



News from the Pews – Sunday, June 2nd, 2024

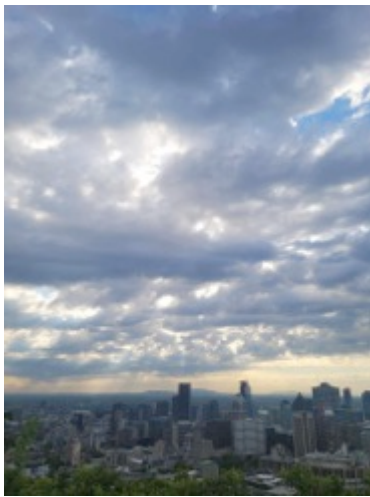
“News from the Pews”, contains stories, pictures and happenings from, by and for the members of the congregation. It also contains Birthdays and Anniversaries, a Treasurer’s Update, News from other Church Groups, Boards and Committees, special requests from Bridges to Hope, News from the Presbyterian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

Rev. David's Message

This past week, I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Equip and Encourage conference back at the Montreal seminary I attended years ago. This conference is connected to the ongoing mentorship group I am a part of, and had lectures by numerous renowned scholars, moving worship services with top-notch preaching by the principal of the College, and most importantly, lots of time for the group of thirty plus ministers attending to get to know each other and build relationships. I spent more time talking with the people in my mentorship group during this event than I have in the whole time I've known them.

I give thanks to God for the work I do, and for the generosity of this congregation that pays for my annual study allowance. There is no substitute for friends in ministry, and it is too easy to fall into isolation out here in Newfoundland.

It also didn't hurt that the weather was beautiful, and gave me plenty of opportunity to explore La Belle Ville and enjoy some of the old spots Michelle and I used to visit pre-kids. Next year, I am hoping to make it a family trip!



A view from the top of Mount Royal,
a climb that made me feel right at home!



Smoked Meat Poutine at La Banquise
It was, without a doubt, too much.



Warm, fresh Montreal bagels
from the iconic bagel shop St. Viateur



The aftermath of one of our group sessions at the college, making art and getting to know each other. Can you guess which one is mine?



Too hot for this Newfoundlander, but alright for a short visit!

St. David's Men's Group

There has been interest in starting up a **men's group**, a casual get-together to foster friendships, learn new skills, and mentor each other in our Christian walk. If you would be interested in participating and have ideas for what you would like to do as part of this group, please reach out to

Rev. David at rev.sturtevant@gmail.com or to

Keegan Allen at kgwallen96@gmail.com

Annual Congregational Picnic with St. Andrew's

Every year during the month of June, the St. David's and St. Andrew's congregations join together to celebrate the beginning of summer with worship, fellowship and a picnic in the great outdoors!!

This year the picnic will be held on Sunday, June 16th at The North Park Lodge in Pippy Park. The Worship Service will start at 11:00am followed by the picnic.

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 lawn chairs, 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!!

Treasurer's Report

I'd like to thank the WA who came through this week with a donation to the church from all their hard work over the fall, winter and spring. This donation means that there is sufficient money to pay our current commitments. Again many thanks to the hardworking members of the WA and to the people who join them in making the Bridge Parties the success that they are.

I'd also like to remind people that if something seems to be going astray: if there is water coming in somewhere unusual, if the heat in a room is enough to fry an egg, or if the lights don't come on when you flip the switch, please let someone know. Please call or email the office.

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 (June 3 – June 9)

Happy Birthday to Ian Bruneau who will be celebrating his birthday on June 9th with family and friends near and far. Ian's family – wife, Jill, and children, Alexander, Samantha and Timothy, along with brother, Stephen, and his family and of course, his mom, Jean Bruneau – will ensure a special day is in store. Ian is a long-serving elder here at St. David's along with being our Envelope Secretary. Happy Birthday Ian from all your friends here at St. David's! Best wishes for a great day!

Birthday wishes go out to Joseph Craig who will be celebrating his birthday on June 9th! Joseph will be enjoying his big day with family and friends, including his wife, Michelle and their daughter, Julia. Best wishes Joe from your St. David's family and we wish you many more birthdays to come!

Happy Birthday to Anne Calver, who will be celebrating her birthday on June 9th as well! Anne will be celebrating her birthday with family – Janet and Brian – and friends, near and far, including the “crowd” from Lady Cove. (Anne is the Treasurer here at St. David's and keeps our financial affairs running smoothly.) Happy Birthday Anne from everyone here at St. David's! We hope you have a great day and may your chickens behave themselves and lay spectacular eggs in honour of the day!

Happy Birthday to Isaak Bonnell who will be celebrating his birthday on June 3rd! Even though Isaak and his family currently live in Glenview (a suburb of Chicago), we know he will be celebrating his big day with family and friends, near and far, including his mom and dad, Denise and Steve Bonnell, his brother, Evan, and very proud grand-parents, Eleanor and Aubrey Bonnell. Happy Birthday Isaak from everyone here at St. David's! We hope you have a wonderful birthday and a great year to come!

A very Happy Birthday to June Bowden who will be celebrating her birthday on June 4th! June is a former Good Companions and a dear friend to many here at St. David's. June will be celebrating her birthday – the first one in her new home, Kenny's Pond Retirement Home - with family and friends. Happy Birthday June from all your friends here at St. David's! We hope you have a wonderful birthday and may there be many more to come!

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:

Church Office Hours:

The church office is open Tuesday thru Friday from **9 am to 1 pm**. Mondays the church administrator works remotely, but checks and returns church office emails and phone messages regularly.

For pastoral care ~ Please contact our minister, Rev David Sturtevant at 709-699-3661.

Sunday School

June 23 will be the final Sunday School until the fall.

We hope all of our Sunday School families can join us on June 16 for the church picnic at Pippy Park.

This week: Jesus and the Sabbath.

Prayer Shawl – Knitters

The knitters will meet on **Tuesday, June 4th at 10am** in the Armour Room. Come join this lively group ~ no experience necessary ~ all are welcome!

Bible Study

The next Bible Study will be **Wednesday, June 12th at 12:30pm** in the Armour Room.

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 June 6th from 2-4pm.** All are welcome.

Bridges to Hope: Weekly "Flyer" Specials – May 30 – June 5, 2024 - **Items helpful for food hampers:**

Walmart – KD (Kraft Dinner) - \$0.77
Hereford Corned Beef - \$2.97
Great Value Cereal (variety) - \$1.97
Colemans - Mr. Noodles – 2/\$1.00
Favorite canned fruit – 3/\$5.00
Lawtons - Clover Leaf Tuna – 4/\$5.50
Pipers - Colgate Toothpaste - \$0.99
No Frills - KD (Kraft Dinner) - \$1.00
President's Choice D/W Liquid \$1.00

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

While Bridges to Hope always has an ample supply of dog food, they have a shortage of cat food. Your help in this area would be appreciated too.
Thank you.

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our Toilet Tissue drive in the month of May; it was a great success and will be a welcome contribution to Bridges To Hope.

A special thank you to Heather, our Church Administrator, for the creative display!

Your support is greatly appreciated.



Advance Notice – Flower Service Dates

The General Protestant Cemetery Board has announced the following dates for the Flower Services for this coming July.

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery	July 8
General Protestant Cemetery	July 22
Memorial Gardens	July 29

In the first half of June ...

Sunday, June 9:

*** St. David's ACM Follow-up**

Immediately following the service, there will a follow up meeting to discuss items arising from ACM. Please do plan to stay and be apart of the conversation involving your Church. Thank you.

*** TSO Concert**

TSO is giving their end of season concert for Family & Friends. The concert starts at 7:30pm.

Monday, June 10:

*** Bridges to Hope AGM**

The Annual General Meeting of Bridges to Hope will take place on Monday, June 10th, at St. David's Church Hall. The AGM will start at 7:30pm.

Tuesday, June 11:

- * Session Meeting in the Armour Room at 7:30pm

Wednesday, June 12:

- * Futures Committee Meeting in the Armour Room at 7pm

Thursday, June 13:

- * Good Companions closing luncheon at 12:00 noon
- * Board of Managers Meeting in the Armour Room and over Zoom at 7:30pm

Spring Cleanup in Classroom #2

Last week, Charlie Goobie took it upon himself to purchase some shelving units and straighten up Classroom #2 (otherwise known as the “Freezer Room” or the “Storage Room”. This room used to be the Sunday School classroom many years ago and it has morphed into a general storage room for the different groups from the Church (Good Companions and the WA) and some of our renters (Shalloway, Weight Watchers, Horticultural Society, etc.). It’s not a big room, and it was becoming a challenge to move around there, much less retrieve anything!

Anyway, thanks to Charlie and Olive, with a little help from Brian and Janet, the room has been transformed into an orderly and tidy space once again. Thank-you Charlie and Olive for making this space usable again!



Music in the Hall Concert – May 24, 2024

Last Friday evening, May 24th, our Church Hall was filled with music. We were thrilled to have Shelley Neville, Peter Halley and our own Brian Way, perform. This trio, besides being good friends for many years, have developed a comfort level with their performance that translates into a special night of entertainment for their audience. It was a beautiful evening with many well-loved songs and melodies and a special treat - a couple of Newfoundland songs written by Jed Blackmore. What a great night! Thank-you Brian for making this happen and thank-you to Shelley and Peter for a wonderful Spring concert! We hope to see you soon!

