



News from the Pews for Sunday, August 20th, 2023

“News from the Pews”, contains stories, pictures and happenings from, by and for the members of the congregation. It also contains Birthdays and Anniversaries, a Treasurer’s Update, News form other Church Groups, Boards and Committees, 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...

Treasurer's Report

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 who are continuing to donate to your church through your envelopes on Sunday mornings, by e-transfers, or through your monthly PAD contributions. My thanks go out to elders and friends who happily and gladly pick-up envelopes from those not able to get out and help by dropping them off at the church office.

By the way, the sole email address we are using to accept donations is stdavidsnfld@gmail.com and this one is linked to our bank account and it will automatically accept all donations.

Futures Committee

The Futures Committee will be meeting on Aug 23rd to review our status on activities undertaken over the summer and in preparation for the first meeting of Session in September.

Session Report

The June meeting was the last before summer. Session did have one special meeting over the summer, their next scheduled meeting is in September.

Board of Managers

The Board consists of Ken Templeton, Anne Calver, Jill Bruneau, Neena Offia, Barbara Ellis, Heather Steele-Morrissey and Keegan Allen. The June meeting was also their last before summer, although if required, virtual meetings may occur as the situation warrants.

The Board is hoping to add new members as a family group or individuals, please get in touch with any member of the Board if you are interested. We would be pleased to hear from you!

The August 20th version of What Would you do for your Church?

During the summer, activities at the church wind down, somewhat. So, this is more about what we have done and continue to do.

Throughout the summer: we have church every Sunday, the service is broadcast over Zoom and on YouTube using our new camera system, someone will be in the office, various rentals are continuing, and a few new ones are starting, the grass is still growing, the plants may need some water and dead heading, the trees and hedges may need a brush cut, and so on. My thanks to our hardy gardeners!

Update on the Concerts

The concert series (Brian Way and Friends) is a success in several ways. The people attending the concerts are, for the most part, not members of this church. The stats for the first concert indicate that 75% of the people attending were from outside our congregation. We also sold out the tickets we had printed. I'm waiting on the stats from the second concert.

For the next concert, we have increased slightly the number of tickets available. We also continue with the relaxed informal friendly concept, which has garnered questions from some other venues about our concerts.

Circle Meeting Facilitation Training

We have had some interest in the invitation to participate on training for these circles, including one new member of our church. Once the church gets back into its fall schedule, we will be looking for increased interest, just contact the Office.

Driveway and Front Entrance Repairs

Repairs have been started on the front entranceway... We are in the process of getting quotes for further restorative work that will be happening in the near future. We ask for your patience during this time.

The side entrance into the Narthex is always available on Sundays as a means to enter the Sanctuary. Thank you!

I'm renewing my call: if there are any things that you'd like, want, 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, and hopes. If you are interested in how St. David's moves forward, please contact the church at 722-2382 or email us at stdavids@nfld.com.

Sunday School

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. We hope all the children, their families and our volunteers have a happy, healthy summer with sunny days, safe travels, plenty of rest and all kinds of summer fun!

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, near and far, 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 year. 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 52nd 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.

St. David's Upcoming Events and Notices

Summer Concert Series

An Evening of Classical Music with tenor David Pomeroy and soprano Melanie Jardine.

This concert is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 30th at 8pm**, in the church hall. And we are thrilled to announce that **Noelle Slaney** will be joining this evening's performance. Welcome back Noelle!

More concerts have been proposed and details will be forthcoming. Tickets for the concerts are \$25 and will be available from the office, by calling (709) 722-2382 or emailing us at stdavids@nfld.com.

Please see the bulletin board in the Tower entrance for other Community Announcements!

Bridges to Hope:

Weekly "Flyer" Specials – Useful items for Bridges To Hope – August 17 - 23, 2023

Sobeys: Campbell's Soup - \$0.99

Dominion: Graves Juice – 1 L - \$0.99

Shoppers Drug Mart: Colgate Toothpaste/Toothbrush - \$0.88

No Frills: Palmolive Liquid Dish Soap - \$1.25

Walmart: Ben's Original Fast & Fancy Rice - \$0.97

Allen's Juice or Drinks – 8 Pack - \$2.47

Colemans: Jade Mandarin Oranges - \$0.99

Jello Jelly Powders - \$0.88

Bridges To Hope are asking their partner churches to contribute a specific item each month and the item for **AUGUST is Kid's snacks – applesauce, granola bars, juice boxes, 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.

Bridges To Hope - Bag to School 2023

We have the wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young students in our community through Bridges to Hope's Bag to School Program, which we have supported for over a decade. Due to the extreme demand and rising costs to provide essential school supplies and equip these children for a successful academic year, they need to raise over \$25,000 this year. Let's come together as a church family to empower these students and demonstrate the true spirit of compassion and care. You can donate directly at www.bridgestohope.ca

Thank you and have a good weekend,

Jody Williams

Executive Director

Bridges to Hope Food Aid Center

Visit with Elizabeth Thistle

This past week, Brian and I were on the West coast of the Island enjoying a few days of hiking and exploring. One the things I wanted to do while I was there, was visit Elizabeth Thistle. Elizabeth is living in the Mountain View Retirement Home in Corner Brook. I had a grand visit with her! She showed me her room (very sunny with a large window) and then took me on a tour through the facility. She explained what activities went on in each space and introduced me to a couple of her friends. She misses her St. David's friends and her "buddies" from Masonic Park", but she is close to her daughter, Margo, who lives in Corner Brook, and she is content with her new home and her friends. Plus, the food is great and she doesn't have to prepare it or clean up!

I did promise her that I would say "Hello" to everyone back here from her and that *"...if you are visiting Corner Brook any time, she would love to see you!"*

Musical Map of Newfoundland and Labrador

A couple of weeks ago I was listening to CBC radio and discovered a great website that has a connection to one of our St. David's members - Heather Patey. It's the Musical Map of Newfoundland and Labrador and can be found at this website:

[Musical Map of Newfoundland and Labrador](#)

The website is a project of the Soundbone Traditional Arts Foundation and was a labour of love of several well known musicians, including Heather. I encourage you to check out the website!

Update on our Zoom and YouTube Links

For those of you who view our services on-line via Zoom or YouTube, you may have noticed several things in the past two weeks. We have a new camera operating remotely. It's situated up on the wall of the gallery above the clock and "Boy, does it work well!" We've gotten at least one email saying how great the picture is and the sound has also improved. The camera's settings allow us to have five predefined views (minister's lectern, reader's lectern, front of church view, baptismal font, and church steps) and we can possibly have more "set" views – like the Christmas tree, the plaque for November 11th service, the stained-glass windows, the Memorial Tree or make subtle changes like those. The sound has also improved since it "thinks" about where the sound is coming from (we do have five operational mikes) and it dampens the other mikes = improved sound. The camera has a great zoom feature allowing the operator to zoom onto the person reading the Bible, or speaking with the kids, etc. . The laptop is set-up for the next six weeks, having both the Zoom and six YouTube addresses ready to roll. Using this camera, we can now also record funerals and perhaps, weddings.

By the time you will have read this, David has been busy training people in its use and we will have at least five people who are able to operate the camera.

Mission Moment – Presbyterian World Service & Development Sunday, August 20th, 2023



On World Humanitarian Day, we honour countless individuals who have dedicated themselves to making a difference in the lives of others. Humanitarian work is often challenging, and those undertaking it face many risks, yet they continue to work tirelessly, motivated to help others and improve the world. From PWS&D partners who deliver food, water, and other essential supplies to those who work without respite to rebuild communities after disasters, humanitarian workers play a crucial role in ensuring the well-being of those in need. We also recognize the need for sustained support and investment in humanitarian efforts to address the root causes of human-made crises and provide lasting solutions for those in need. On World Humanitarian Day, let us recognize humanitarian workers and renew our commitment to supporting their vital work.