



## **News from the Pews – Sunday, June 16th, 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



While back in Ontario for General Assembly, I stumbled across this beautiful bronze sculpture in front of a local church. From a distance, the huddled figure on the bench looks all-too-familiar in the urban setting, a sleeping form huddled in a blanket, best left alone.

When you get a little closer, you realize it is a statue, and wonder why there is a statue of a homeless person there.

Only if you stop to examine the statue do you notice the one identifying feature sticking out from the bottom of the blanket, a pair of dirty feet huddled together, bearing the marks of the nails that pierced Christ on the cross.

May we have eyes to see the dignity and worth of Christ in every bit of human life that is in our city. May we, as Christians, place higher value on those that get called worthless, and thus puzzle the more worldly-minded. May we recognize the call to love the "Least of these" and so show our devotion to Christ.

May God Bless St. David's as we continue to minister to the needy in our community, especially through our connection to the Bridges to Hope food bank. Please bring in donations for the food bank every Sunday and help us build a better world for those in need.

See you this Sunday for the Picnic at North Bank Lodge in Pippy Park!

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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!! **Sympathy of Congregation**

## **Condolences – Crawford Family**

*The sympathy of the congregation goes out to Lillian and Harry Crawford and their family on the passing of Harry's nephew, Michael Stead Crawford, on June 8, 2024. Michael's funeral took place on Wednesday, June 12, 2024. The thoughts and prayers of the entire congregation are with you at this time.*

*(For those of you who did not see Michael's obituary, please see below.)*



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Michael Stead Crawford on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at age 46, after a brief but courageous fight with cancer. He was predeceased by father-in-law Rhodie Mercer; and uncles Gerard Murphy and Donald Murphy.

Leaving to mourn are his wife, Adrienne Mercer and daughter, his princess, Claire Crawford; parents Stead and Elizabeth; mother-in-law Wendy Mercer; sister Andrea (Lee Boswell); brother-in-law Aaron Mercer (Vanessa); nieces Ellie Mercer and Haylee Boswell; aunts Marie Armstrong (Frank), Carmelita Porter (Stuart), Clare Murphy, and Tina Murphy; uncles Ted Murphy (Doris) and Harry Crawford (Lillian); and a large circle of cousins, family, colleagues and friends.

Always in search of knowledge and information, Michael completed a B. Sc at Memorial University in 1999, an M. Ed at the University of New Brunswick in 2006, and an MBA at the Royal Military College of Canada in 2018. He worked in information technology and project management with several organizations during his career, and particularly enjoyed business travel, if only for the airline status. Michael never shied away from helping out, and often volunteered his time to assist any community organization in which he was involved – there are too many to list.

His sense of dedication and loyalty was fostered through his involvement with Air Cadets and the Cadet movement. Major Crawford was initially involved as an air cadet with 880 and rose through ranks holding various positions, including Commanding Officer of 510 Lions RCACS. He continued his involvement most recently with the Newfoundland and Labrador Area Office. He was appointed as an Aide-de-Camp serving the past three Lieutenant Governors of Newfoundland and Labrador, a role in which he took great pride and enjoyment.

Special thanks are extended to Dr. Dawn Armstrong and the nurses and staff of 4NorthB at the Health Sciences Centre for their compassion and care.

Visitation will take place at Carnell's Funeral Home, 329 Freshwater Road on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from noon to 9pm. Funeral Service will be held at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist, Military Road, on Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Cremation has taken place and inurnment to follow at Forest Road Anglican Cemetery following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donation may be made to the College of the North Atlantic (Don Murphy Memorial Bursary), the Canadian Cancer Society, or a charity of one's choice.

The family would like to invite people to a reception following the service/inurnment at Bally Haly Country Club, Golf Course Road.

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries (June 17 – June 23)**

**Happy Birthday to Penny Gillies who will be celebrating her birthday on June 19<sup>th</sup>** with family and friends, near and far, including husband, Stewart, and their daughters and their families. Penny is a much-loved elder here at St. David's and is involved in many aspects of our Church life including the AMS, the Prayer Shawl Group, the WA, and a volunteer with the Good Companions. She also keeps our lawns neat as a pin and our flowers blooming. Needless to say, she is a dear friend to many! Happy Birthday, Penny from everyone here at St. David's and best wishes for a wonderful day!

**Happy Anniversary to Sylvia and Bob Taylor who will be celebrating their 61st wedding anniversary on June 22<sup>nd</sup>** with family and friends, including their daughter, Heather, son , John, and their families. Congratulations and best wishes to you both from all your friends here at St. David's and we wish you many years of happiness ahead!

**Just a word of congratulations to all our 2024 graduates – from Kindergarten through to University. Your accomplishments are a great thing to celebrate. Congratulations to each and every one of you as you continue to explore and seek your path in life! Please feel free to share your graduation pictures with us – we would love to share your accomplishments with 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 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.

No memory verse this month.

Join us this week at Pippy Park to learn about the Parable of the mustard seed.

### **Bible Study**

Join us for our final Bible Study session before the summer at **12:30 PM on Wednesday, June 19th in the Armour Room at St. David's**. We will be looking at Genesis 1:1-2:3, the first story of creation, and talking together about what we find there. No experience is required and all are welcome!

### **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.

## 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](mailto:rev.sturtevant@gmail.com) or to

Keegan Allen at [kgwallen96@gmail.com](mailto:kgwallen96@gmail.com)

## Bridges to Hope:

**Weekly "Flyer" Specials – June 13 - 19, 2024 - Items helpful for food hampers:**

Dominion - Honey Nut Cheerios - \$2.00

Green Giant Vegetables - \$1.29

Walmart – Palmolive Dishwashing Liquid - \$1.76

Kraft BBQ Sauce - \$0.97

Colemans - Favorite Fruit – 4/\$5.00

Sobeys - Hunt's Thick & Rich Pasta Sauce or Catelli Pasta – 3/\$3.99

No Frills - No Name Vegetables - \$1.29

Honey Nut Cheerios - \$2.00

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.



## **St. David's "Music in the Hall" Concert Series.**

We are pleased to announce the next in our series – this time featuring Karla Pilgrim, Leanne Kean and Natalie Noseworthy, accompanied by Sandy Morris, Scott Mansfield and Brian Way to perform the music from "The Trio" ~ Linda Ronstadt, Emily Lou Harris and Dolly Parton

The concert will take place at St. David's Hall, 98 Elizabeth Avenue on **Thursday, June 27th at 8pm ~ Tickets are \$25 per person.**

Please call or email the office for more information and to reserve tickets, 709-722-2382 and [stdavids@nfld.com](mailto:stdavids@nfld.com) ~ thank you!

## **Advance Notice – Flower Service Dates**

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

**\* Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Hamilton Avenue Extension**

**Monday, July 8, 2024 at 7 PM.**

**\* General Protestant Cemetery, Topsail Road**

**Monday, July 22, 2024 at 7 PM.**

**\* Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 25 Beaumont Hamel Way**

**Monday, July 29, 2024 at 7 PM.**

### **Please note:**

In the event of inclement weather, the services will move ahead to 7 PM the next evening.

## Bridge Party – June 11, 2024

This past week, the WA hosted the June Bridge Party (June 11), our last one before the summer break. It was a beautiful day and everyone had a “spring” in their step! As usual, we had an enthusiastic group of bridge players who came for lunch (a selection of homemade soups and delectable desserts) and then stayed to enjoy an afternoon of playing their favourite game. It was a fun afternoon, enjoyed by all. As per tradition, we had a couple of special draws for 2 lovely gift baskets just full of summer-related items and beautifully wrapped by Heather. We hope to start playing bridge again come the Fall!

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!

Below are just a few pictures from Tuesday. It takes a lot of work behind the scenes to make this event a success – so cheers to all our worker-bees, some of whom you’ll see in the pictures below! Have a wonderful summer and we hope to see you all again in the Fall!



