



News from the Pews for Sunday, August 27th, 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

We are having a very good summer, although not necessarily weather-wise. Our finances are stable, we have not used any more of our Line of Credit (LOC). While we still owe monies, we are increasing our rentals and the concert series is very popular right now. We do get regular monthly donations via the PAD, on Sundays, and through E-transfers).

Next week will be September and you may expect a look at what's come in, what has been spent and what we still owe. Meanwhile, thank you to all who are continuing to donate to your church. 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 met on Aug 23rd and reviewed the activities undertaken over the summer, in preparation for providing an update for the first meeting of Session in September.

The August 27th 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!

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!

Summer Concert Series

An Evening of Classical Music with tenor David Pomeroy and sopranos Melanie Jardine and Noelle Slaney

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 and the tickets were sold out. The second concert had 66% of the people being people outside the church. We made profits on each concert. The third concert is so successful, we increased the number of tickets, added a second show and both shows are sold out. We also are continuing 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 have received three quotes for review, regarding our pavement repairs and restorative work. We hope for the work to commence in the very near future. We ask for your continued 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 28 – September 3)

Birthday greetings to Claire O'Grady who will be celebrating her 8th birthday on August 28th 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 32nd wedding anniversary on August 30th! Congratulations from your St. David's family and best wishes for many more wonderful years ahead for both of you!

Happy Anniversary to Catherine and Richard Bailey who will be celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary on August 30th! 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.

Stories with Pics

Anne Calver has a new flock of chicks. They made an appearance this week when Anne came in for meetings and to help with a clean-up of the church and hall. Sheena was pleased to see the chicks and was equally pleased when Anne handed her one. She made sure it could not escape, take a close look at her hands!



Bridges to Hope:

Weekly "Flyer" Specials – Useful items for Bridges To Hope – August 24 - 30, 2023

Dominion: Campbell's Soup - \$0.89

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

No Frills: Maxwell House Instant Coffee - \$2.88

Unico Diced Tomatoes – 2/\$2.88

Walmart: Mr. Noodles Instant Noodles - \$0.27

Kraft Dinner (KD) – 12 pack - \$9.47

Colemans: Catelli Pasta - \$1.77

Lawtons: Heinz Tomato Soup - \$0.79

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

Mission Moment – Presbyterian World Service & Development
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St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor, NL, has a long history of responding to the gospel of God's love in Christ through acts of kindness and care for their neighbours. One of the many ways that they live out this mission is through a knitting ministry that produces hundreds of hats as well as mitts and booties for newborns at the local hospital. And the ministry is growing! Another church has recently joined in their mission, allowing them to expand and provide baby sweaters, slippers and booties to several groups that serve the tiniest members of the community. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support St. Matthew's in its ministry.