



News from the Pews – Sunday, February 11th, 2024

“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 from other Church Groups, Boards and Committees, special requests from Bridges to Hope, News from the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and of course Special Events happening at St. David’s. There is also the “Features with Pictures” page(s), this will have little stories and pictures of happenings at St. David’s.

Minister's Message



Oliver, celebrating the victory of climbing a big pile of snow in the Sobeys' parking lot.

"To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings." 1 Corinthians 9:22-23

During our worship services on Sundays, I'm always grateful for the times when I get to sit down and listen. I love to read the scriptures out loud, but I'm just as glad to have the opportunity to just sit and listen to the elder reading and take a moment to ponder what I'm hearing. Sometimes my mind wanders a bit, as it does for us all, but sometimes I hear something I hadn't noticed before, even with readings that I've chosen and had on my mind for the week before.

This past Sunday, there was one word that jumped out at me when I heard it read, from our 1 Corinthians reading. Paul writes about becoming "all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save **some**."

I thought about the picture we have of Paul as a preacher and missionary without equal, so instrumental in the earliest spread of the Gospel and forming the early church. As the missionary to the Gentiles, it was Paul who took the Christian faith beyond its Jewish cultural roots. As non-Jewish people, we are the spiritual descendants of those Paul worked to reach. Truly his ministry was a success for the ages, with an impact that continues to shape the world millenia later.

And yet, Paul didn't win every time. Even though he was able to become all things for all people, he himself says he could only save **some**.

Too often, we fail to celebrate the little victories. May you remember Paul this week, if you only win some of your battles. May you not allow the things that don't work out the way you wanted to rob you of your joy for those that do. May you celebrate the small mountains you climb, and the single victories you win. For not even Paul succeeded all the time. God's house is full of people who fail just as often as they succeed, and that is good news for us!

Bouwina Fogwill – Condolences



April 2023 Birthday Party

The sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to the Fogwill family on the passing of Bouwina Fogwill on February 5, 2024. Bouwina was a treasured member of St. David's Church for many years. Many of us in the congregation had the privilege of knowing Bouwina and sharing time with her. Those are special memories that will be cherished and held forever in our hearts.

The funeral notice for Bouwina can be found on Carnell's Funeral Home website <https://www.carnells.com/obituaries/bouwina-fogwill/>

Visitation at Carnell's on Sunday, February 11th from 2-4pm and 7-9pm.

The Funeral will be held at St. David's on Monday, February 12th at 11:00am followed by a reception in the Hall.

Funeral Live-Stream Link:

<https://youtube.com/live/VOeKuyuoLSU?feature=share>

Obituary

It is with a saddened heart that we announce the peaceful passing of Bouwina Fogwill.

Bouwina leaves to mourn her loving children Frank, Margaret Heffernan (Tim), Bill (Sherry). Her grandchildren, Shane (Julie) and Kyle Heffernan, and Nicholas Fogwill, who all shared a special bond with their Oma. She treasured their conversations and followed all their adventures. She was blessed with two sisters, Kay Korpel (Case), St. John's and Johanna De Buck (Piet), Netherlands. Bouwina treasured her large circle of family and friends, they brought much joy to her life.

Born in the Netherlands, she embarked on an adventure that led her to Canada, where she embraced her adopted country with open arms. Mom was a remarkable woman whose journey spanned continents and touched countless lives through her church activities by knitting prayer shawls for those needing comfort, hats, scarves, and mittens for those needing warmth, and pneumonia vests for newborns in underdeveloped countries.

Mom was an active member of St. David's church community. She led the prayer shawl and knitting groups, enjoyed bowling, participated in fundraising activities, and was treasurer of the Atlantic Mission Society. Her extended church family contributed in creating a beautiful memory for her earlier this year, when she celebrated her 93rd birthday in Dutch style.

Mom was proud of her Dutch heritage and liked to share her experiences of being a young girl in WWII's triumphs, setbacks and witnessing her country being liberated by Canada. She honoured and never forgot the sacrifices these soldiers made. These experiences contributed to her zest for life, inspiring those around her to embrace each day with gratitude.

Mom continued to work until the age of 70. She was proud to be employed by the Department of National Defence at CFS St. John's until she retired. She will be forever remembered by her co-workers as "Foggy".

As the sun sets on mom's earthly journey, we celebrate a life well-lived. Her legacy lives on in the hearts of those who knew her—a legacy of love, faith, and storytelling.

Cremation has taken place, funeral and visitation details to be released. Donations in honour of Bouwina may be made to St. David's Church or Bridges To Hope.

Our Fooduary Events Schedule:

Tuesday February 13th: Pancake Tuesday Supper. Please come and join us for our yearly celebration before Lent begins. The menu will include Pancakes, Halliday's Sausages, Baked Beans, and Dessert. Freewill donations are gratefully accepted, but not required. Invite a friend!

Sunday February 18th: "A Taste of Home" International Potluck following the service. Please bring a dish that reminds you of home, wherever home may be. All are welcome, and there will be cake!

Sunday February 25th: A special presentation will be made by Jody Williams, Executive director of Bridges to Hope food bank in our morning service. Let's show him our generosity and finish Fooduary with a mountain of donations for the hungry!

February has been designated “Food-uary” at St. David’s and we are encouraging everyone to contribute non-perishable food items for Bridges to Hope. Wondering what to bring? Below is a list of the contents of a Full Hamper for 1-2 people which might help!

HAMPER CONTENTS – FULL (1 or 2 People)

Milk (Canned)	Beans (Canned)	Vegetables (Canned or fresh)
Soup (Canned or homemade)	Meat /Fish(Canned)	Pasta (Canned)
Fruit (Canned or fresh)	Juice (if available)	Dry Pasta/Rice
Pasta Sauce (1 can/bottle)	Cereal (1 box/bag)	Bread Product (1 loaf)
Margarine (113g block - 1/2 cup)	Tea/Coffee (1 portion)	Sugar (1 portion)
Eggs	Crackers	Kraft Dinner (1 pkg.)

HAMPER CONTENTS – EMERGENCY (1 or 2 People)

Milk (Canned)	Beans (Canned)	Soup (Canned or homemade)
Meat /Fish(Canned)	Pasta (Canned)	Kraft Dinner
Fruit (Canned or fresh) cup)	Buns or rolls (1 pkg.)	Margarine (113g block - 1/2
Crackers	Oatmeal	Tea/Coffee (1 portion)
Sugar (1 portion)	Snack items	

Families with children also get “School Kits” for each child, made up of juice boxes (4) granola bars (2) fruit bars (2) and Goldfish crackers. Cheese strings and two (2) pieces of fresh fruit are added at time of distribution.

Other items not listed, such as personal care items – shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, dish detergent, laundry detergent, toilet tissue, feminine hygiene products, etc. are most welcome and appreciated!

Also, clients often ask for: cooking oil, peanut butter, jam, Cheez Whiz, cookies, cake mix and other baking items,

Simply put, any food item that you would normally purchase/use would be helpful!

Treasurer's Report

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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries (February 12 - February 18)

Happy Birthday to Valda Morrissey who will be celebrating her 91st birthday on February 14th – Valentine's Day! Valda will be celebrating her special day with son, Fred, daughter-in-law, Heather (Steele), and other friends and well-wishers. Best wishes and warm thoughts from your St. David's family!

Happy Birthday to Alexander Bruneau who will be celebrating his birthday on February 14th! Alexander will be celebrating his big day with family and friends including his mom and dad – Jill and Ian Bruneau, siblings, Samantha and Timothy, aunts, uncles and cousins and of course, his grandmother, Jean Bruneau. Best wishes for a great day, Alexander from everyone here at St. David's!

Happy Birthday to Lila Quinton who will be celebrating her 2nd birthday on February 14! Lila is the daughter of Melissa Smallwood and Josh Quinton. Lila will be celebrating this special day with her mom and dad, big brother, Ethan, proud grandparents, Becky and Leith Quinton, aunts, uncles and cousins and all her little friends. Much love Lila from your St. David's family and we hope you have a wonderful birthday!

Happy Birthday greetings to Jackson McLean, who will be celebrating his birthday on Thursday, February 15th, with family and friends – near and far! Jackson is the son of Christine and John McLean, who are currently living in Nova Scotia. Best wishes Jackson from your St. David's family - we hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy Birthday to Nadia Shalaby who will be celebrating her birthday on February 16th! Nadia will be sharing her big day with her mom and dad, Tanya and Nabil, sister, Christina, and other family and friends, near and far. We hope you have a wonderful birthday Nadia, and best wishes for the coming year!

Birthday greetings to Junup Chol who will be celebrating his 18th birthday on February 16th. Junup is the son of John Chol and Nyayalyal Gang-Luai. (John and Nyayalyal are former members of St. David's and are still in close contact with many members of the congregation.) Best wishes Junup for a wonderful birthday from all your friends here at St. David's. We hope you have a great day!

Happy Birthday to Nnenna Offia, who will be celebrating her birthday on February 18th! Sharing in Nnenna's special day will be her daughters,

Nnene, Harriet, and Deborah along with other family and friends, near and far. Nnenna is a current member of the Board of Managers and helps out with our Sunday School activities. Her enthusiasm and energy are inspiring! Your St. David's family wishes you a wonderful birthday and best wishes for the coming year!

Happy Birthday to Sam Johnson who will be celebrating his birthday on February 15th! Sam is well known to many here at St. David's. On more than one occasion, Sam has taken our Church service when Rev. Sturtevant has been away and just recently, Sam has joined our Good Companions group as one of our enthusiastic bowlers! Sam will be celebrating his special day with his daughter and son-in-law, Monica and Mike McNeil, his grandson, Ben, and other family and friends, near and far. Best wishes, Sam, from everyone here at St. David's and we hope you have a wonderful 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


St. David's Upcoming Events and Notices:

Sunday School

We're making Valentines today. Memory verse is Mark 11:23-25

AMS

On **Sunday, February 11** please plan on coming to AMS after worship. Our

theme is “ Love  is all you need” Everyone is welcome.

Penny

The Board of Managers will meet on **Thursday, Feb. 15th at 7:30pm** in the Armour Room and over Zoom.

Session will meet on **Tuesday, Feb. 20th at 7:30pm** in the Armour Room and over Zoom.

The Future's Committee will meet on **Wednesday, Feb 21st at 7:00pm** in the Armour Room and over Zoom.

Looking for Girl Guide Cookies! The chocolate mint variety is now available. If you're interested in purchasing or ordering some, Nnene and Harriet Offia will be happy to help you with that. Cost is \$6.00 per box. See either of the girls on Sunday morning.

Bible Study

“Sandwich and Scriptures”, the St. David’s Bible Study group takes place in the **Armour Room every Wednesday at 12:30 pm** ~ so bring your lunch and we will make the tea (or coffee!), we would be delighted to have you join us! **Start date for the New Year is Wed. Feb. 14th, the first day of Lent.**

Pickle Ball games for our congregation

Pickleball takes place every **Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 4 pm**. If you’d like more information, or if would like to get some education on the rules and instruction on how to play, please contact the office.

Good Companions

The **Good Companions** is a seniors group that meets once a week in the church hall and Armour Room to share in some activities. If you would like to try your hand at carpet bowling, join a game of bridge or 120’s or maybe a friendly game of Scrabble. Please join us on **Thursday afternoon Feb. 15th from 2 to 4 pm**. All are welcome!

Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange

Who doesn't love a good Jigsaw Puzzle?!

Well, the Good Companions Group has started a Jigsaw Puzzle exchange... you will find the Jigsaw Puzzles in the locked grey cabinet just outside the Armour Room. (The key for the cabinet is kept in the office.) Management of the puzzles will be done on an 'Honour System' – anybody can leave a puzzle or take a puzzle. And you can take as long as you like to complete. Should you have any questions, comments or suggestions, you may leave them at the office for Charlie Goobie and he will contact you promptly! 😊

Bridges to Hope

Weekly "Flyer" Specials – February 8 - 14, 2024 - Items helpful for food hampers:

Walmart -	Campbell's Soup - \$0.77
Lawtons -	Colgate Toothpaste - \$0.88
	Flakes of Ham – 4/\$5.50
Dominion -	Colgate Toothpaste - \$0.99t

The suggested item(s) for **February 2024**, especially useful for Bridges To Hope – **Juice – 1 Litre**. 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

Mission Moment for Sunday, February 11h, 2024



In response to an invitation from Palestinian Christians, the PCC (through Presbyterians Sharing) sent Robyn Ahn (St. Andrew's, Barrie) and Urwah Rasool (Unionville PC, ON) to Palestine/Israel through the Journey for Justice program hosted by the PCC's partner, Joint Advocacy Initiative of the East Jerusalem YMCA/YWCA. With 23 other young people, they experienced the daily life of Palestinian youth, listening to their stories and seeing first-hand how occupying measures impacted them. It was an unforgettable, eye-opening experience for Robyn and Urwah.