



News from the Pews – Sunday, February 25th, 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.

Our Fooduary Events Schedule:

On Sunday February 25th:

During the service on Sunday morning, there will be a special presentation made by Jody Williams, Executive Director of Bridges to Hope food bank. Let's show him our generosity and finish Fooduary with a mountain of donations for the hungry!

In the final days of “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) Buns or rolls (1 pkg.) Margarine (113g block - 1/2 cup)

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 stdavidsnfd@gmail.com and this one is linked to our bank account and it will automatically accept all donations.**

Tax receipts for 2023 are available for pick up in the Narthex on Sunday and in the office on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Any not picked up by 1:00pm on Wednesday, Feb. 28th, will be mailed.

Birthdays and Anniversaries (February 19 – March 3rd)

Happy Birthday to a very special little boy, Orson Sturtevant, who will be celebrating his 5th birthday on February 19th! Orson will be celebrating his special day with his parents, Michelle and David Sturtevant, big brother, Oliver, his grandparents and aunts and uncles in Ontario, and lots of other friends near and far. Let's not forget all your little furry friends who will be there for all the fun! Your St. David's family wishes you a fun-filled day Orson. Much love from everyone!

Happy Birthday to Chelsea Critch who will be celebrating with her family and friends, near and far, on February 22nd. Chelsea is the daughter of Jennifer Critch, and grand-daughter of Jean and Clayton Collins. Best wishes Chelsea from everyone here at St. David's and we hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy Birthday to Stephen Bonnell who will be celebrating his birthday on February 20th! Stephen will be celebrating his special day with family and friends, far and wide, including his wife, Denise, and their children, his mom and dad, Eleanor and Aubrey Bonnell, his brother, Scott and his family, along with many aunts, uncles and cousins. Best wishes Steve from all your friends here at St. David's and we wish you a wonderful year ahead!

Happy Birthday wishes go out to a dear friend of many here at St. David's, Barbara Ellis, who is celebrating her big day on February 26th! Barbara will be celebrating with numerous family and friends, near and far. Barbara has 3 daughters (Lynn, Susan and Fiona who all live in St. John's or close by with their families) and 1 son (Neil who currently resides in Ontario). Besides her "St. David's Family", Barbara has many wonderful friends in Florida. Barbara has been – and continues to be – involved with many Church groups and activities over the years, including Sunday School, the Brownies, Girl Guides, Pathfinders, Rangers, CGIT, the WMS/AMS, the WA, Good Companions, Bible Study and the Board of Managers. Best wishes, Barbara from all your

friends here at St. David's! We hope you have a wonderful day and may there be many more!

Happy Birthday to Gregory Hicks. Greg will be celebrating his birthday on February 27th with family and friends, including his mom and dad, Susan and Frazer Hicks and his proud grand-mother, Shirley Fraize. We hope you have a great birthday, Greg!

Happy Birthday greetings to Jean Bruneau who will be celebrating her birthday on the 3rd of March! Jean is a longtime member and supporter of St. David's and all our events and initiatives. Over the years Jean has played an important role in the life and fellowship of our congregation. She has served on the Board of Managers, edited and published our St. David's newsletter for many years, ensured we all did our part with recycling, and up until COVID-19, was an active and enthusiastic member of our Good Companions group. Jean holds a special place in our hearts. Jean will be sharing her birthday quietly with her family – sons, Stephen and Ian and their families, including her many grand-children, near and far. Best wishes Jean from your St. David's family! We'll be thinking of you!

Happy Birthday greetings to Kyle Sampson who will be celebrating his birthday on the March 2nd! Kyle is a longtime member and supporter of St. David's and was Chair of the Board of Managers for many years. Kyle will be celebrating his big day with his wife, Sonia and two sons, Tyler and Barrett. Best wishes Kyle from all your friends here at St. David's! We hope you have a wonderful birthday!

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:

Please save the date!!

The International Potluck ~ "A Taste of Home", has been rescheduled for **Sunday, March 10th** following the service. Please bring a dish that reminds you of home, wherever home may be.

All are welcome!

Sunday School

Memory verse is Mark 11:23-25. Today's lesson: Dear God, help us realize that the only life that lasts is a life lived for You.

Thank you to all our Sunday school volunteers for your dedication to our children. If you would like to help out with Sunday School please email sarah_mcmeeekin@hotmail.com

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.

WA (Women's Auxiliary) Meeting

The next meeting of the **WA** will be held on **Tuesday, February 27th, 2024 at noon in the Armour Room** to discuss and plan upcoming events, including the next Bridge Party.

Bible Study

Anyone interested in Bible Study, please contact Rev. David at 709-699-3661 for more information. Thank you! 😊

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 you 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. 29 from 2 to 4 pm**. All are welcome!

Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange Who doesn't love a good Jigsaw Puzzle?!

Well, the Good Companions Group have 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 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 22 - 28, 2024 - Items helpful for food hampers:

Walmart -

Kraft Dinner (KD) - 12 for \$9.97

Palmolive Dishwashing Detergent - \$1.97

Colemans -

Clark Beans – 5/\$5.00

Maple Leaf Vienna Sausage – 5/\$5.00

Jade Mandarin Oranges – 5/\$5.00

No Frills

Unico Diced Tomatoes - \$0.99

Palmolive Dishwashing Liquid - \$1.25

The suggested item(s) for **March 2024**, especially useful for Bridges To Hope – **Beans**. Other non-perishable food items are always welcome and appreciated!

Features with Pictures (February 13)

On Shrove Tuesday (February 13th), the WA, with help from some super chefs, sponsored a Pancake Supper at the Church Hall. The supper was open to members from the community as well as from our congregation - and we had a wonderful turnout! There was plenty to eat including pancakes, of course, Halliday sausages (a big hit), baked beans and ice-cream with chocolate fingers for dessert. It was a great time, enjoyed by all who were there.

Many thanks to all who participated: our setup and take-down crews, our dish-washers and our hard-working chefs (Leith Quinton, Stewart Gillies, David Sturtevant, and Ken Templeton) who cooked literally hundreds of pancakes and 45 pounds of Halliday sausages!! (The ladies felt a bit guilty sitting around drinking tea while the men cooked, but the guilt didn't last long!)

Below are a couple of pictures taken by Penny Gillies and Heather Morrissey.



Bridge Party – February 20, 2024

This past week, the WA hosted the February Bridge Party (February 20th). As usual, we had an enthusiastic group of bridge players come for lunch and then stay to enjoy an afternoon of playing their favourite game. The homemade soups and desserts were enjoyed by our guests. Everyone was so happy to be able to come, especially after the stormy week we had just experienced. We were delighted to see everyone again! All in all, it was a fun afternoon with much laughter and chatting. The next bridge party will be on **March 19th!**

Many thanks from the WA to all those who volunteered to make this afternoon a great success – our set-up and take-down crews, our "souper" cooks and "delectable dessert" bakers, our dessert "plater", our kitchen staff and servers, and our dirty dishes cleanup team. We couldn't do it without you! Thank-you all!

Unfortunately, we do not have any pictures from Tuesday but stay tuned for March!

Mission Moment for Sunday, February 25th, 2024



“We really appreciate the program, as we are in dire need to keep the education going for our kids,” shared a grateful parent. For Afghan children who sought refuge in Pakistan, education is often out of reach because they are not nationals. PWS&D supports the Digital Learning Center in Peshawar, which provides out-of-school children and adults with basic digital literacy classes, high school courses and tutoring sessions that aim to help a total of 520 students. Students and their family members are benefiting from the Darakht-e Danesh Library, which provides free and open educational resources on such topics as math, language, business and the sciences. Students access classes both in English and Dari/Farsi, equipping them with essential skills and providing hope for those who have lost so much, broadening their opportunities for the future.