The times were different then!). We think it is possible her name was Beatrice but we don't know that for sure. A look at the church records might help figure it out.

Hope this is of some help

Thanks,

Paul.

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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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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