



Sunday June 12th – Church Picnic at the Rotary Chalet

While our normal Sunday service is at 11 am, this week we will meet at the Rotary Chalet on Thorburn Road for the annual church picnic. Please remember to bring salads or desserts plus cutlery.

Our normal Sunday service is at 11 am and we meet in person. While you are not required to wear masks we respectfully ask that you continue to wear your masks while in our building. The service is available on Zoom in real time and is also available via YouTube. Each week we also send out copies of the hymns, the scripture readings and the order of service.

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 at any time, please phone 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, June 12

In the aftermath of a devastating earthquake that struck Haiti in August 2021, Presbyterian World Service & Development responded through the ACT Alliance. The emergency response supported 400 families in rebuilding their homes. This response was modelled after successful rebuilding projects following Hurricane Matthew in 2016. In addition, non-food items, including shelter and hygiene kits, were provided for 1,500 families, nutritious food for 1,300 families and agricultural support and supplies for 500 farmers. Community leaders and local volunteers also learned about community-based humanitarian action when confronting a crisis. This knowledge sharing is meant to ensure that when future disasters happen, communities will know how to implement an effective response.

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

Great Comforter, we remember in prayer the people of Haiti, who have withstood countless natural disasters, including earthquakes and hurricanes. May they experience healing from the trauma suffered from these events. Amen.

Prayer No. 5 – 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, June 12 (Trinity Sunday) God Almighty, Creator of all things, build your kingdom among us. Jesus Christ, son of the living God, give us your grace. Holy Spirit, breath of the living God, renew all things. Let us serve you willingly and joyfully to the benefit of each other, to share one faith and respond to your calling.

Monday, June 13 We pray for people in Haiti who are mourning the loss of lives and the devastation of homes and communities following the earthquake that struck the country in August 2021.

Tuesday, June 14 We pray for the staff and volunteers of Boarding Homes Ministry in Toronto, Ontario, a community-based mental health ministry that runs a home visiting program and offers mental health inclusion education.

Wednesday, June 15 We pray for colleague covenant groups and clergy support groups as they support one another and develop healthy perspectives on themselves and their ministries.

Thursday, June 16 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Hummingbird Ministries in Vancouver, British Columbia, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Friday, June 17 We give thanks and pray for congregations and community groups that are welcoming and offering hospitality to refugees.

Saturday, June 18 We give thanks and pray for peer workers at Evangel Hall Mission in Toronto, Ontario, as they strive to inspire and give hope to people struggling with mental health and addictions.

Message from the Minister:



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2022 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

I spent a good deal of my time this week on a three hundred person Zoom call. This was the meeting of the Presbyterian General Assembly, where Presbyterians from all across Canada meet to decide official church policy, hear reports from our agencies, and worship together. There were parts that were uplifting and powerful for many people, such as a confession of the harm our church has done to LGBTQ people and communities (link below), a joyful variety of music from across the country, and stories of mission in Canada and abroad.

But I must confess I left Assembly feeling a bit sad. The dominating issue at this assembly was how upset the more conservative communities in our midst were at our recent adoption of two parallel definitions of marriage (In the Presbyterian Church in Canada, we recognize that good Christians can faithfully believe that marriage is between two people and also that good Christians can faithfully believe that marriage is between a man and a woman.) Notably, this upset group includes an overwhelming majority of the "visible minority" congregations in our church; Koreans, Africans, Eastern Europeans, etc. As we seek to welcome one diverse group of people in our church, another group threatens to pack their bags.

It is, to put it simply, a mess. What saddens me most is the sense that we are celebrating a thirty-year-old victory while falling ill with a modern disease. Same-sex marriage has been a reality in our country for decades, and our acceptance of it only last year isn't really news worth celebrating to anybody! The modern problem, to my eyes, is polarization. It is the split of our world into Us and Them, Conservatives and Liberals, the Right and the Wrong. This is like a new form of the Jews and Gentiles mindset that the early church worked so hard to break down!

In my opinion, we as the church could better show the world who Jesus is by fighting this deep divide rather than debating the nature of holy marriage. Conservatives and Liberals alike, we embarrass ourselves when we care more about being, saying and doing the "right" things rather than being willing to be, look, and do something "wrong" for the sake of restoring our

broken relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Jesus ate with sinners, showing scandalous support for their lifestyle. He spoke privately with a woman at a romantic well, a gross impropriety at the time. He broke Sabbath laws regularly to heal and feed people.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

God treated an unholy world full of sinners with love. He did not demand we clean up our act first. He did not tell us to live godly lives first. He did not tell us to stop being bigoted, vengeful, or cruel before he would associate with us, help us, or bless us. He loved us first. Although some listened to what he had to say, this was no fairy tale ending; he died on our cross for that love. That was the way of Christ.

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35)

May we care for each other as God's beloved children. May we define ourselves by what unites us, not by what divides us. May we be a beacon of unity in a world of division. May they know we are Christians by our love. Amen.

From the Session, Treasurer, and Church Office

Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM)

Last week the ACM took place on Sunday afternoon. Before the meeting we had a light lunch of sandwiches, finger food and desserts. Thanks to everyone who contributed those goodies. During the meeting we discussed the activities of the various church groups over the past year, we passed the Review Engagement Report containing the church's audited Financial Statements for 2021 and we passed the Budget for 2022. In the coming weeks we will discuss some of the items and may look for your input.

Treasurers Notes

The 2022 Budget was approved at the ACM and contained both high-level and details of our revenues and expenses. We are projecting another deficit budget, therefore I will report on our financial status or highlight extraordinary items.

At the ACM it was proposed that PAD donations be increased by 5% to help cover this year's deficit. While a letter will be going out to those who contribute via the PAD, I'd also like to encourage those who donate using church envelopes on Sundays or by e-transfers to increase their donations as they are able to do so.

How can you donate monthly by PAD? 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. As treasurer I'd certainly 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.

The sole email address we are using to accept donations is through stdavidsnfld@gmail.com and it is linked to our bank account and it automatically accept all donations.

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.

St. David's Church Announcements

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Graduations (June 12 through June 18)

Happy Birthday to Steve Bruneau who will be celebrating his birthday on June 12th with family and friends near and far, including his wife, Mary, and children, David and Laura, along with brother, Ian, and his family and of course, his mom, Jean Bruneau. Steve is a long-time member of St. David's – a tireless contributor of his time and energy on both the Session and the Board. Thank-you Steve for everything you do for us and from your St. David's family – best wishes for a very Happy Birthday with many more to come!

Birthday wishes go out to Stewart Gillies who will also be celebrating his birthday on June 12th! Stewart will be enjoying his day with family and friends, near and far, including his wife, Penny, and daughters, Allison, Kirsty, and Joanna and their families, and of course, favourite dog, Cleo! Stewart is a great friend of our congregation and often works behind the scenes to help us out with different projects and events. Your St. David's family wishes you a wonderful birthday and a great year ahead! Enjoy!

Happy Birthday greetings to Bob Mallowney, who will be celebrating his birthday on June 13th, with family and friends, near and far! Joining in the festivities will be Bob's wife, Jean, and their three sons – Robert Jr, David and Jimmy – along with other family and friends. It is going to be a week of celebrations for Bob as he and Jean celebrate their wedding anniversary on the 12th! Congratulations Bob from all your friends here at St. David's! Best wishes for the coming year!

Another special birthday is coming up on June 13th. Betty Chancey will be celebrating her special day on Monday with family and friends here at home and far away. Betty currently lives in Cambridge Estates and even though COVID-19 and other health issues have prevented her from coming to Church, she still stays in touch with her WA, AMS and Good Companions “buddies” and looks forward to the time when she can attend the services in person. Betty will be celebrating her big day with her daughter, Cathy (currently living in British Columbia) and Paul and his family here in St. John’s, along with a host of good friends. Happy Birthday Betty from everyone here at St. David’s and we hope you have a wonderful day. (If you would like to phone Betty and wish her a Happy Birthday, she can be reached at 576-0096.)

Ashley St. Croix, will be celebrating her 13th birthday on June 12th! Ashley is the daughter of Susan and Frank St. Croix and the grand-daughter of Barbara Ellis. Everyone here at St. David’s wishes you a very Happy Birthday Ashley! We hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy Anniversary to Jean and Bob Mallowney who will be celebrating their 52nd wedding anniversary on June 12th! Jean and Bob are long-time members and supporters of St. David’s. They have three sons – Robert Jr. (currently living in British Columbia with his family) and James and David (both here in St. John’s). Congratulations to you both from everyone here at St. David’s and may there be many more wonderful years ahead to enjoy!

A Congratulatory note from the Shalaby Family as their daughter Nadia graduated with a Bachelor of Computer Engineering and minor in Mathematics @ MUN during spring convocation on June 3, 2022.

A celebration of joy and thankfulness took place with her parents, sister, and Aunt Natalie who came from Ontario along with celebrations from afar with family and friends in Ontario, Egypt, and Texas and close friends in St John's for a job well done.

Nadia's class of 2022 is the 1st engineering class to graduate following the pandemic restrictions.

Nadia is very happy to be working with Verafin Inc. St. John's.

Our sincerest best wishes to you Nadia and your very bright future ~ from your St. David's family!!

Just a word of congratulations to all our 2022 graduates – from Kindergarten through to University. Your accomplishments are a great thing to celebrate. Congratulations to each and every one of you as you continue to explore and seek your path in life! Please feel free to share your graduation pictures with us – we would love to share your accomplishments with all your friends here at St. David's!

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.

Upcoming Activities

Church Picnic:

The annual Church Picnic with St. Andrews is scheduled for 11 am this Sunday. June 12th, 2022, at Rotary Chalet on Thorburn Road. Should the weather not cooperate, we will meet and eat inside the Chalet.

As host this year St. David's is providing the side dishes and desserts, St. Andrews will provide the BBQ items, the hamburgers, buns and condiments. Please be sure to bring your own cutlery, dishes, and a folding chair should the weather allow the outdoor service.

WA Bake-less Bake Sale

The WA has sent out letters to the ladies of the congregation asking for donations (money) for a bake-less bake sale. When these are returned, they will be recorded with the weekly offerings and all monies will be passed along to the WA. All donations will be issued tax receipts at the end of the year.

On-going Activities

Muffin Making

We will soon start making muffins for Bridges To Hope (BTH) again. Once a month, usually on a Monday morning, muffins are made and packaged for distribution in the BTH food hampers. This is not a labour-intensive project, it takes three people less than three hours starting around 9am. All the ingredients are supplied. If you are interested in participating some month, please contact our Administrator, Heather, at 722-2382. It's actually great fun and you may get to taste one!

Re-cycling

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.

Church Service and Coffee Hour

While masks are no longer mandatory, we encourage you to wear a mask while in church. We welcome everyone back to church and to the Sunday Coffee Hour after church. The services will continue to be streamed live over Zoom and placed on YouTube for later viewing. We look forward to seeing those we haven't seen for a long time!

Getting the Service and Bulletin using our website

This bulletin is placed on our website on Fridays after the weekly bulletin is mailed to the congregation. Our website is stdavids.nf.ca, navigate to the "Sunday Service" which contains this newsletter, the order of service and the YouTube video link.

St. David's Weekly Food Drive for Bridges to Hope (BTH)

In recent weeks, there has been a noticeable increase in new clients at BTH, made up mainly of working people and international students. There has also been an increase in the number of hampers being prepared for delivery to seniors who cannot leave their home due to illness, transportation barriers, impaired mobility, and other challenges.

The demand for assistance does not diminish! Now, more than ever, your help is needed!

Now that we are worshiping 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, any time Monday through Friday from 9 am to 1 pm.

Thank you for your continuing support – it is greatly appreciated.

Weekly "Specials"

June 9 - June 15, 2022

Good Buys for Food Trolley

Walmart	Palmolive Dish Soap	\$1.76
	Hereford Corned Beef	\$2.77
Sobeys	Garden Select Pasta Sauce	3/\$3.99
Colemans	Del Monte Fruit	\$2.29
	Fraser Farm Meatballs & Gravy	2/\$4.00
Dominion	Graves Apple Juice	\$0.99
Lawtons	Hunt's Pasta Sauce	

Outside Announcements and Activities

Cochrane Street United Church Plant Sale

Cochrane Street United Church will be holding a Plant Sale on Saturday, June 11th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Drop by and visit them on the steps of 81 Cochrane Street to see their indoor and outdoor plants! And stay for some BBQ – hotdog and a drink for \$5. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 722-3023 or at info@cochranestreetuc.com

YMCA Program

Y-TAKE THE SHOT

This is a free service from the YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador. Its goal is to help in navigating COVID information, booking and/or accessing vaccines or rapid test kits via workshops or 1-on-1/group assistance. For more information please contact Catherina Murphy at 709-330-3767 or at catherina.murphy@nl.ymca.ca

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

News from the Pews

Anne's New Chicks Celebrate her Birthday

As many of you know by now, Anne has 8 new chicks to add to her existing flock. They are very active – eating, drinking and chirping – and growing daily. They are very social and always ready for a “party”, so with Anne celebrating her birthday this past week, the chicks had to join the festivities and wish her a Happy Birthday – with a cake!



(OK, only joking..... we placed a picture of a birthday cake over the chicks' water bowl!)

From the Pews....

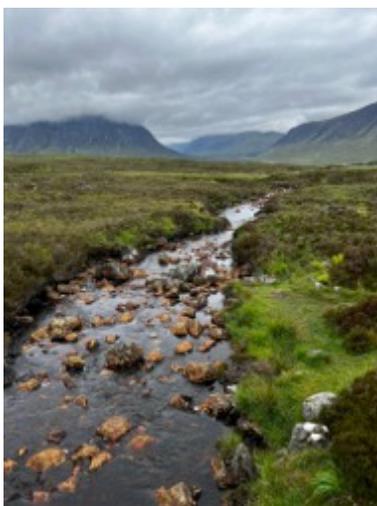
Hiking in Scotland

Ed Vanderkloet has been enjoying Scotland for the last little while – especially the hiking!! Ed sent a little note along with this great picture! Thank-you Ed and have a safe trip home!

Having a great time hiking in Scotland. Weather has been fabulous for 4 days so we didn't even mind the highland weather we had today.

See you all soon.

Ed



From the Pews....

Sure Sign of Spring – Tulips in the Bonnell’s Garden

Eleanor and Aubrey Bonnell always have a beautiful array of flowers in their garden and this time of year is no exception. Have a look at some of the beautiful tulips in their backyard!



From the Pews.....

Prayer Shawl Get-together

The Prayer Shawl (Knitter's) group met on Tuesday, June 7th for the last time until September. As always, there was lots of chatter and laughter as the needles clicked. It's always a treat when the Sturtevant family joins us and on Tuesday, we put David to work helping Mary and Eleanor untangle some wool! We were all enchanted by Orson's socks – they jingled when he walked! This eventually led to pictures of socks and leggings. Obviously, our knitters are very fashion conscious! Check out some of the pictures below. See everyone in September and happy knitting!



Archival Moment

This week, we have another great picture of some of the members of the CGIT Group – Canadian Girls in Training. It is from February 1966 and it shows the group members on another visit to the children's ward in the hospital. Thank-you Pam for another wonderful archival picture! (We are not sure who is in the picture. Perhaps Debbie Rogers, Anne Calver, Margo Thistle?? Do you know anyone else? If so, let us know.)



Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: Where were the missions that stretched around island?

The answer is: The missions were in Fortune Bay, Random Island and the district around Fogo.

This week the question is: For a time, there were much closer missions run by the minister out of St. John's at such places as Quidi Vidi, Portugal Cove, and Torbay. Why were they discontinued?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: Speaking ministers, of our thirty-four, whose picture is NOT on the wall in the Armour Room?

The answer is: Rev. Dr. Jonathan Dent's picture is missing and I hope we can get a picture of him to add to the collection.

This week the question is: Back in the late 1940's (possibly "old" recent history) which minister did all the ladies "love"?

Do you have any ideas for some church trivia? Email or call the church.

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:

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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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