



Sunday December 25th, CHRISTMAS DAY

The service is at 11 am and we are grateful to be meeting 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 generally open from 9 am to 1 pm weekdays with the exception of statutory holidays. **HOWEVER, the office will have reduced hours during the week between Christmas & New Years. Those dates and hours will be: December 28th, 29th and 30th (Wed, Thurs, Fri) from 10:00am to 1:00pm**

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, December 25th

In Malawi, 13-year-old Selia was raised by her single mother after her father passed away. Her mother sold tomatoes to support Selia and her five siblings. When Selia was in grade nine, her mother's business no longer generated enough income to support the family. At the time, Selia was attending the Neno Girls Secondary School, where Presbyterian World Service & Development provides bursary support for girls from low-income families. The bursary allowed Selia to stay in school and successfully complete her studies. The benefits of education for girls extend not only to them individually, but also to their future families.

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, December 25 (Christmas Day) We thank God for the gift of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ who brings salvation. May we receive God's blessings through our Christmas worship as we share the Nativity Story with those around us.

Monday, December 26 (Boxing Day) For Christ, there was no room in the inn; we pray for those who seek shelter. Christ had to flee his birthplace; we pray for those who seek refuge. Christ read scripture as a child; we pray that God's wisdom will enlighten our minds and direct our paths.

Tuesday, December 27 We give thanks for the tuition support the church is providing to students at the Neno Girls Secondary School in Malawi through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Wednesday, December 28 We pray for the members and work of the International Affairs Committee.

Thursday, December 29 We pray for the Rev. Dr. Robert (Bob) Faris, Moderator of the 2022 General Assembly, as he connects with members of the church this coming year.

Friday, December 30 We give thanks to God for the ability to learn from our past and those who have come before us in order to better our future for all those who will come after.

Saturday, December 31 (New Year's Eve) We end the year in praise for God's loving kindness and care, and we pray for peace in the world.

Update to the Bulletin

This will be the last bulletin until January 2023. The team that put together the bulletin every week will be making some changes to it and to how we keep you all connected and informed with what is going on in the church.

Please stay tuned for an updated approach to our communication with you!!

Happy New Year to All!!!

The Winter 2023 edition of the Presbyterian Connection can be found in the reception area outside the offices.

The St. John's and Area Council of Churches request congregations be made aware of:

The World Day of Prayer for Christian Unity

To be celebrated at The Baptist Crossing Church

314 Topsail Road

St. John's

On January 22nd 2023 at 2.30 pm.

Sermon will be delivered by Anglican Bishop Sam Rose.

Please be advised...

The Canadian Bible Society has permanently closed the office in St. John's. All services & programs have been closed out. There will no longer be Congregational Representatives & therefore no Bibles available for Baptisms. It is possible that I may be able to get the Daily Bible Reading pamphlets for 2023. I will place them in the Narthex to be distributed with the bulletin if I receive them.

The following is contact information for the National C.B.S.office.

Phone #: 1888-946-1711

Email: customerservice@bs.ca

Treasurer's Announcement

Special Appeal Update. So far we are only at 10% of our goal of \$20,000.00. We desperately need your financial help and support. Please give generously this Christmas Season and remember that monies received/dated by December 31, 2022 will be included on your 2022 tax receipts. Many thanks to those who have donated to the special appeal already. Merry Christmas to you and your families!

My Thanks

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, contact 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. We accept donations through Canada Helps, via Canada Post, or you may drop it off at the church, or call the church and someone would be pleased to pick it up for you.

Remember to have your donations included on your 2022 income tax, you should have them in to us by the end of the year, December 31, 2022.

The sole email address we are using to accept donations is through stdavidsnfld@gmail.com . It is linked to our bank account and automatically accepts all donations.

St. David's Christmas Schedule:

Saturday, December 24th: Christmas Eve Service

Carols & Scriptures – at 6:30pm

Candlelight Service at St. Andrew's

At 11:00pm

Sunday, December 25th: Christmas Day Service at 11:00am

Christmas Week ~ Dec. 28th, 29th & 30th : Office hours

10:00am to 1:00pm

A donation to the Memorial Fund has been made in loving memory of **Charlie and June (nee Barter) Skanes** by Mildred Skanes.

A donation to the Current Account has been made in loving memory of **James H. and M. Frances Steele** by Heather Steele Morrissey

St. David's Church Announcements

Sunday School

If you would like to find out what is involved to assist with Sunday School, please contact Heather at the church office or Sue Templeton anytime ... Or, please join us one Sunday as our guest to observe the children's program in action!

Our sign up sheet for the New Year has been posted! Please sign up for any Sunday that will work for you. It is appreciated. Thank you!

Food For Thought

The Food for Thought fellowship, prayer, and discussion group for young adults held its final meeting of the year on Dec. 13. Many thanks to all who participated throughout the year. After a Christmas break, we will resume weekly meetings by Zoom in January. For information contact Ernst Rollmann at ernstrollmann12@gmail.com.

Wishing you joyous and peaceful holidays, Ernst Rollmann

Bible Study

Our long standing Bible Study, under the guidance of Sheena Findlay, has paused now for the Christmas season and will resume in January 2023.

Bible Study is held on Wednesday morning in the Armour Room from 10:30am to 12:00 noon. The start date for January will be announced at a later date.

Women's Bible Study

This Bible Study program is being offered by Christina Shalaby on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30pm in the Armour Room.

Bible Study will pause for Christmas and will resume in the New Year (date to be announced).

Christina's contact information is as follows:

Phone: 709-770-0217 and email: christinashalaby@outlook.com

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy Birthday greetings to Catherine McKenzie who will be celebrating her birthday on Boxing Day, December 26th! Catherine is the daughter of Cynthia and David McKenzie. Best wishes Cynthia from everyone here at St. David's and we hope you have a wonderful day with family and friends!

Happy Birthday to Nowell Melendy who will be celebrating his birthday on December 26th with family and friends, including his wife, Evelyn, daughter, Roxanne, and son, Sheldon, and their families, and his siblings, Marilyn Reardon, Mildred Greeley and Gerald Melendy, and their families. Best wishes Nowell from all your friends here at St. David's! We hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy Birthday greetings to Joanna Lo who will be celebrating her birthday on December 28th with family and friends near and far, including her mom and dad, Penny and Stewart Gillies. Best wishes Joanna from your St. David's family! We hope you have a wonderful birthday!

Happy Birthday greetings to Kirsten McKay who is celebrating her birthday on December 28th as well. Kirsten is the daughter of Kathy and Donald McKay. Best wishes Kirsten from your St. David's family. We hope you have a great birthday!

Happy Birthday wishes to Kay Korpel who will celebrate her 91st birthday on December 28th! Kay is a treasured friend of many here at St. David's and participated in many of the Church groups and activities for many years. Now living in Bishops Gardens, we know her birthday celebrations with her family, including her children, Rita, Michael and Ariane and their families, and her sister, Bouwina, will be very special and full of fun and laughter. Best wishes Kay from your St. David's family! We hope you have a wonderful day and may there be many more birthdays to come!

Happy Birthday greetings to Scott Bonnell who will be celebrating his birthday on December 30th. Scott and his family, now living in the States, will be celebrating his special day with his family near and far, including his mom and dad, Eleanor and Aubrey Bonnell, and brother Stephen and his family, also living in the States. Best wishes Scott from everyone here at St. David's. We hope you have great day and a wonderful year ahead.

Happy Birthday to Marcella Rollmann who is celebrating her birthday on December 29th followed by **Marcella and Hans's 54th wedding anniversary** on December 30th! Best wishes to the Rollmann's from everyone here at St. David's! We miss you! Let's hope that 2023 will see us being able to meet and chat in person!

Happy Anniversary wishes go out to Judy and William (Bill) Barnes who will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on December 26th. Our thoughts are with you both. Warmest wishes and congratulations from 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.

A.M.S.



It's time to return your Piggy Banks! If you would like a receipt for tax purposes, please return the contents of the banks before December 31st. This can be done via the collection plate, dropped off to the Church Office or given to any AMS member. Thank you for your continued support

Upcoming Activities

Please view December Schedule page for upcoming activities and events.
Thank you!!

On-going Activities

The Good Companions group are meeting again!!!

If you would like to try your hand at carpet-bowling, join a game of Bridge or 120's, maybe a friendly game of scrabble ... please join us on Thursday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00pm in the Church Hall and Armour Room. Call Heather in the office at 722-2382 and she will put you on the list of attendees ~ we look forward to welcoming you back!

Good Companions are taking a wee break for Christmas and will return in January ~ date to be announced!

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.

Outside Announcements and Activities

There are no outside announcements this week.

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) – call Heather in the office

Bible Study Group – Sheena Findlay

Atlantic Mission Society – Kathy McKay

Session – Lillian Crawford

Prayer Shawl (Knitters) – Bouwina Fogwill

Food For Thought – Ernst Rollmann

Women’s Bible Study – Christina Shalaby

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	

Treasurer: Anne Calver

Envelope Secretary: Ian Bruneau