



Sunday August 21st, eleventh 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.

Church Office Hours: The church office is open from 9 am to 1 pm weekdays 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, August 21

When the Taliban took control of Afghanistan in August 2021, an atmosphere of uncertainty prevailed. **Among the many issues that have surfaced since the Taliban takeover are rapidly spreading hunger and restrictions to education.** International sanctions on the Taliban make it challenging to provide assistance in Afghanistan. When possible, Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) provides emergency food assistance with the support of other members of Canadian Foodgrains Bank. PWS&D's partner in Afghanistan has also established 12 education centres to safely support students while restrictions on education are in place.

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

God of all knowledge, thank you for PWS&D's programming in Afghanistan through which many girls have been able to attend school over the past 20 years. We remember in prayer those who currently do not have access to education in this country and around the world. Help us to tirelessly advocate for their right to learn. Amen.

Prayer No. 37 – 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, August 21 As the future for people in Afghanistan remains uncertain under Taliban control, we pray that God grants them the strength to get through this difficult period.

Monday, August 22 We give thanks for the mission the church supports through Presbyterians Sharing and Presbyterian World Service & Development that works to help those in need.

Tuesday, August 23 Gracious God, we pray that when we do justice, we may also love kindness and walk humbly with you as a witness to your love for all people.

Wednesday, August 24 We pray for an end to forced child labour and pray that the efforts of those who promote Fair Trade products across many industries be supported and strengthened.

Thursday, August 25 We pray for those in the church who are preparing for upcoming meetings and events. May they rise to the challenge of being caretakers of what God has entrusted to us.

Friday, August 26 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Saturday, August 27 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Montreal in Quebec.

Message from the Minister



One very nice birthday present Oliver got from his grandparents is pictured here: It is a sort of "water table" that lives in our yard and gives that most blessed of gifts to Michelle and I: peaceful quiet inside the house as the kids entertain themselves safely in the yard. Water tables are great, because they don't carry the same fear of drowning that a pool would, but they still satisfy that innate childhood desire to play with water. The usual problem, though, is that the kids want to see the water *move*, not just sit in a table, so they inevitably dump it out just for fun, and then come running back inside to beg for more water.

This table, though, goes one step further. As you can see, it has a magical piece of new technology: a water pump! The water flows through the channels down to the bottom, where a willing arm can pump it back up to the top and watch it flow again. Oliver played with this for hours immediately after I set it up, and only needed new water a single time.

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14)

Scripture has a lot to say about water. In particular God is the source of "Living Water", a concept rooted way back in the old testament. In fact, some Jewish communities today still practice cleansing rituals that rely on "Living Water" or, in Hebrew, "Mayyim Hayyim" (see for example <https://www.mayyimhayyim.org/>). There is something captivating about this image Jesus gives, of a spring welling up eternally. It is a delight to those who see it.

My prayer for you this week is that your waters would be filled to overflowing, that you would have the Spirit moving through you, welling up, and never running dry. This kind of water is more captivating, more powerful, and more refreshing than any other, and Jesus says that it is yours forever. What Good News that is!

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 email distribution.

St. David's Church Announcements

Condolences – Catherine Elizabeth (Betty) Gosse

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Pearl and Cindy Clouston on the loss of Pearl's sister-in-law, Betty Gosse, (August 10, 2022). Betty was born in Cape Ray, NL and resided in St. John's, NL with her husband of 54 years Raymond Gordon Gosse (Pearl's brother).

The funeral took place on Wednesday, August 17th, 2022 at Carnell's Memorial Chapel.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Parkinson Society of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Birthdays and Anniversaries (August 21 – August 27)

Birthday greetings to Kayla Franey who will be celebrating her birthday with family and friends on August 22nd. Kayla is the daughter of Bonita and Ray Franey. Happy Birthday Kayla from everyone here at St. David's and we hope you enjoy your special day!

Happy Birthday to Sam Bauer who will be celebrating his birthday on August 25th with family and friends, including his mom and dad, Shelley and Larry Bauer and sister, Katie. Best wishes Sam from your St. David's family!

Happy Birthday to Kathy Komaromy (Chancey) who will be celebrating her birthday on August 21st! Kathy is the daughter of Betty Chancey. Kathy currently lives in British Columbia but is due home for a much longed for visit later this month. Meanwhile, she will be celebrating her birthday with her mom, Betty and brother, Paul and his family. A big Happy Birthday from your St. David's family Kathy and we hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy Anniversary wishes to Judy and Dave Bonnell who will be celebrating their 51st wedding anniversary on August 21st! Judy and Dave have been longtime members of St. David's and support many of the Church activities and events. Congratulations from everyone here at St. David's! We hope you enjoy a wonderful day with your family and friends and we wish you many more years of happiness!

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.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Allison Crawford and Steve Power who were married on Friday, August 12th, 2022! Allison is the daughter of Lillian and Harry Crawford. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you much love and happiness in the years ahead!

Beautiful Flowers...

Many thanks to Allison and Steve for sharing part of their wedding celebrations with us by placing some of their beautiful floral arrangements in the sanctuary for all to enjoy!



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

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.

Bridges to Hope

The demand for Bridges To Hope's **Bag to School** Program is bigger than ever. It has been another hard year for students, and Bridges To Hope is determined to send them back to school with everything they need to thrive. In addition to their regular number, they are aiming to supply an **extra** 100 School Bags, fully packed with everything each child needs. Donations may be made directly, through St. David's, or online by visiting <https://www.bridgestohope.ca/fundraising>. No amount is too small.

Weekly "Specials"

August 18 – 24, 2022

Good Suggestions for the Food Trolley

Sobeys	Hunt's Thick & Rich Pasta Sauce	\$1.00
	Compliments Macaroni & Cheese	\$0.99 *
	Graves Apple Juice	4/\$5.00
Dominion	Campbell's Soup	\$0.69
Lawtons	Kraft Dinner	4/\$5.00
	Compliments Evaporated Milk	4/\$5.00
	Heinz Beans or Pasta	\$0.99 *
Colemans	Kraft Dinner	\$0.99
	Avon Peas & Carrots	4/\$5.00
	Comet Cleanser	\$0.99

*With Scene Card

Outside Announcements and Activities



 **MULTICULTURAL
MELODIES**

**AN EVENING OF MUSIC,
CULTURE, DANCE, and DIVERSITY**

**AUGUST 19
FRIDAY, 6:30 PM**
ST. DAVID'S CHURCH
98 ELIZABETH AVE.,
ST. JOHN'S

Email noran.i@mwonl.com
or call 709-726-0321

**FREE
ADMISSION**

Aurora Women's Choir in CBS is holding auditions for the 2022/2023 Season! In person auditions will be held on Sunday, August 28th from 7:00-9:00pm at Topsail United Church in CBS. Video auditions will be accepted until August 28th. For more information and to register for an audition, please contact Abra (ensemble@shallaway.ca). Thank you.

Walking Tours

1:00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Guides will take you through some of Canada's and North America's most significant architectural treasures and historic cultural landscapes dating from 1699. Learn about the art, architects, politics and personalities that shaped the District and made it such an important gateway from Europe to the new world. To participate please pre-register by calling 754-2170 and arrive at the steps of the Roman Catholic Basilica at 1:00 pm. The tour will also visit St. Andrew's Scottish Gothic Presbyterian Church, the beautiful Romanesque Gower Street United Church and the stunning Neo Gothic Anglican Cathedral. The Ecclesiastical District was designated a National Historic Site of Canada in 2008 by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

We invite visitors, families and groups to participate.

Tours will run for approximately 90 minutes.

Cost is \$20 per person and Family Rates apply.

Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/DistrictToursNL.

From the Archives

This week, we meet some of the people from the Junior Choir back in 1965!

Some of the names are missing (can you identify them?), but here are the ones we know:

Back Row: (l to r) Paul Young, Jeff Hodder, Ward Parsons, ? Hibbs, Linda Lou Hodder, Sheila Young, Andrea Crosbie.

Front Row: (l to r) Ron Barter, ?, Debbie Rogers, ? Patterson, Shelley Barter, Margot Thistle, Carolyn Hodder.

Thanks Pam for the pictures!



Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: Which was the last of our minister to die in office?

The answer is: Since the church has been in existence, four ministers have died while in office. The Rev. Joseph Thackery was the last minister to do so, he died in September 1937 during his second stint as our minister. He previously led the congregation from 1897 to 1912 and was called out of retirement in 1932 while in his seventies.

This week the question is: Where did he live during his last time as our minister?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: St. David's Sunday School in the 1970's had a lot of children attending, where were the students taught Sunday School?

The answer is: Pretty much everywhere! There were classes on the stage, three or four classes in the hall, a class was held in the little room at the back of the hall, and there was even a class in the minister's old office – the tower's archives room. It was a scary sight and sound to hear the older students pounding down over the steep stairs.

This week the question is: Between Rev Goldsmith and Rev Armour, we had an interim minister. Who was that and who was the interim moderator?

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

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

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Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/stdavidsstjohns>

Groups:

Women's Auxiliary – Lillian Crawford

Good Companions (Seniors) – Kay Scott

Bible Study Group

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: the members of the Board are:

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Treasurer: Anne Calver

Envelope Secretary: Ian Bruneau