



Sunday June 19th

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: Our church administrator is in the office from 9 am to 1 pm daily with the exception of statutory holidays. For pastoral care or to contact the minister 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 19th

Evangel Hall Mission, a mission of the Presbytery of East Toronto, offers welcome, sanctuary and hope to people experiencing homelessness and poverty and struggling with mental health and addictions. A recent initiative of the mission is the Peer Worker Program. Employed by Evangel Hall Mission, peer workers are living role models. They share their own struggles and journeys and act as bridges to help others access Evangel Hall's community resources. It is through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing that peer workers are able to share and inspire hope.

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

Thank you, Lord, that you have said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." May those who need your comfort, feel the presence of your Spirit today. Hear us now as we raise the cares of the world and our community.

Prayer No. 57 – Taken from OVERFLOWING - Prayers

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 19 (National Indigenous Peoples Sunday) We pray for the legislation and protection of Indigenous rights in Canadian laws.

Monday, June 20 (World Refugee Day) We pray for families who have been forced from their homelands because of war and persecution. May God encourage and comfort the hearts of refugees on their journey to find stability and peace.

Tuesday, June 21 (National Indigenous Peoples Day) We give thanks for Indigenous Elders, Knowledge Keepers and all Indigenous peoples working for the rights and well-being of Indigenous peoples and communities.

Wednesday, June 22 We join in prayer with the SABEEL Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center and Palestinian Christians as they continue to pray for a just peace and an end to oppression in Palestine/Israel.

Thursday, June 23 We pray for survivors of conversion therapy who are struggling to overcome the shame and trauma caused by interventions that sought to change their sexual orientation or gender identity. May God's comfort and grace surround them and help them to access supports for healing.

Friday, June 24 We pray for interim moderators and search committees as they work to assist congregations in calling a new minister.

Saturday, June 25 We pray for the members and work of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.

Message from the Minister:

This week has been a hard week for me. No, it's no grief connected to Father's Day, my parents are both healthy and happy. This is fresh; on Tuesday morning our cat Moses died of a heart attack at only 10 years old. His hypertension predisposed him, but he was medicated for that and showed no signs of discomfort until Monday evening. We were, and are, devastated.

The thing about losing a pet is that you don't just miss them once, you miss them a thousand times. You miss them when you come in the door, when you lie down, when you look around the room. You miss them when you see your other animals looking for them, when you open their favorite window on a sunny day, and when you open a can of tuna. Grief is death by a thousand cuts.

It can also be lonely; it's so easy for us to internalize the message that we should be able to "move on", that though our tears may last for the night they should really be gone by the morning. In the case of a pet, you wonder if people won't understand the magnitude of the loss, and if you will look silly for still crying long after their death. But that isn't how grief works. So this Father's day, my thoughts are with all of those who are grieving the loss of their dads. Whether it was recent or long ago, loss can still cut. We live in a broken world crying out for redemption, and it is OK to be sad, to weep, and to mourn.

May we be a people who leave space for those who mourn, even on our days of celebration. May we recognize the heartache that days of celebration can bring. May this church be a place where we can weep, where grief can be shared, and where the promise that death will be no more is boldly proclaimed. And although I know that's really good news, I need to stop writing now. I have to go find a tissue.



From the Session, Treasurer, and Church Office

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

Funeral Service



Eric W. Cumby

December 30, 1936 – February 19, 2022.

The funeral for Eric Cumby will take place on Thursday, June 23 at 11:00 a.m. at St. David's Church on Elizabeth Ave. We ask that masks be worn during the service, please.

Eric's obituary is posted at:

<https://www.carnells.com/obituaries/eric-watson-cumby/>

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Graduations (June 19 through June 25)

Happy belated Birthday to Grace O'Grady who celebrated her 3rd birthday on June 13th! We know Grace celebrated her special day with her mom and dad, Heidi Wells and Sean O'Grady, big sister, Claire, and grand-parents, Debbie and Doyle Wells, not to mention other family and friends. Your St. David's family hopes you had a fun-filled birthday Grace! All our love!

Happy belated Birthday to Beli Hamid who celebrated her 2nd birthday on June 14th! Beli is the daughter of Rukiya Yusuf and Thomas Hamid and the younger sister of Shemsadin and Solomon. Much love Beli from your St. David's family! We hope you had a wonderful birthday!

Happy belated Birthday wishes to Mavis Owusu-Damprane who celebrated her birthday on June 10th! We know her husband, Collins Bekoe, and son, Calvin, and her family and friends made her birthday a very special day. Happiest of wishes Mavis from your St. David's family and we hope you have a wonderful year ahead!

Happy Birthday wishes to David Carmichael who will be celebrating his big day on June 25th with family and friends, near and far. Dave is a long-time member of the Church and a retired elder and he and his family have always been ready to help out with all our fund-raisers, events and group activities. Helping him celebrate on the 25th will be his wife, Pat, and daughters, Jill, Judy, Janet and Joy and their families. Best wishes Dave from your St. David's family! We hope you have a wonderful day and many more birthdays to come!

Happy Birthday to Emily Hudson who will be celebrating her birthday on June 24th. Emily is the daughter of Tracey and Douglas Hudson and grand-daughter of Sylvia and Dave Hudson. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a very Happy Birthday, Emily and we hope you have a great day!

Happy Birthday to Penny Gillies who will be celebrating her birthday on June 19th with family and friends, near and far, including husband, Stewart, and their daughters and their families. Penny is a much-loved elder here at St. David's and is involved in many aspects of our Church life including the AMS, the Prayer Shawl Group, the WA, a volunteer with the Good Companions, and of course a co-captain of the Gardening Team! To top it off, she's a good friend to all! Happy Birthday, Penny from everyone here at St. David's and best wishes for a wonderful day!

Happy Anniversary to Sarah and Wesley King who will be celebrating their 6th wedding anniversary on June 25th! Congratulations and best wishes to you both from all your friends here at St. David's and we wish you many years of happiness ahead!

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

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 16 - June 22, 2022
Good Buys for Food Trolley

Walmart	Colgate Toothpaste	\$0.87
Catelli	Blue Pasta	\$0.9
Quaker	Hot Cereal	3/\$8.00
Sobeys	Compliments Macaroni & Cheese	\$0.99
Colemans	Holiday Luncheon Meat	2/\$4.00
Avon	Peas & Carrots	4/\$5.00
Dominion	Graves Apple Juice	\$0.99
Lawtons	Heinz Beans or Pasta	4/\$5.00
No Frills	Hereford Corned Beef	\$2.77

Outside Announcements and Activities

The General Protestant Cemetery Trustee Board Inc. would like to advise the Congregation of the dates and times for this summer's Memorial Services. They are as follows:

Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Hamilton Avenue Extension

~ **Monday, July 4th 2022 at 7:00pm**

General Protestant Cemetery, Topsail Road

~ **Monday, July 18th, 2022 at 7:00pm**

Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 25 Beaumont Hamel Way

~ **Monday, August 1st, 2022 at 7:00pm**

Please note:

In the event of inclement weather, the services will move ahead to the next evening at 7:00pm. Thank you.

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

Also from the YMCA ...

The YMCA is seeking host families here in St. John's for the Summer Work Student Exchange program. Please see notice on the bulletin board in the foyer off the Tower entrance or visit www.summer-work.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THE COMMUNITY!!

News from the Pews

Walking with Friends in Bowring Park

Janet and Brian are leading a weekly walk for the retirees group from NLHydro. This past week the walk was down the beautiful South Brook Trail in Bowring Park. After the walk there is always a cup of coffee/tea and a chat. (It's a rough life!!). Be on the look out for the "Wednesday Walkers" on a trail near you!



Archival Moment

From the Archives

This week, we have another picture from the CGIT's (Canadian Girls in Training) visit to the hospital's children's ward (February, 1966). Thank-you Pam for preserving all these great pictures for us to enjoy! We know that one of the young ladies is Catherine Picco. Does anyone recognize anyone else? If so, let us know!



Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: 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?

The answer is: They were simply too difficult to reach! To get to Quidi Vidi you had to take a track through the woods around the Lake, at least an hour's good hiking. Similar trails like our current East Coast Trails but more like rabbit runs led to Portugal Cove and Torbay, those could take the better part of a day's hiking. Alternately you could get to those communities by boat.

This week the question is: How many different types of places did our ministers call home while in St. John's?

Recent History:

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

The answer is: Rev. Fred Sass. In telling our new church administrator how my mother "loved" him, so did Valda Barter and Bobbi Rose. And they were not alone!

This week the question is: Many people in the congregation learned at the ACM that the Board of Managers was subsumed back into Session, with few people willing to join the Board itself. Back in the 1970's how many people were on the Board?

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

How to reach us:

Minister: Rev. David Sturtevant – Cell phone: 699-3661

Music Director: Brian Way

Church Administrator: Heather Steele Morrissey

Church Office: (709) 722-2382 ~ Monday – Friday 9:00 to 1:00

Church email: stdavids@nfld.com

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:

Ed Vanderkloet Steve Bruneau Andem Effiong

Treasurer: Anne Calver

Envelope Secretary: Ian Bruneau