



News from the Pews – Sunday, May 26th, 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.

No Minister's Message this week as Rev. David is away.

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries (May 27 – June 2)

Birthday greetings to Lesley Stuckless who is celebrating her birthday on May 28th! Leslie will be celebrating her birthday with her mom, Lorna Stuckless, and daughter, Marcella, along with many other family and friends. Best wishes, Leslie, from all your friends here at St. David's! We'll be thinking of you.

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

Jesus Is Our Lifesaver

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

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The May Lunch and meeting of the Women's Auxiliary will take place on Tuesday, May 28th at noon in the Armour room.

Bible Study

This week in Bible Study, we will be reading 1 Peter 3:8-18 and, having wrapped up our series on the Character of God, we will be considering what we would like to study next. Come join us, and let's share examples with each other of how God has been faithful in our own lives! No experience required. **We meet on Wednesday's 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 May 30th from 2-4pm** ~ in addition to our usual activities, we will be having an **afternoon tea to mark the birthdays for April & May!** All are welcome.

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!

Bridges to Hope:

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.

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

CAMP GEDDIE- A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Camp Geddie's mission is to invite all to experience the joy of God's beauty and love in creation and to nurture a relationship with Christ and Christ's people in a caring community through play and worship.

Camp Geddie is owned and operated by the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces of The Presbyterian Church in Canada and is accredited by the Camping Association of Nova Scotia and PEI.

We aim to develop Christian faith and character in children and youth through living together in a Christian camp community and to further the educational goals of the church in an outdoor setting.

We are open to all youth and to all denominations.

Our Summer Camping program includes daily Bible study, mission study, canoeing, swimming, outdoor education, arts and crafts, games and sports, vespers and campfire. Our camp sessions open with registration between 3 & 4 pm on opening day and close with a vespers service at 11am which family and friends are invited to participate in.



Features of our site include a sandy beach, two lakes, seven sleeping cabins, the Irwin Lodge, which also serves as the dining hall, a craft/rainy day recreation building, wash house with hot showers and flush toilets, a nurses cabin/first aid station, and two outdoor chapels, and many nature trails. The site affords ample opportunity for canoeing, hiking, sports and much more.

Our summer staff is made up of carefully selected and trained counsellors and program staff, qualified swimming and canoe instructors and all staff are first aid certified.



ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Camp Geddie is accredited by CANSPEI and a member of the PCCCA. Camp Geddie follows the Leading With Care Policy of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Each camp we have a chaplain present on site to offer spiritual and pastoral support to both campers and staff.

Memories from Camp Geddie “Alumni” ...

“There are funds available to help kids get there. I started going when I was 12 being sent by WMS at the Kirk and in those days it was by train and ferry and then train. Since then I have been a leader there and my kids also went. It’s such a wonderful camp. Have some great memories.”

Barbara Ellis

“I remember the fellowship and the swimming lessons (Yes, swimming lessons! I earned several of my “badges” there.) I loved the evening campfires and sing-alongs... and the S’MORES!!! Had my first one around those campfires. Those were the best summers... Wonderful memories in a beautiful place.

My Mom and my cousin, both deaconesses, spent time there as leaders.”

Heather Steele Morrissey

You can find information on registration for Camp Geddie on their website:

campgeddie.ca

And by calling or emailing: [902-926-2632](tel:902-926-2632)

director@campgeddie.ca

MISSION MOMENT

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Aziza, a mother of four from Pakistan, faced numerous challenges, including a physical disability and the tragic loss of her husband in 2019. Left to support her family as a young widow, Aziza and her eldest son worked tirelessly. Her son earned a small income as a shepherd. Despite their best efforts, the devastating floods of 2022 destroyed their home and village, forcing them to seek refuge in her brother-in-law's house.

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