



Sunday May 8th

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 8, 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 8

Presbyterians Sharing is transforming lives in Central America and Mexico.

Based in Guatemala, General Coordinator Judith Castañeda and the staff of the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America (CEDEPCA) are empowering women and girls through their ministry of accompaniment. Women learn how to take on leadership roles in churches and their communities through faith-based activities about their personal and legal rights, and the importance of formal education. After completing CEDEPCA's Healthy Relationships course, one woman said, "I feel like a different woman. Before, I used to live locked in my home with a domestic routine, but now I have new friends, we do creative things."

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

Gracious God, we bring to you the PWS&D project in Guatemala that is promoting entrepreneurship among Indigenous women. Be with those participating in this program now and those who benefitted from it in the past. Guide the staff who provide community members with training in small business development. Amen.

Prayer No. 2 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 8 (Christian Family Sunday) We pray for the health and well-being of families and that the relationships within them are marked by peace, love, trust and care.

Monday, May 9 We pray for the staff of the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Guatemala as they empower women and girls throughout Central America and Mexico.

Tuesday, May 10 We pray for the members and work of the Committee on Church Doctrine.

Wednesday, May 11 We pray for the Canadian Armed Forces and all military chaplains who bring guidance and support to our troops and their families at home and abroad.

Thursday, May 12 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Northern Saskatchewan, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Friday, May 13 We pray for clerks of Session as they, with ministers and elders, provide leadership and pastoral care to congregations across Canada.

Saturday, May 14 We give thanks for the programs of the Anamiewigummig Fellowship Centre in Kenora, Ontario, that provide a sense of belonging, care and inclusion for people struggling with homelessness and poverty

Message from the Minister:

This Mother's day, my boys and I will be celebrating without Michelle. That's because she is on a ten-day trip to Ontario all by herself, coming back on the 16th. Her sister is getting married in the fall, so Michelle is visiting to help with a wedding shower and, let's be honest, revel in the time all to herself without two preschoolers to look after 24/7.

So far, we're only a couple days in, and things are going very well. I'm usually the cook anyways, I know the routines backwards and forwards, and our province's wonderfully subsidized daycare is also coming in very helpful. For the most part, everyone is happy.

That being said, there were of course some tears at bedtime when mommy wasn't there to sing songs or brush teeth or give a goodnight hug and kiss. We miss her, it is sad, and there's no way to dodge that reality completely. But "though the tears may last for (about fifteen minutes of) the night, joy cometh with the morning", and we made it through that sadness.

We all have suffering in our lives. No-one gets to dodge it completely or slap a smile on it and have everything be good all the time. That's a part of living on this earth, a product of the decay, scarcity and separation in our world that defines sin. We can't sugar-coat it sometimes; sometimes mom is just a thousand miles away and we just have to live through it until tomorrow.

But there's a lesson I hope my kids learn from this: even if Mom isn't there, everything turns out ok. They are loved and cared for, they do not need to fear. I hope they learn to love her more and need her less.

I myself remember lessons learned from suffering. I remember the daily poverty of living as a student in Montreal supported only on Michelle's cafe work, suffering the stress of poverty and realizing that I needed to give thanks every night that I had food and shelter for tomorrow, that I could rest with certainty that for at least the next day God would keep us safe. That suffering taught me to pursue contentment.

"We boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame" Romans 5:2-5

What lessons have you learned from your suffering? Remember those times when things were hard, when pain was fresh, when money was tight, illness reared its head, or death snatched someone away. That suffering was real, it can't be avoided. We have faith that God will undo all our suffering, even defeat death. But even if tomorrow's redemption can only help us so much today, we can sometimes see that redemption starting to work already in the lessons we learn and the ways our suffering produces virtue in us, teaching us to value what we have, to have compassion for those who suffer as we once did, or to repent of the bad choices that brought our suffering upon us.

So as we wait and pray for relief from our suffering, may we also have the strength to learn from it. May my boys learn they don't *need* Mommy to sing them a song (or two, or three...), even if they will still undoubtedly love to have her sing them. May I learn that I can ask for help when I need it. And then on that blessed day when she returns, may we all enjoy the double blessing of the suffering undone while the lessons remain. And if we trust in Christ, we know that's the way all suffering will end. What Good News that is for us!

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person and remote Church Service available this Sunday, May 8th

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 8th 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 5 – 11, 2022

Good Buys for Food Trolley

Pipers	Dare Breaktime Cookies	3/\$5.00
Walmart	Canada Red Pasta Sauce	\$1.27
Lawtons	Clover Leaf Tuna	4/\$5.50
Colemans	Maxwell House Instant Coffee	\$3.99
	SOS Soap Pads	\$0.99
	Maple Leaf Klik or Kam	2/\$6.00
No Frills	Catelli Pasta Sauce	\$1.00
Dominion	Lantic Sugar	2/\$5.00
Shoppers Drug Mart	Colgate Toothpaste	\$0.88

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

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.

A Special Note of Appreciation

At last Sunday's service we had the immense pleasure of having Heather Kao as our organist. Heather Kao, as most of you know, is the concertmaster of the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra. It never ceases to amaze me how very fortunate we are to experience incredible performers of the musical arts. Thank you Brian for not only sharing your musical gifts with us but that of your friends!

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 Jean Collins who will be celebrating her birthday on May 12th with family and friends, near and far! Sharing Jean's special day will be her husband, Clayton, and daughters, Janet, Jennifer and Jacqueline, along with their families. We know they will make it a very festive day. Happy Birthday, Jean from your St. David's family and best wishes for a great day and a wonderful year to come!

Happy Birthday to Andrea Crosbie who will be celebrating her birthday on May 10th! Andrea's family and her many friends, including those at Lane's Retirement Living, will be celebrating with her and making sure she has a memorable birthday. All your friends here at St. David's wish you a wonderful day Andrea, and best wishes!

Happy Birthday wishes go to Jessie Crosbie who will be celebrating her birthday on May 14th! Jessie will be celebrating her big day with family and friends including her mom and dad, Ellen Dinn and Paul Crosbie, and sister, Emma, along with a very special aunt – Andrea! Your St. David's family wishes you a very Happy Birthday Jessie and best wishes for the coming year!

Happy Birthday to Benjamin den Otter Versteeg, who will be 17 on May 10th. Benjamin and his family – Lori-Kim, Andy and Marijke – are living in Ontario now, and we know they, along with his grand-mother, Dini den Otter and other family and friends will be celebrating his big day with him, regardless of distance. Everyone here at St. David's sends along birthday greetings Benjamin! We hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy Birthday to Julia Bassler who will be celebrating her birthday on May 12th! Julia will be sharing her special day with her mom and dad, Sarah and Paul Bassler, brothers, Timothy and Alexander, aunts, uncles and cousin and of course proud grand-father, Gerhard Bassler. Your St. David's family wishes you a wonderful, full-filled birthday Julia!

Happy Birthday wishes go to Jeremy Hicks, who will be celebrating his birthday on May 8th! Jeremy will be celebrating with his mom and dad, Susan and Fraser Hicks, his brother, Gregory, and his grand-mother, Shirley Fraize – along with other family members and friends! Best wishes, Gregory, from everyone here at St. David's! Have a wonderful birthday!

Appeal for Help from John Chol

Many of you know about John Chol. He was an active member of St. David's until he and his family moved to Ottawa. Some 7-8 years ago, John initiated the development of a village church and school in the rural area of South Sudan. St. David's supported this project and helped to deliver choir gowns, bibles, and many school supplies.

Steve Bruneau received a note from John last week. Here's part of that note:

John continues to work in our name on the school project we have in Dendor, South Sudan. He is there now and we have been doing a few things to get our school re-licenced etc.

Quite apart from all that, John has been visited by some challenges and the very-recent tragic death of his brother in the village of Dendor. The brother, Chakuen, received the bibles we sent them ten years ago as some of you may recall. Sadly he was killed by raiding cattle thieves which has led to John Chol returning to the village to try and support his family. The message below is an appeal for support.

I understand how far removed we are from all this and so I don't wish to make any presumptions – I was asked to forward the note and thus I am doing so.

Feel free to write me with questions or comments, Ill try to answer.

Regards,

Steve

And John's note:

Thanks for the comfort. I have never lack of faith believing that God is there for me and everything has an end. I have safely arrived in Juba. I will be proceeding to Lankien when I get a flight to Lankien.

I need St David members to pray for me and my family because I have gone through a lot.

Few things that you and your family or anyone from St David should help with is to take Chakuen's kids to the Refuge camp in Kenya or Uganda. There is no food at home, and cattle were taken. We just brought sacks of sorghum for at least and biscuits for kids as they have been crying looking for milk as they usually get milk from the cows. Chakuen has 4 wives and multiple kids. Nobody will take this big responsibility to feed them. I need your support to a small airplane from Lankien to Juba, and they can be transported by road to Uganda or Kenya. I am just appealing to all members of St. David. I was not aware about this when I decided to come South Sudan this year.

Many blessings!

John

For those of you who 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.**

From the Archives

As Pam and I were going through the archives this past week, we came across an interesting listing from 1965 titled “Chattel Mortgage – 1965 – St. David’s Church”. This list gives an overview of those items that had to be purchased for our Church, Church Hall, and Church Office. Check out the cost (in 1965 dollars) for the pews, organ, communion table, pulpit, carpet, etc. To this day, we use many of the same items that were purchased back in the 60’s.

CHATEL MORTGAGE - 1965 - ST. DAVID'S CHURCH	
<u>SANCTUARY</u>	
Communion Table - Pulpit - Lectern Chancel Screen - Sedilia - Cross	\$ 1,685.00
Pews	4,370.60
Hymn Boards	32.00
Carpets	1,157.00
Baptismal Font	181.56
Pulpit Chairs	289.36
Brass Lectern	47.00
Communion Vessels & Vase	576.00
Pulpit falls, bookmarks & linen	123.00
Pipe Organ	8,727.31
Light fixtures	791.04
Chancel stained-glass windows	587.96
Church stained-glass windows	2,550.00
Narthex stained-glass windows	1,400.00
Bibles, hymnbooks	290.00
Shelves and coat hooks, offering plates	45.00
Clock	15.00
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<u>CHURCH BALCONY</u>	
Organ	35.00
Lectern	50.00
Bookcase	15.00
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	\$ 100.00
<u>CHURCH HALL</u>	
Folding Tables and Chairs	244.63
Kindergarten Chairs	73.00

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Worktables and benches	98.00
Piano and bench	630.00
Choirgowns & caps	525.00
Electric Clock	21.00
Curtains and valance boxes	230.00
Stove	75.00
China and silverware, kettles, etc.	180.00
Church School equipment	44.00
Scout equipment	62.00
Gupboards	525.00
Miscellaneous	150.00
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	\$ 2,857.63
<u>CHURCH OFFICE</u>	
Typewriter, duplicator, projector & screen	800.00
Desk, filing cabinets, chairs, shelves	230.00
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	\$ 1,030.00
<u>OTHER ITEMS</u>	
Tower Cross	746.75
Bulletin board, coat rack and hooks	50.00
Bathroom mirrors	105.00
Garden and cleaning equipment, stepladder, etc.	100.00
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	\$ 1,001.75
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$27,857.21</u>

Some of the items were:

Pews \$4,370.60
Baptismal Font \$181.56
Carpets \$1,157.00

Hymn Boards \$32.00
Pipe Organ \$8,727.00
Pulpit Chairs \$289.00

Church Trivia Questions:

Way back when:

Last week the question was: What was this minister's more lasting fame?

The answer is: Charles Pedley achieved wider fame as an historian. Pedley wrote his *History of Newfoundland from the earliest times to the year 1860* and it was published by Longman and Co. in England. It was based on the colonial records discovered by the Governor Sir Alexander Bannerman after his arrival in 1857.

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

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What was the original name of our current church hall? In other words, how did it come about?

The answer is: The name of the church hall was the St. David's Christian Education Building. This started at the February 1963 ACM with Lal Parsons being named the chair of a committee to look at the needs of the congregation for Christian education.

This week the question is: 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.....

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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