



## **News from the Pews for Sunday, June 11th, 2023**

“News from the Pews”, contains stories, pictures and happenings from, by and for the members of the congregation. It also contains the “Minister’s Message”, Birthdays and Anniversaries, a Treasurer’s Update, special requests from Bridges to Hope, and of course Special Events happening at St. David’s. Also, from time to time, there will be archival pictures, trivia and stories.

We hope you enjoy...

## **Minister's Message**

I spent most of this week at the annual meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, a meeting of Presbyterian ministers and elders from all across the country. Many items of interest were accomplished, including the election of the Rev. Mary Fontaine as the moderator of our national church. Rev. Fontaine is an indigenous woman, and her induction ceremony involved many spiritual practices from the indigenous Christian community, including a smudging ceremony and reciting the Lord's Prayer in Cree. As churches in Canada struggle with the legacy of the residential school system, it is encouraging to see our moderator reflect a vision of the church that reconciles and transcends the struggles of our past.

We heard many stories of the ministries of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and it is always uplifting to hear stories of the good work our church is supporting. This year's recipients of the Cutting Edge of Mission award were an example of this; two women representing the Parents' Circle - Families Forum, a joint Israeli-Palestinian organization of over 600 families who have lost immediate family members to the ongoing conflict and who work together for reconciliation and a just resolution to the conflict. It is good to see our church supporting a group like this that is working for peace, a mission around the world that your church is participating in!

It was a busy week though, so my message is brief. I would love to talk more with you about General Assembly (or anything else!), and I'll leave you with one final picture of the commissioners voting on a motion using our yellow cards. I am voting in the picture, but it may be tricky to find me!



## Treasurer's Update for this Week

I'm not sure how many times I can dire in association with our finances. Having said that I do report monthly to three groups: Board of Managers (BOM), Session and the Futures Committee. These groups are involved in moving this congregation towards a better financial future. While that work is in progress, I am managing the \$110,000 deficit to a greater or lesser extent. This is where we are now:

Projected Monthly expenditures for 2023														annual budget totals	
Colors	paid					part paid				not paid				no color - not due yet	
Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Annual Totals	Comment	
<b>Employment</b>															
St. David's CRA pmts													5400.00	CCP and EI	
David Sturtevant													47400.00	inc CCP, EI, tax, pension, group insurance	
Housing & utilities													28300.00	housing and utilities	
Medical & Dental													4900.00	due quarterly, due in full Dec 31	
Heather Morrissey													19000.00	inc CCP, EI, tax, retro in June	
Brian Way													18400.00	no HST	
Frank Fogwill													6800.00	inc HST + some supplies (\$68 to May)	
Supply Minister													1300.00	budget estimate	
Supply Vocalist													600.00	budget estimate	
<b>Total Employment</b>													136041.00	annual budget estimate	
Admin -PCC Loan													7050.00	due quarterly	
Admin -Accountant													3250.00	estimated for July	
Admin -LOC Int/Pmts													420.00	estimate if full LOC used by Aug 2023	
Admin -RBC Charges													1500.00	monthly automatically	
Admin -Office Supplies													3000.00	on budget to date	
<b>Toral Admin</b>													26435.00	annual budget estimate	
Presbytery													1500.00	to be paid in full at year end	
Synod													2700.00	to be paid in full at year end	
Congregational Pension													4200.00	to be paid in full at year end	
Wheels to Worship													69.44	current charges to date	

CEBA												30000.00	due Dec 31 2023
Move to Memorial Fund												2730.00	from 2022
Cemetery Fund												1000.00	normally paid in Sept
Christmas Hampers												2000.00	budget expectations
<b>Total Commitments</b>												45578.00	annual budget estimate
Building Fund Expense												8708.37	current charges to date
Equipment under \$5000												0.00	current charges to date
Maintenance												658.70	current charges to date
Janitorial Supplies												119.84	current charges to date
Snow Clearing												11010.00	budget expectations
Insurance (10 mos)												7845.40	paid automatically 15th of the month
Lift Inspection												379.80	paid for 2023
Fire Alarm Monitoring												348.60	paid for 2023
Piano/Organ Tuning												450.00	invoice for pmt in July
Furnace Oil												31873.00	projected to year end, auto deduction
Church Light												3800.00	on budget to date
Church phone/internet												2250.00	on budget to date
Water Tax												650.00	paid quarterly
Benefit Concert												500.00	possible concert in August
<b>Total Property</b>												84415.00	annual budget estimate
Flowthru - Pres Sharing												8100.00	projected to yearend
Flowthru - BTH												580.00	to be paid in June
Flowthru - AMS												95.00	to be paid in June
Flowthru - WA												200.00	paid as received
<b>Total Flowthroughs</b>												8975.00	not budgeted what comes in goes out
Other - Coffee												43.00	actuals to date
Other - Worship Band												450.00	actuals to date
Other - Health & Safety												100.00	budget for AHD system
<b>Total Other</b>												1875.00	annual budget estimate
<b>Total</b>												303319.00	
												0	higher than \$302k due to flowthrus

While our finances are not good, we do get regular monthly donations (PAD, on Sundays, E-transfers) and from increasing rentals. Please consider this as you make choices about your donations to the church.

Thank you to all those who have made donations and continue to do so.

## **The June 11<sup>th</sup> version of what would you do for your Church?**

The hall foyer project is ramping up. Several different paint colors have been tried out on anyone who visits the church. And I believe, a color has been chosen. Being Newfoundland and Labrador, it's "Iceberg"!

So far we have one painter and we are looking for a couple more to join the party. If you have never painted before, please don't let that stop you. Our painter is an expert and can help get you with all kinds of tips and techniques. Please call Heather at (709) 722-2382 and let her know if you're interested.

Did you know that Wheels to Worship is still active, although is not being widely used. As a matter of fact, the last time it was used was back in March. This program allows anyone who wants to come to St. David's for a Sunday service or one of our groups, like Good Companions, to get a ride to and/or from St. David's. Call our taxi service (709) 744-4444 and the ride is free. Please let them know if you have any special needs, are using a wheelchair, have a baby or need a car seat.

Did you know that Wheels to Worship is one of our supported programs like Bridges to Hope (BTH) or Good Companions. Last year we received \$333.80 in targeted support for this program.

This past little while I've received several questions about the lighting in the sanctuary, its brightness and the yellow hue. This Saturday before the Plant Sale, I'll be taking a look at the lights. More on this next week.

I do welcome all types of participation, big and small, from everyone. I'm renewing my call: if there are any things that you'd like, or hope, to see happen, if you see a need we can undertake, or if you would just like to talk about our finances or the church and its outreach programs, please get in touch! We'd welcome your ideas, proposals, thoughts, or hopes.

If you are interested in how St. David's moves forward, if you have any thoughts, concerns, suggestions or want to be part of the discussion, please contact the church at 722-2382 or email us at [stdavids@nfld.com](mailto:stdavids@nfld.com).

## **Board of Managers**

The BOM is now a Board of seven!!

Ken Templeton, Anne Calver, Jill Bruneau, Nnenna Offia, Barbara Ellis, Heather Steele-Morrissey and Keegan Allen.

As mentioned before, we are still hoping to add to this number – so if you are curious about what is involved, please contact any member of the Board to discuss. We would be pleased to hear from you. Thank you!

## **Sunday School**

This Sunday, June 11, will be our last class. We invite all children and volunteers who have participated in our classes and activities since October to attend worship for special surprises and treats!

Then, on June 18, the summer kicks off with our friends from St. Andrew's at Sunshine Rotary Park for an open air worship service, weather permitting, or if rainy, in the Lodge there, followed by a BBQ picnic! Please join us!

During the summer, children will worship with their families, and while classes will pause, we hope to provide a special bulletin for the children each Sunday.

Wishing all the children, their families and our wonderful volunteers, many blessings of sunshine, rest, safety in travel and summer fun!



## **The Annual St. Andrews and St. David's Picnic - Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>!!!**

Please plan to attend the annual joint congregational picnic with our sister church, The Kirk, on **Sunday, June 18th at 11:00am ~ Rotary Sunshine Park, Thorburn Road.**

The Sunday service and picnic will go ahead rain (inside) **OR** shine (outside)!

The picnic: burgers will be provided and people are encouraged to bring either a side dish (salad, casserole, etc) or dessert as this is a potluck. Please bring your own plates and cutlery. Tea & coffee will be provided.

Every year we look forward to spending time with our friends from St. Andrew's . See you there!!

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Happy Birthday to Grace O'Grady** who is celebrating her 4th birthday on June 13<sup>th</sup>! Grace will be celebrating her special day with her mom and dad, Heidi Wells and Sean O'Grady, big sister, Claire, and grand-parents, Debbie and Doyle Wells, not to mention other family and friends. Your St. David's family hopes you have a fun-filled birthday Grace! All our love!

**Happy Birthday to Beli Hamid** who is celebrating her 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday on June 14<sup>th</sup>! Beli is the daughter of Rukiya Yusuf and Thomas Hamid and the younger sister of Shemsadin and Solomon. Much love Beli from your St. David's family! We hope you have a wonderful birthday and a fun-filled day!

**Happy Birthday to Steve Bruneau** who will be celebrating his birthday on June 12<sup>th</sup> with family and friends near and far, including his wife, Mary, and children, David and Laura, along with brother, Ian, and his family and of course, his mom, Jean Bruneau. Steve is a long-time member of St. David's – a tireless contributor of his



time and energy on the Session and the Future's Committee and on many other jobs and projects around our Church. Thank-you Steve for everything you do for us and from your St. David's family – best wishes for a very Happy Birthday with many more to come!

**Birthday wishes go out to Stewart Gillies** who will also be celebrating his birthday on June 12<sup>th</sup>! Stewart will be enjoying his day with family and friends, near and far, including his wife, Penny, and daughters, Allison, Kirsty, and Joanna and their families, and of course, favourite dog, Cleo! Stewart is a great friend of our congregation and often works behind the scenes to help us out with different projects and events. Your St. David's family wishes you a wonderful birthday and a great year ahead! Enjoy!

**Happy Birthday greetings to Bob Mallowney**, who will be celebrating his birthday on June 13<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends, near and far! Joining in the festivities will be Bob's wife, Jean, and their three sons – Robert Jr, David and Jimmy – along with other family and friends. It is going to be a week of celebrations for Bob as he and Jean celebrate their wedding anniversary on the 12<sup>th</sup>! Congratulations Bob from all your friends here at St. David's! Best wishes for the coming year!

**Another special birthday is coming up on June 13<sup>th</sup>: Betty Chancey** will be celebrating her special day on Tuesday with family and friends here at home and far away. Betty currently lives in Cambridge Estates and even though health issues have prevented her from coming to Church, she still stays in touch with her WA, AMS and Good Companions "buddies" and looks forward to hearing all the news from St. David's. Betty will be celebrating her big day with her daughter, Cathy (currently living in British Columbia) and Paul and his family here in St. John's, along with a host of good friends. Happy Birthday Betty from everyone here at St. David's and we hope you have a wonderful day. (If you would like to phone Betty and wish her a Happy Birthday, she can be reached at 576-0096.)

**Ashley St. Croix, will be celebrating her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 12<sup>th</sup>!** Ashley is the daughter of Susan and Frank St. Croix and the grand-daughter of Barbara Ellis. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a very Happy Birthday Ashley! We hope you have a wonderful day!

**Happy Anniversary to Jean and Bob Mallowney** who will be celebrating their 53rd wedding anniversary on June 12<sup>th</sup>! Jean and Bob are long-time members and supporters of St. David's. They have three sons – Robert Jr. (currently living in British Columbia with his family) and James and David (both here in St. John's). Congratulations to you both from everyone here at St. David's and may there be many more wonderful years ahead to enjoy!

**Just a word of congratulations to all our 2023 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 Events and Activities**

**Plant Sale at St. David's ~ Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to noon.**

But we will need help... we will need people to help out at the Plant Sale!

We have had a lot of positive feedback to the news of a Plant Sale!!! SO please do continue to spread the word!!

**Starting Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, we will start receiving hardier plants that we can leave outdoors in the covered area just outside the Tower door ~ this area is often referred to as the “Breezeway”. Please be sure to identify and label your plants so we know how to group them and are able to give that info to the purchaser. Thank you.**

**We would be delighted to accept any tender plants, such as vegetables and annuals on Saturday morning prior to the start of the sale – preferably, around 9:00am. Again, please have these plants identified and labelled. Thank you!**

### **The NFLD Presbyterial meeting**

**The St. Andrew’s AMS and St. David’s AMS will meet on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at The Kirk from 1:30 to 4:30pm.**

The theme is Christmas in June and the guest speaker is Bruce Templeton.

Come for a time of fellowship and lunch. There will be “a bring and buy”.

For more info please contact Penny Gillies. Thank you!

### **Conversation Club**

A new venture for St. David’s is taking place on **Wednesday mornings from 11:00am to 12noon...** Members and friends helping our new Ukrainian neighbours learn English. For more information on how you can help, please contact Penny Gillies, or Heather in the office. Thank you.

### **Good Companions – Year end luncheon and afternoon**

On Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate spring & summer with a luncheon before breaking until fall. The luncheon will start at 12:30pm, followed by the regular afternoon activities. Please do plan to attend

**Food For Thought** The Food for Thought fellowship, prayer, and discussion group for young adults holds weekly meetings by Zoom. For information contact Ernst Rollmann at [ernstrollmann12@gmail.com](mailto:ernstrollmann12@gmail.com).

## **Muffin Making Mondays**

Looking for volunteers to make muffins for Bridges to Hope...

On Monday mornings here in the church kitchen, volunteers gather to make muffins, to offer a little something sweet as an addition to the food hampers at Bridges to Hope.

Please consider giving a couple of hours of your time to assist ~ all supplies are provided. Call Heather in the office to put your name on the sign up sheet

## **Bridges to Hope:**

### **Weekly "Flyer" Specials – Useful items for Bridges To Hope – June 8 – 14, 2023**

No Frills: Campbell's Soup - \$0.79

Walmart: Kraft Dinner - \$0.97

Dominion: Graves Apple Juice - \$0.99

Lady Speed Stick Deodorant - \$1.99

Shoppers Drug Mart: Colgate or Crest Toothpaste - \$0.88

**Bridges To Hope** are asking their partner churches to contribute a specific item each month and the item for **JUNE** is **personal care items** – *shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.* Other non-perishable food items are always welcome and appreciated!

**Bridges To Hope** are also in need of **cat food (hard & soft)**. They don't need dog food as they have a steady supply from the Doghouse store downtown.

## **The General Protestant Cemetery Trustee Board Announcement**

The dates for the Memorial Services are as follows:

### **Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Hamilton Avenue Extension**

Monday, July 3, 2023 at 7 P.M.

### **General Protestant Cemetery, Topsail Road**

Monday, July 17, 2023 at 7 P.M.

### **Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 25 Beaumont Hamel Way**

Monday, July 31, 2023 at 7 P.M.

### **Please note:**

In the event of inclement weather, the services will move ahead to 7 P.M. the next evening.

**Mission Moment – Presbyterian World Service & Development**  
**Sunday, June 11th, 2023**



**Prema and her five children live in the Umerkot district of Pakistan. After her husband’s death, Prema found it very difficult to provide for her family, and severe drought throughout the district only brought more hardship. Her eldest son tried hard to find work so that he could help support his mother and siblings, but despite his best efforts, his job prospects were limited due to a physical disability. A glimmer of hope came when Prema and her family were selected for a food assistance project run by Presbyterian World Service & Development’s local partner. The food aid that Prema’s family has received through the project has helped them to become more resilient to future adverse events.**