



News from the Pews – Sunday, May 12th, 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



On one of the beautiful sunny days this past week, I went for a little walk with Oliver on his scooter. We started off at the Jumping Bean on Elizabeth Avenue, and I walked south down New Cove Road, aiming for a little park off of Tunis court that I'd come across on an earlier walk. After playing there for a few minutes, Oliver decided it was time to go, but he headed for the exit on the other side of the park. We had no real plans for the day, so I was content to listen and let him lead, and we found ourselves at the shore of Quidi Vidi lake. I let him lead again, and so we went around the north side of the lake to the new pump track, which is a big draw for him since it gives him a fun place to ride up and down some hills. Then he decided he wanted to go to Quidi Vidi village after I started talking about it. Once we got there, he decided he wanted to go on a hike, up sugarloaf path, dragging his scooter behind him until we could get to the very top, which you see in the picture.

On most days, I cannot get him to put his boots on in the morning and walk the hundred and fifty meters to his school, because it is too far.

I have no doubt that if I had started the day off outlining the hike we ended up going on, he would have balked at it. If I had tried to make him do it, and pushed him to keep up, it would have been a task both miserable and impossible for us both.

Sometimes when we want someone to take a certain path, the best thing we can do isn't to push them along on it. Sometimes, we can do much better by just walking beside them and giving them the time they need to get there. In Luke's gospel, two of the disciples encounter the risen Jesus Christ, and he walks with them along the road to Emmaus as they talk together, processing Jesus' death and searching for hope. Jesus does not reveal himself until he breaks bread for them at their destination and then, mysteriously, vanishes.

May we walk with people along the roads they choose for themselves, and bring Christ to them as they journey. May we focus on the opportunities of the journey rather than on the destination. For Christ walks with us on our way, even when it is not His way, and that is Good News for us to share. Amen!

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

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.

What would you do for your Church?

This is your church. What would you like to see from, or for, your church?

We are seeking your participation in this church, its activities, and its future and this includes the planning for next year, our 250th anniversary.

St. David's sense of community is what attracts people, what keeps us here, what causes us to strive to help one another. Through it all we continue to move forward and face the future together always striving to play a meaningful role in our community. Please consider ways to help us grow our community. What are your ideas? Let us know!

IF you have any thoughts, concerns, suggestions or want to be part of the discussion or the action, have a chat with me!

Alternately, you may always contact the church at 722-2382, email us at stdavids@nfld.com.

Birthdays and Anniversaries (May 13 – May 19)

Happy Birthday wishes go to Jessie Crosbie who will be celebrating her birthday on May 14th! Jessie will be celebrating her big day with family and friends including her mom and dad, Ellen Dinn and Paul Crosbie, and sister, Emma, along with a very special aunt – Andrea! Your St. David's family wishes you a very Happy Birthday Jessie and best wishes for the coming year!

Happy Birthday greetings to Harriet Offia who will be celebrating her birthday on May 13th, with family and friends, including her mom, Nnenna and sisters, Nnene and Deborah! Best wishes Harriet from your St. David's family. We hope you have a terrific day full of fun and special surprises!

Happy Birthday to Dean King who will be turning 5 on May 19th! Dean will be celebrating his big day with his family and friends, near and far. Dean is the son of Sarah and Wesley King, and a cherished member of our St. David's family. We wish you a wonderful day Dean – have lots of fun!

Happy Anniversary to Olive and Charlie Goobie who will be celebrating their wedding anniversary on May 19th! Olive and Charlie will be celebrating this special day with their family, including their daughters, Meghan and Claire and their families, along with other friends near and far. Best wishes, Olive and Charlie from all your friends here at St. David's!

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 emails and phone messages regularly. **For pastoral care** ~ Please contact our minister, Rev David Sturtevant at 709-699-3661.

Sunday School

We are to love others as Jesus loves us.

Memory verse for the month: The Apostles Creed

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_mcmeekin@hotmail.com

This week...

- **Session Meeting ~ Tuesday, May 14th @ 7:30pm**
- **Futures Meeting ~ Wednesday, May 15th @ 7:00pm**
- **Board of Managers ~ Thursday, May 16th @ 7:30pm**

Bible Study

This week in our Wednesday Bible Study, we will be studying "Faithfulness" and reading Hebrews 11 as we bring our 5 part series on the characteristics of God to a close. Faithfulness means being trustworthy, being a "rock" that others can rely on. May we learn to rely on God even when the way is unclear, and so learn to be trustworthy ourselves! Come join us at 12:30 on Wednesday, no experience needed! Rev. David

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 May 16th from 2-4pm**. All are welcome.

Choir Call for Sunday, May 19th, 2024

Hi Folks,

Hope this finds you well. Once again we are hoping to have a 'pop up' choir for service this coming Sunday at St. David's Presbyterian! Should you and your voice have a few hours to give, or if you know of anyone interested to sing, we will meet 930am Sunday for rehearsal followed by the 11am service finishing at noon. Hope to see you Sunday!

Thanks,

Brian

St. David's "Concert in the Hall" Concert Series

The first date in the new 2024 Concert Series has been scheduled!

We are pleased to announce that Shelley Neville, Peter Halley and Brian Way will be taking to the stage on Friday, May 24th for a variety concert of well known songs.

To reserve tickets please call or email the office.

709-722-2382 or stdavids@nfld.com

Doors open at 7:30pm ~ Concerts starts at 8pm.

Bridges to Hope: Weekly "Flyer" Specials – May 9 – May 15, 2024 - Items helpful for food hampers:

Walmart	Annie's Mac and Cheese - \$0.94
Colemans	Catelli Meat Pasta Sauce - \$1.77
Dominion	Cheez-It Crackers - \$1.50
Lawtons	Crest Toothpaste/Oral-B Toothbrush - \$0.97
No Frills	Vienna Sausages - \$0.99
	Oceans Tuna - \$0.99

The suggested item(s) for **May 2024**, especially useful for Bridges To Hope – **Kraft Dinner**. 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.

This product may not be something we talk about a lot but it's an **ESSENTIAL** part of everyday life!

We're talking about an item often requested by food bank clients that is not always available – **TOILET TISSUE!** Even when available, it's usually given out in single rolls – which we know does not last long!

So, for the month of May, we'd like to offer some relief to the food bank we support by asking you to donate toilet tissue! During the month, we will gather donations and display our collection in a creative way (similar to the photo, or perhaps better) at the end of the month!

Never seen a Toilet Tissue Tree? well, here you are but we'd like our tree to be much larger! Will you help?



MISSION MOMENT

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Somalia faces an acute hunger crisis, worsened by the most severe drought in four decades. With failed crops, widespread water shortages and reduced livestock productivity, Nafiso Hussein's family and thousands more had to abandon their homes in search of relief. Hunger and extreme conditions affected Nafiso's son Hadi, whose health had deteriorated critically. In the displaced persons camp where they had sought refuge, Hadi was quickly referred to the stabilization centre for treatment, and under this initiative, his health significantly improved. Nafiso is grateful for her son's recovery, "He is well now, and I am happy to see him play and laugh like before." PWS&D, with partners at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, provides funding to train community nutrition workers who identify and screen severely malnourished children.

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