



### **Sunday August 28th, twelfth 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](mailto:stdavids@nfld.com).

## **Mission Moment – Sunday, August 28**

The Respite Ministry of St. Columba—a parish of the Presbyterian Church of Mauritius—supports families who care for people with intellectual and physical challenges by giving guardians and family members an opportunity to have a break while trained volunteers help take care of their children or dependents. Presbyterians Sharing supported renovations to make the parish more accessible, including modifying washrooms and installing ramps where there were only stairs. The Rev. Rodney Curpanen of St. Columba shared, “**We are very grateful for the support extended to us by The Presbyterian Church in Canada** that enriches and heightens our hospitality ministries to strangers, poor, needy and marginalized. Thank you for your partnership.”

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

Great Healer, we pray for PWS&D-supported health programs that have not stopped responding to community needs, even throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. We remember in prayer all people who are accessing care through these programs as they journey to health and well-being. AMEN.

***Prayer No. 26 – 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, August 28** We give thanks for the Rev. Rodney Curpanen and the Respite Ministry of St. Columba in Mauritius, providing hospitality to the families caring for people living with disabilities.

**Monday, August 29** We pray for the Rev. Stephen Kendall and his family as he begins retirement after 35 years of ordained ministry—24 of which he served as a dedicated Principal Clerk of the General Assembly.

**Tuesday, August 30** We pray for a spirit of Christian stewardship so that we may give generously of our time, talent and treasure to share God's love in our church and throughout the world.

**Wednesday, August 31 (International Day for People of African Descent)** Recognizing the harmful legacy of colonization faced by people of African descent, we seek the Spirit's wisdom as we work to eliminate anti-Black racism.

**Thursday, September 1** We pray for the people who gather and serve at Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Northern Saskatchewan, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

**Friday, September 2** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Eastern Han-Ca.

**Saturday, September 3** We pray for participants of the World Council of Churches' 11th Assembly in Germany as they engage in this unique global expression of unity

## Message from the Minister



The pandemic has not been easy on any of us. Nearly half of my time here at St. David's has been preaching to an empty or nearly-empty church, as pandemic restrictions have forced people to participate from home, watching us on Zoom or Youtube. I'm glad to provide the online services, don't get me wrong, but watching on screens from our living rooms does not build us into a community in the same way that seeing each other in person and sharing coffee after the service does. Hopefully the situation this fall will allow more people to return in person!

It can be awkward to come back though. Maybe you haven't been following the services as closely as you think you should have been. Maybe you're worried that things have changed, or maybe you've changed a bit. Perhaps you will stand with your hand on the doorknob and think "It's been a long time, am I ready to be back?"

This coming week, I'll be heading back to Ontario to officiate at my sister-in-law's wedding. Michelle and the kids are already there, and I haven't seen my boys in two weeks. For parents of young kids, that's a long time! And added to that is the fact that every time I've tried to video chat with them they are uninterested in talking to me, too busy playing with their own toys to bother with their relationship with their Father.

But I know how I'll feel when I see them: it doesn't matter if they've ignored me, or if they've spurned me when I tried to reach out to them from afar. They are my children, and I am happy to see them.

In the same way, God welcomes us to the community of faith. It doesn't matter if you've been gone, it doesn't matter if you haven't had your mind on the things of faith these last months or years, it doesn't matter if you've been "good" or "bad". Here at St. David's, you are welcome, and we are glad to see you because you are family. Remember the parable of the Prodigal Son:

*"[The son] got up and went to his father.*

*"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.*

*"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'*

*"But the father said to his servants, '[...] Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' "*

*(Luke 15:20-24)*

No matter how unfamiliar it may feel, we are welcome in God's house with open arms. No matter what we have done or left undone, we are met with celebration. For God's love is poured out on his children with joy. What Good News that is!

## **Treasurer's Notes and a Request for Help**

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. If you would like to donate monthly by PAD, 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.

**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.**

## **Request for Help**

If you've been in the church lately, you will notice that Heather has been sprucing up the lobby. Some of our other areas are due to get a facelift as well. This includes the Tower Room used for the Archives and to a lesser extent the Clouston and Armour Rooms.

Which brings us to ...

We are looking for two to three sets of strong arms to move some of the furniture around:

- the old computer desk and old filing cabinets in the Tower may eventually find a home closer to the sea (Robin Hood Bay)
- some newer furniture (bookcases and desk) now in the storage room at the back of the hall will be moving to the Tower Room
- the chair in the storage room will be moving to the Armour Rom
- some furniture will be leaving the Clouston Room to be replaced by other furniture now scattered throughout the building
- and I'm sure we will come up with other items which would, or would not, like to have a moving experience!

We think this activity should take two to three hours and we can offer tea, coffee and perhaps some homemade goodies just to keep people's strength up.

Please contact the office if you're interested in helping with the 2022 Beautification Project.

### **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

### Wedding Photo – Allison and Steve

This week, we are delighted to share a picture from Allison (Crawford) and Steve's (Power) wedding which took place on August 12, 2022. (The picture was taken by Kassondra Barry Photography.) Congratulations once again from everyone here at St. David's!





## **Birthdays and Anniversaries (August 28 – September 3)**

**Birthday greetings to Claire O’Grady** who will be celebrating her 7<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 28<sup>th</sup> with her mom and dad, Heidi Wells and Sean O’Grady, younger sister, Grace, and proud grand-parents, Debbie and Doyle Wells. Happy Birthday Claire from everyone here at St. David’s! Hope you have a wonderful day!

**Happy Anniversary to Michelle and Joseph Craig** who will be celebrating their 31<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on August 30<sup>th</sup>! Congratulations from your St. David’s family best wishes for many more wonderful years ahead for both of you!

**Happy Anniversary to Catherine and Richard Bailey** who will be celebrating their 19<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 30<sup>th</sup>! Congratulations from everyone here at St. David’s. Catherine is the daughter of Judy and David Bonnell, and niece of Eleanor and Aubrey Bonnell. Best wishes on your special day!

**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.**

## **Congregational Help....**

### Car for Monica Mayen

Sue Templeton sent along a note regarding Monica Mayen. Many of you have met Monica and her family in Church and at coffee time. Well, it seems that Monica has been doing her driver training and will be taking her test in the near future with the hopes of getting her driver's licence very soon! Having their own transportation would be a big step towards her family becoming more independent and give them more options for work. To that end, her next step will be to get a car!

She has asked if members of our congregation might know of someone who would be interested in selling her a car. If you know of someone she would appreciate a call. Could you please keep your ears open and if you hear of something hopeful please let her know? Or give Sue or Ken or St. David's a call.

Please keep Monica and her children in your thoughts and prayers. Still no word on progress of her husband's immigration status. The Association of New Canadians (ANC) and Ken continue to support this process.

## **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**

Backpacks for Bridges To Hope's ***Bag to School*** Program were distributed this week. In excess of 450 bags were provided, fully packed with everything each child needs to start school on the right foot!

With the start of school, however, new challenges arise! One way "Bridges" helps is to provide "school kits" to clients with children. These kits contain juice boxes, fruit cups, popcorn, granola bars and other "portable" snack items which children can use for recess, lunch, whatever! Keep this in mind as you shop for your own groceries and add one or more of these items to the weekly Food Trolley.

Also, gift cards and/or cash donations are always acceptable. We appreciate your support!

### **Weekly "Specials"**

**August 25 – September 1, 2022**

#### **Good Suggestions for the Food Trolley**

Sobeys	Campbell's Soup	\$0.69
Dominion	Graves Apple Juice	\$0.99
Lawtons	Heinz Tomato Soup	2/\$1.20
Walmart	Crest & Colgate Toothpaste	\$0.88
	Palmolive Dishwashing Liquid	\$1.77

## **Outside Announcements and Activities**

### **Also from Bridges to Hope ...**

#### **FOOD DRIVE**

Cowan Heights United Church will be holding a Drive Thru Food Drive on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, between 10:00 am – 12:00 pm in the Church Parking Lot.

All Donations will be going to Bridges to Hope Food Aid Center to help them relieve hunger in our community.

#### **CAR WASH**

Kent Building Supplies Social Committee is having on Car Wash on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm.

It will be held at 145 Majors Path (Custom Cabinets) and the proceeds will be going to Bridges to Hope's Bag to School Program.

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



# Cafe of Memories



Music by Dem Fellas

## When

September 6 at 2:00-4:00pm

Join us as Lodge Westmoorland, in partnership with Alzheimer Society of Newfoundland & Labrador, hosts an afternoon of entertainment & refreshments for those with dementia and their caregivers.

**\*\*All events are free of charge**

**\*\*Masks are required**

**Location:** Freemason's Hall (115 Mt. Carson Ave)

**Please register as space is limited by calling 709-576-0608 or emailing [events@alheimernl.ca](mailto:events@alheimernl.ca)**

**Alzheimer Society**

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR



## From the Archives

Keeping with the Junior Choir, this week we share a great picture from May 4, 1975 taken on the front steps to the Church. The Junior Choir was taking part in the Youth Service. Unfortunately, we don't have all the names but here are some of the choristers we do know.

Back Row: (l to r) Edna Hodgett, Heather Steele, Alison Gray, Joan Mowbray, Helen Bruce, John Hammond, Jennifer Martin, Lynn Tuck

Middle Row: (l to r) Robin Tuck, Michelle Devereaux, ?,?,?, Leslie Thistle, Bernita Kiefte, ?, Jill Carmichael, Barend Kiefte, ?, ?

Front Row: (l to r) ?,?, Laura Tuck, Jimmy King, Katherine Bleeker

Thanks Pam for the pictures





## Church Trivia Questions

### Way back when:

**Last week the question was:** Where did he live during his last time as our minister?

**The answer is:** The Rev. Joseph Thackery stayed at the Newfoundland Hotel during his last stay with us. Hotels then were not what they are now and many had long-term tenants.

**This week the question is:** What were some of the more interesting places our ministers lived?

### Recent History:

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

**The answer is:** Our interim minister was a recent graduate of Knox College, Alex R. Joshua from India. The interim moderator was the Rev. W. M. Moncrieff of St. Aiden's. As an aside: Rev. Moncrieff had one blue eye and one green eye. Why do I know that? As a youngster my family went to St. Aiden's and Rev. Moncrieff lived across Topsail Road from us. The different eye colors were astounding to a kid!

**This week the question is:** Rev. Armour left in 1985 where did he go and why would CBC listeners get to hear him each year?

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

## How to reach us:

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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:

Ed Vanderkloet Steve Bruneau Andem Effiong

**Treasurer:** Anne Calver

**Envelope Secretary:** Ian Bruneau