



## Sunday June 26th

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](mailto:stdavids@nfld.com).

## **Mission Moment – Sunday, June 26th**

In Malawi, Winson is the sole guardian of his 11-year-old grandson, Emmanuel. Emmanuel, who is HIV positive, was often sick in the first nine years of his life despite being on antiretroviral drugs to treat his HIV status. One day, Winson attended a workshop on making backyard gardens, where he learned how these gardens can improve nutrition. Inspired, Winson planted his own backyard garden with various vegetables. **The garden has not only improved his family's diet but has also become a source of income.** Now, Emmanuel is not getting sick as often as he used to. This project, providing assistance to vulnerable children and their caregivers, is supported through the church by Presbyterian World Service & Development.

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

God. We thank you for the support that PWS&D gives to the Synod of Livingstonia Development Department, an organization in Malawi that addresses the challenges of vulnerable groups so that they are economically empowered. Help the farmers accessing this help achieve food security while adapting to the effects of climate change. Amen.

***Prayer No. 50 – Taken from OVERFLOWING - Prayers for a More Sustainable, Compassionate and Just World, published in recognition of PWS&D's 75<sup>th</sup> 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 26** We give thanks for the care and support the church is helping provide to vulnerable children in Malawi through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

**Monday, June 27** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Westminster in British Columbia.

**Tuesday, June 28** We pray for the members and work of the International Affairs Committee.

**Wednesday, June 29** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Brandon in Manitoba.

**Thursday, June 30** We pray for congregations going through times of transition. May they be patient and open to seeing and acting on God's will when times are challenging

**Friday, July 1 (Canada Day)** We pray that Canada will be a just, equitable and welcoming country; and we pray for the politicians and public servants who form and keep our laws.

**Saturday, July 2** We give thanks and pray for pastors and congregations of the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia, Ukraine, who are welcoming and showing hospitality to refugees and internally displaced people during the war.

## Message from the Minister:



*Jesus also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. 27 Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. 28 All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head." **Mark 4:26-28***

We're heading into summer right now, but my message this week is for the fall. These last few years have been very hard on many of us, and this fall we are wanting to do our very best to welcome back the smallest members of our church community: our children. I would like to ask you to consider volunteering to help out, even if it is only helping children with their crafts, activities, and lessons once every couple of months. The more people we have involved, the better! This week was also Oliver's "graduation" from day care, as he prepares to head off to Kindergarten in the fall. The parents all came and watched as our children performed songs, showed some of their artwork, and posed for graduation pictures.

But the best part for me was seeing him play with his friends. It's been like pulling teeth to get details of daily daycare life from him: "How was daycare today?" "Good." "Did you play any fun games?" "No." "Who else was there?" "I dunno." and so on. It was nice to see him running and playing with the other kids, whose names we barely knew. We finally got to see the friends he has unintentionally kept secret, and watch him playing in his other daily reality. It was like I was watching him anew, learning who he is, meeting the social Oliver with his peers for the first time.

It's very easy for children to form their own community, separate from us. We can feel no more responsibility for their growth than the farmer in the scripture verse I started with felt towards his seed. And by the grace of God and the hard work of a few teachers, they may indeed grow.

But I hope for my kids to build relationships with more than just a few members of our church designated as their "teachers". I want the children of our congregation to feel like they are part of our church, to feel that our sanctuary is their sanctuary, our music is their music, our celebrations are theirs, our worship is theirs, our God is their God. It is so easy for us to allow our children to live separate realities. If we aren't careful, they learn to keep it that way. May we be a church who welcomes children into our midst, who makes time for them despite more serious matters just like Jesus did. May we find value in descending to bless the small, as God did for us. As the body of Christ, we care for each other.

*1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"*

*2 He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. 3 And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. (Matthew 18:1-5)*

## **From the Session, Treasurer, and Church Office**

### **Please Note:**

**This Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Sturtevant will be leading the service at St. Matthew's in Grand Falls.**

**Our guest Minister, leading our service this morning, is the head of The Newfoundland and Labrador Presbytery, Rev. Derek Krunys.**

How can you donate 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 noon 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**

**Due to Memorial Day falling on a Friday and Rev. David being away this Sunday, we will be having our Memorial Day Remembrance next week, on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Happy Birthday to Violet Aylward** who will be celebrating her birthday on June 28<sup>th</sup>! Violet is a long-time and much loved member of St. David's. Violet is a great supporter of our Church and through her participation in the WA has helped out with the many suppers, afternoon teas and dinners that have been held in our hall throughout the years. Violet will be celebrating her big day with her husband Jim, and other family and friends, near and far. Best wishes Violet from everyone here at St. David's!

**Birthday wishes go out to Aubrey Bonnell** who will be celebrating his birthday on June 30<sup>th</sup>! Aubrey is an elder at St. David's and a long-time member of our Church family. Aubrey is a great worker and supporter of our Church and always has a steady and reassuring presence in all Church-related discussions. Aubrey will be celebrating his birthday with family and friends near and far, including his wife, Eleanor, sons, Steve and Scott (both currently living in the United States) and their families, and brothers, Dave, Chris and Paul and their families. Happy Birthday, Aubrey from everyone here at St. David's and best wishes for the year ahead!

**Happy Birthday to Don McKay**, who will be celebrating his birthday on June 30<sup>th</sup>! Don is long-time supporter of St. David's. He has given his time and expertise to many initiatives within our Church and has held several different positions on the Board of Mangers through the years. He is also a great supporter and participant of our Church choir. Don played a major role with the Christmas hampers for many years and he is always there to lend a hand when needed. Don will be celebrating his birthday with family and friends, including his wife, Kathy, and children (all currently living away)

– Kirsten, Cameron and Neil. Best wishes, Don for a wonderful birthday from all your friends here at St. David's!

**Happy Birthday to Jenny Griffioen** who will be celebrating her birthday on July 2<sup>nd</sup> with family and friends near and far! Jenny is an important part of our Church family. She is a much respected elder on Session and a major contributor to our services and events through her many musical gifts – playing the organ and/or piano (many times on short notice!) and in pre-COVID times, participating in the choir – singing and directing. She has been a great help with many of our events and is always willing to lend a hand. Happy Birthday Jenny from your St. David's family and we all wish you a wonderful day!

**Happy Anniversary wishes to Joy and Kevin MacDonald** who will be celebrating their 17<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 2<sup>nd</sup> with family and friends, here and abroad. Joy is the daughter of Patsy and Dave Carmichael. Joy and Kevin are currently living in New Brunswick. Best wishes and congratulations to you both from everyone here at St. David's. We wish you many wonderful years to come!

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.

Update ... There has been a wonderful response to the “Bake-less Bake Sale” and we thank everyone who has participated thus far. If you have not received your letter, please contact the church office and we will provide you with one. Or you may follow the instructions below.

Please send your donation to:

St. David’s Presbyterian Church

Attention: Women’s Auxiliary

98 Elizabeth Avenue

St. John’s, NL, A1B 1R8

Donations can also be made by E-Transfer to: [stdavidsnfld@gmail.com](mailto:stdavidsnfld@gmail.com)

(please indicate Bake\_less Bake Sale in the E-Transfer Message.)

## **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)**

Bridges To Hope

An extra challenge for clients of Bridges To Hope .....

Schools Out! During the school year, children can avail of the Breakfast Program and the School Lunch Program but these are not available in the summer months. So, replacing those programs with nutritious food becomes a real challenge! Here’s one way you can help!

Clients get fresh fruit in their food hampers but two of the items most often requested are **PEANUT BUTTER** and **CHEEZ WHIZ!**

Please consider adding one or two of these (or other non-perishable) items to your grocery cart to place on the food trolley at the church. Food can also be dropped off at the church office during the week.

LOOKING AHEAD .....

St. David’s and St. Andrew’s are planning a **SUMMER FOOD DRIVE!** It will take place at St. David’s but the exact date has not been confirmed, it’s expected to be mid-July. More details to follow.

**YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

**Weekly “Specials”**  
**June 23 - June 29, 2022**  
**Good Buys for Food Trolley**

Walmart	Catelli Blue Pasta	\$1.00
	Quaker Hot Cereal	3/\$8.00
Sobeys	Kraft Dinner – 12 pack (\$0.83/box)	\$9.88
Colemans	Hunt’s Pasta Sauce	4/\$5.00
	Quaker Instant Oatmeal	2/\$6.00
Pipers	Primo Pasta	\$1.00
Lawtons	Graves Apple Juice	4/\$5.00
	Compliments Ketchup/French’s Mustard	\$1.99
	Compliments Evaporated Milk	4/\$5.00

## **Community 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 4<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7:00pm**

General Protestant Cemetery, Topsail Road

~ **Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00pm**

Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 25 Beaumont Hamel Way

~ **Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto: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](http://www.summer-work.com)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THE COMMUNITY!!**

## From the Archives

This week, we have a picture of the Queens Road Congregational Church Choir taken sometime between 1912-1918. Rev. H.W. Thomas is in the pulpit.

First Row: Ethyl Hamlyn, Edith Barnes, Olive Hutchings, Mildred Thomas, Molly Carmichael and Mabel Thomas

Second Row: Unknown, Ivor Thomas, Doris Thomas, Gladys Duley, Mrs. H.W. Thomas, Molly Steele, Miss Harris

Back Row: Dick Steele, Bert Ross, Miss Jessie Barnes, Unknown



Thank-you Pam for preserving all these great pictures for us to enjoy!

## Church Trivia Questions

### Way back when:

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

**The answer is:** The answer is many and varied. The first minister lived in Army quarters, rooms in the courthouse, and once he was out of the forces lived in a house provided by church members. Later ministers lived in houses provided by the congregation, while one or two rented out the houses provided and took up accommodation in a boarding house. Early ministers lived below Queen's Road but by 1892, the minister lived on Monkstown Road.

**This week the question is:** What minister was most ambitious about missions and visiting them?

### Recent History:

**Last week the question was:** 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?

**The answer is:** The 1970's were the heyday for the Board of Managers. At some point there were any many as 30 people involved in Board projects, while there was half that number on the Board itself.

**This week the question is:** Who started the Good Companions group and when did it start?

## 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](mailto: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