



Sunday July 3rd Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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. This week the readings are:

Galatians 6: (1-10)

Psalm 30

2 Kings 5:1-14

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Church Office Hours: The church office is open from 9 am to 1 pm weekdays. 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@nfd.com.

Mission Moment – Sunday, July 3rd

Millions of people are in need of humanitarian assistance due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Larysa, her husband and her daughter escaped Kharkiv after spending four nights in the basement of their home due to bombings in the city. “Everyone wanted to travel out of Kharkiv. There were many people at the train station,” shared Larysa. The family found shelter in a refugee centre supported by the ACT Alliance. “We are happy to have a place to sleep and where it is warm. It is safe here. I am glad our children are alive.” Presbyterian World Service & Development is supporting Hungarian Interchurch Aid with an appeal issued by the ACT Alliance to provide emergency food assistance, essential non-food aid, health care and emotional support to refugees and internally displaced people.

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 Partnership: The Presbyterian Church in Canada offers a prayer partnership that may form part of a daily devotional, please consider these prayer partnerships.

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.

Sunday, July 3 We pray for peace; and we give thanks for the life-saving aid and support Presbyterian World Service & Development partners are providing to families suffering the terrifying consequences of war in Ukraine.

Monday, July 4 Spirit of gentleness and peace, we pray that you rescue us from cynicism and the acceptance of war as normal. May your peace get traction in your world today.

Tuesday, July 5 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Winnipeg Inner City Missions, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Wednesday, July 6 We pray for the staff of summer camps as they work to foster safe environments for gender-diverse children.

Thursday, July 7 We pray for summer ministry students.

Friday, July 8 We pray for the members and work of the Life and Mission Agency Committee

Message from the Minister:

Last week, my family loaded into our car on Friday evening and drove out to Grand Falls Windsor a day earlier than I usually do, to give us some time to explore a little bit on the Saturday before church and the drive home on Sunday. One of the attractions we visited was the Salmonid Interpretation Centre, complete with fish ladder and observation window so we could watch salmon of all sizes make their way up the man-made bypass past the Grand Falls themselves. The guides there told us that although there were a few dozen salmon at a time in the observation section, during the peak season in July there are hundreds of fish in the same area and the show they make jumping up the ladder is even more spectacular.

It's also a wonderful place to visit because it is a success story. This fish ladder is a man-made intervention, and has allowed these atlantic salmon access to a huge system of rivers and lakes that were previously unreachable due to the height of the falls. This new habitat has made a big difference for the fish: their numbers are more than ten times higher now than they were when the ladder was built. What a blessing it is here in Newfoundland to hear stories of fish populations increasing!

"[the jailer] put [Paul and Silas] in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them." (Acts 16:24-25)

Our faith often helps us to find Good News even when so much of the news is bad. Paul and Silas sang joyfully even after being beaten and jailed, and there was power in that worship. May we not forget that there is always something to celebrate. Our faith boldly proclaims that the bad news will not last, and the good news will. Hallelujah, and Amen.



From the Session, Treasurer, and Church Office

Treasurer's Notes

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 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

Memorial Day – July 1st

July 1st is a very important day for this Province. It is a day when we remember the devastating loss of Beaumont Hamel and all those who lost their lives during World War I. It's also a time to reflect on what a great country we live in and the sacrifices many have made throughout the years so that we can enjoy the freedoms we often take for granted.

There are many in our congregation who we remember today:

Edward Barnes	Lancelot Keeping	H. Gordon Thomas
George Cowan	George Langmead	James Watts
Lionel Duley	Henry Noonan	Wesley Watts
Charles Frost	Melville Russell	Alec White
	Owen Steele	

Condolences – Jim Steele

We are heartbroken to announce the passing of James Harris Steele on June 29th, 2022. For many of us, Jim was everything St. David's stood for. He was part of our long history – from the Queen's Road Congregational Church, through the turbulent times of joining the Presbyterian Church of Canada, from moving the congregation to Elizabeth Avenue through the building of a new Church in the middle of nowhere – Jim was there with steadfast faith. Our rock.

Jim had many roles through his 97+ years – husband, father, respected business man, WWII veteran, Sunday school teacher, Treasurer, Elder – just to name a few. He was a mentor to many of us on Session – always thoughtful, understanding and willing to listen. He loved history and books and provided countless documents and papers – all little treasures – to the St. David's archives. He loved plants and nature and we will always remember his delight in taking part in the annual plant sale. He found great joy in our Church music – organ, piano, choir, instrumental - and of course, many of us got to know Jim, the carpet bowler extraordinaire, in the Good Companions group! How he delighted in making those impossible shots for his team, especially when it was the last shot of the day!

There are so many memories to hold in our hearts and to share with his family, and each other, over the next days and weeks. How blessed are we that Jim was a part of our lives. We are very grateful for that.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Heather and David and their families. We hope they know that their St. David's family will be there for them and will help them every step of the way.

(Funeral arrangements will be handled by Carnell's with details to follow. It is expected to be held in the last week of July, to give family time to travel.)

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy Birthday to David Artiss who will be celebrating his birthday on July 5th! David and his wife, Grace, are long-time members and faithful supporters of St. David's. David will be sharing this special day with his wife, Grace, and other family and friends, near and far. Best wishes David from your St. David's family! We know Grace – and Caspar - and all your family and friends will make this a special day for you!

Happy Birthday to Mildred Greeley who will be celebrating her birthday on July 6th! Mildred will be celebrating her birthday with family and friends, including her husband, Darrin, and children Bradley and Andrea and their families, and her siblings, Marilyn Reardon, Gerry Melendy and Nowell Melendy and their families. Happy Birthday Mildred from everyone here at St. David's! We hope you have a wonderful day... best wishes for the coming year!

Happy Birthday to Samantha St. Croix who will be celebrating her birthday on July 7th! Samantha is the daughter of Susan and Frank St. Croix and grand-daughter of Barbara Ellis. Susan will be celebrating with her family and friends, near and far. Best wishes Susan, from your St. David's family! We hope you have a wonderful birthday!

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Lucy Pike who is having her 12th birthday on July 5th! Lucy will be celebrating her big day with her mom and dad, Krysta and Keith Pike, sister, Mila, proud grand-parents, Judy and Dave Rudofsky, and many other family and friends here in Newfoundland and abroad. Best wishes Lucy for a wonderful birthday!

Lots to celebrate in the Artiss's home! **Happy Anniversary to Grace and David Artiss**, who will be celebrating 33 years of marriage on July 8th! Grace and David will be celebrating their special day with family and friends near and far. Congratulations to you both from all your friends here at St. David's! We wish you many more years of happiness.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Patsy and David Carmichael who will be celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary – 60 years – on July 5th with family and friends, here and abroad! Best wishes and congratulations from your St. David's family. We wish you many wonderful years yet to come!

Happy Anniversary wishes to Grace and Joss Wood who will be celebrating their wedding anniversary on July 6th! Grace and Joss were married in 1959, 63 years ago! Warmest wishes from everyone here at St. David's on your special day. We'll be thinking of you both!

Happy Anniversary wishes to Evelyn and Nowell Melendy who will be celebrating their Golden +1 wedding anniversary on July 10th! Yes, 51 years married! Nowell and Evelyn will be celebrating this special day with family and friends, including Nowell's siblings, Marilyn Reardon, Mildred Greeley and Gerry Melendy and their families, not to mention many good friends. Congratulations to you both from all your friends here at St. David's and best wishes for all the years ahead!

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

From the Pews

John Chol – Update

Below is a note from John Chol on how his extended family is doing. It arrived just a few days ago via Steve Bruneau....

I have come to Arua town today and will fly to Kampala-Nairobi tomorrow-then renew the ticket to Canada. Kids got their ration cards, moved to their local compounds, received their rations, had registered in school, and started their normal classes on Friday, June 24, 2022. Additionally, the older kids got one dose on Saturday, June 25 for Covid-19 as required. Thank you for everything.

Penny's Great Birthday Present

Where did all these years go?

Suddenly this June, I celebrated being seventy. And was really happy to have no big fuss or party but just a few days before my birthday our eldest daughter Joanna and her three girls, Sarah, Katie and Jordan made a surprise visit from Smithers BC! They have not been home for many years so this was the icing on the cake and I think I have been smiling from ear to ear ever since.



As you know the weather was warm this June with sunny blue skies perfect for our outdoorsy family activities. We spent time at our cabin with swimming and kayaking everyday. Picnics on the top of Butterpot Hill and along the East Coast Trail were popular.

The girls loved the ocean and spent happy hours searching for sea urchins, rocks and crabs in rocky pools in Brigus. And they loved skimming rocks and tossing sticks for Cleo dog into the sea at Holyrood.



We also spent time exploring Signal Hill and Cabot Tower with a visit to the Geo Centre and of course with any visit food is all important! Cod was on the menu and sea food chowder with one day cooking lobster outdoors and despite being allergic to shellfish Jordan was in the thick of it when it came to cooking them.



One evening after hiking from Maddox Cove to Cape Spear sleeves were rolled up with Chinese dumplings on the menu for dinner and we were told to relax! This is very popular with our granddaughters as they worked for several hours making the dough, fillings and sauces whilst the kitchen became a hive of activity and tantalizing smells.



It was a wonderful visit after all the restrictions and times missed with friends and family but now they have gone home to see their Dad Gordon who had to work at the hospital, look after the dogs and as they say in Scotland it's back to "old clothes and eating porridge again!"



But wait a minute the Berlin family, and daughter form Toronto will arrive next week.

Upcoming Activities

WA Bake-less Bake Sale

The WA would like to thank all those who donated to the bake-less bake sale. There is still some time to return your envelope or e-transfer your donation to the church and specify that the donation is for the WA. All donations will be issued tax receipts at the end of the year.

On-going Activities

Muffin Making for Bridges to Hope How many muffins can three people make in a couple of hours? Eight or nine dozen! Watch this spot to see when the muffin making will start again. 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 We'd like to 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!

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 30 – July 6, 2022

Good Buys for Food Trolley

Walmart	Colgate/Crest Toothpaste	\$0.87
No Frills	Dawn Dishwashing Liquid	\$1.88
Sobeys	Sugar	\$1.99
Colemans	Heinz Tomato Soup	\$0.77
Pipers	Avon Peas & Carrots/Mixed Vegetables	\$1.00
	Aylmer Soup	\$1.00
Lawtons	Graves Apple Juice	4/\$5.00
	Barilla Pasta	\$0.99

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.

From the Archives

Summertime is the time for weddings and back on July 3, 1944 a beautiful wedding took place at the Queen's Road Congregational Church at 7:00 pm. The bride was Elizabeth Mary Danson and the groom, Archibald David Grant. The organist was Jessie Barnes, the soloist is unknown and Horatio Todd, Chaplain, R.C.N., officiated. The choir also sang at the wedding:

First Row: Vi Parsons, Doris Barter, Shirley MacKay, Marion Wiseman, Bessie Thomas, Ethel Cahill, Barbara Rose.

Back Row: Winnie Pottle, June Barter, Daphne Rose, Betty (Lizzie) (Hutchings) Hodder, Edna Chancey.

A little note with the picture explained that Elizabeth's (Betty's) father had a little store on the corner of Bates Hill and Duckworth Street almost opposite to the steps going down to Beck's Cove and Bowrings!



Thanks Pam for yet another wonderful picture from the archives!

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: What minister was most ambitious about missions and visiting them?

The answer is: The Rev. Thomas Hall visited several missions throughout his time in St. John's. He visited Random Island area in 1871 and again in 1872, 1874, and 1879. In 1878 he visited the Twillingate mission and may also have dropped by Random Island on his way.

This week the question is: Which member of a long-time church family served as a teacher in Twillingate?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: Who started the Good Companions group and when did it start?

The answer is: The Good Companions started some thirty years ago when a couple of ladies, Claire Martin and Barbara Ellis' mother in law got together for an afternoon tea and decided that there was a need for a seniors group, and the Good Companions was born. In 1996 some of the members were: Harriet Byars, Murdock Hunter, Connie and Ken Calcutt, Lily Storey, George Finney, Dorothy Whittick, Wilson Gamble, Jim and Frances Steele, Cyril Barnes, and Sheelagh Gamble.

This week the question is: What activity for the local community caused a participant's mother to exclaim "I didn't know Christians were so nice!"?

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:

Lillian Crawford 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: duties are included with the Session for now.

Treasurer: Anne Calver

Envelope Secretary: Ian Bruneau