



News from the Pews – Sunday, June 30th, 2024

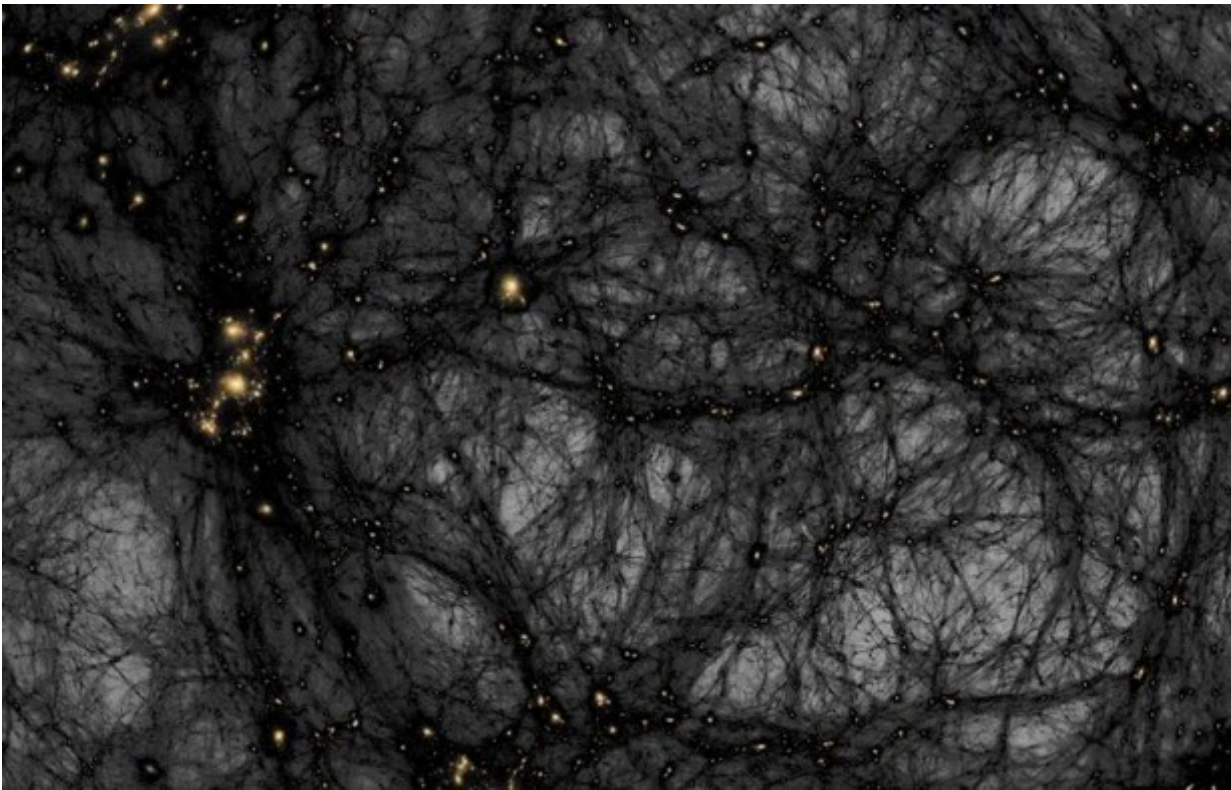
“News from the Pews”, contains stories, pictures and happenings from, by and for the members of the congregation. It also contains Birthdays and Anniversaries, a Treasurer’s Update, News from other Church Groups, Boards and Committees, special requests from Bridges to Hope, News from the Presbyterian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

Please note: This Sunday, June 30th, the AMS will be leading the Worship Service. In addition to observing Memorial Day – it will be our Mission Awareness Service.

Memorial Day – July 1st

July 1st is a very important day for this Province. It is a day when we remember the devastating loss of Beaumont Hamel and all those who lost their lives during World War I. It's also a time to reflect on what a wonderful country we live in and the sacrifices many have made throughout the years so that we can enjoy the freedoms we often take for granted.

Rev. David's Message



A simulation of the formation of dark matter structures from the early universe until today. From science.nasa.gov

This week, I watched the Prince of Egypt with my boys. It's a wonderful movie, and tells the story of the Exodus in a dynamic and memorable way. The boys were engrossed, and at the end of the movie Oliver asked me "Is that a Real Story?"

This is a tricky question for me. There is very scant archeological evidence of the events the Exodus describes. Millions of slaves leaving Egypt overnight should have left signs, and for many this has called the historical accuracy of the Exodus into question. But my answer to that question was "In every way that matters, yes, it is a Real Story". After all, first and foremost, it is a story about who God is: a rescuer of slaves, faithful, mighty, who works through the lost. For Christians, it isn't just a story, it teaches truth, and it has done so for communities of faith for thousands and thousands of years.

Did you know that our current model of the universe says that only 5% of the universe is made up of normal matter? The other 95% is made up of Dark Matter and Dark Energy. What are those, you may ask? Good luck finding a scientist who can explain! In fact, no-one really knows, but without including dark matter and dark energy in our models of the universe, we can't explain why galaxies form and hold together. It may be that dark matter is some as-of-yet undiscovered subatomic particle, but our understanding of celestial physics relies on 95% of the universe being made up of this "unknown" stuff.

Is Dark Matter "real"? We know it is by its effects, even though we can't observe it directly because it doesn't interact with ordinary matter or even light. It is foundational to our understanding of the physical universe, but at the same time a profound mystery. Yet we know it is real because without it, all of the galaxies would shatter apart, and they aren't doing that.

It was in this mindset that I told Oliver that the Exodus is real. I know it by its effects, I see it at work in the world around me and know it must be so. God is good. God rescues. God is faithful. Without those truths, my world would shatter apart, and by the grace of God it hasn't done that.

May you follow God in his mysterious universe, and seek to learn more about Him and His creation. May you remember that reality is often unexpected and strange, and that our safety comes from the God who loves us. May God's love be Real for you, and may you notice its effects on your life.

Have a wonderful summer, and God bless you!

News About News From the Pews – We’re Changing Things Up A Bit...

Ever since COVID came along, we have been trying our best to keep in touch with you – sharing news from our members and what’s happening in the Church and our Church Hall. We’ve had updates from our Treasurer, who continues to do a terrific job of keeping us afloat. We’ve had tons of pictures and we’ve let you know who is having a birthday and anniversary and shared the sad news of our dear friends who have passed.

Going forward, we are going to change things up a bit. Gosh, there’s that word CHANGE!! Not to worry. We’re still going to share all the news we’ve shared with you before, but we’re going to do so just once a month. Here’s how it’s going to work.

Starting in September, **on the first of every month**, you’ll receive a News From the Pews which will contain the birthdays and anniversaries for the coming month along with some news and pictures of events that took place the month before plus some news of upcoming events. We’ll have a financial update from our Treasurer. And we hope to have some pictures and stories from **you** that you don’t mind sharing.

Every Friday, Heather, will be sending along the Order of Service and the Announcements. If, during the week, there are any special announcements or notices that are more immediate, we’ll be sending them along to you pronto.

In addition, we are making a real effort to keep our website and Facebook page up-to-date.

Finally, for July and August, we're taking a little break from News From the Pews. You'll notice a slew of birthdays and anniversaries for July and August in this issue because we didn't want to forget anyone on their special day! Heather will still be sending along the Order of Service and the Announcements every Friday. So stay tuned.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer! Take care!

Janet.

Betty (Edith Elizabeth) Chancey



The sympathy of the entire congregation is extended to the Chancey Family on the unexpected passing of Betty Chancey on Friday, June 21st. Betty lived at Cambridge Estates for the past few years and although health issues prevented her from coming to Church, she always regarded St. David's as her church home. She would always ask about what was going on at the Church and how everyone was doing. She looked forward to hearing about the activities of the WA, AMS and especially the Good Companions and her "bowling buddies". I believe I can speak for all of us at St. David's – we will

certainly miss her. (Below is Betty's obituary found on Barrett's Funeral Home website.)

Obituary

Passed away on Friday, June 21 at her residence in Cambridge Estates, just one week after her 93rd birthday, Edith Elizabeth (Betty) Chancey. Originally from New Harbour, Trinity Bay, she is predeceased by her loving husband Fred in 2006, and by her sisters Loretta Gardner, and Peggy (Doug) Brett, and brothers Eric and Sid Higdon. Also predeceased by her in-laws: Gordon and Edna Chancey, Harold Chancey, Ralph and Elizabeth Chancey, Edith and Robert Wilson, Tom and Margaret Chancey, and Clarence Chancey.

Leaving to mourn her devoted children, Cathy Chancey (Colin Pilgrim), Paul (Holly), and her precious grandchildren, Joshua and Noah. Also leaving to mourn, brother Al (Edna) Higdon, brothers-in-law Ben Gardner and Ern Chancey, sisters-in-law Doris Higdon and Effie Chancey, and a multitude of nieces, nephews and lifelong friends.

After completing the commercial program with the Sisters of Mercy, Mom worked on the base at Fort Pepperrell, was a member of the Naval Reserve and was active in Allied Youth. Like many of her generation she "retired" in 1958 to raise her children and made many other important contributions. She was generous with her time and supported many charities. She started volunteering at the Grace Hospital in the 1970's and stayed until it closed in 2000. She volunteered with the Red Cross, the CNIB and later was a Spike in the CN Pensioners Association. She spent countless hours at St. David's Church working on committees, and helping with afternoon teas, flipper dinners, spring sales, and helping out in whatever way she could.

Though she never baked anything that quite met her own standards, she was a great baker and was always making something, usually for someone else, much to our chagrin. Her grandsons will forever miss the Saturday

chicken lunches that no one can replicate. Mom loved to walk, and did so to her dying day. More than anything else, she enjoyed spending fall afternoons berry picking on the hills around Blasthole Pond.

Special thanks to the staff of Cambridge Estates, and to Dr. Andrea Singleton. Their kindness, dedication and professionalism will not be forgotten.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Barretts Funeral Home on Hamilton Avenue. Visitation will take place Tuesday June 25th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm and 7:00pm to 9:00 pm. The funeral service will take place on Wednesday, June 26th at 11:00 at the chapel. Flowers gratefully accepted or donations can be made to St. David's Church or a charity of one's choice.

Treasurer's Report

With the News from the Pews taking a break over the summer, you may still get a report or two by notes in the announcements. Please consider your church as we still have people to pay and bills coming in over the summer.

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 (July 2024)

Happy Birthday greetings to:

Jenny Griffioen, July 2nd

David Artiss, July 5th

Lucy Pike, July 5th

Mildred Greeley, July 6th

Samantha St. Croix, July 7th

Alyssa Drake, July 14th

Leo Johnson, 5 years old on July 15th

Colin Brockerville, July 16th

John Hammond, July 16th

Solomon Hamid, July 16th

Joss Wood, July 17th

Luke Rudofsky, July 19th

Brad Burness, July 22nd

Nathan Barnes, July 23rd

David Bruneau, July 25th

Michael McKenzie, July 28th

Benjamin Porter, July 27th

Calvin Crosbie, July 25th

Emma Crosbie, July 31st

Ken Templeton, July 31st.

Best wishes from everyone here at St. David's and we hope you have a wonderful birthday with family and friends!

Happy Anniversary wishes to:

Joy and Kevin MacDonald, celebrating their 19th wedding anniversary on July 2;

Patsy and David Carmichael, celebrating their 62nd wedding anniversary on July 5;

Gracie and Joss Wood, celebrating 65 years of marriage on July 6;

Grace and David Artiss, celebrating 35 years of marriage on July 8;

Evelyn and Nowell Melendy, celebrating their 53rd wedding anniversary on July 10;

Judy and Mike Callahan, celebrating 32 years of marriage on July 18;

Sarah Small and Gordon Stockwell, celebrating their 13th wedding anniversary on July 30;

Sue and Ken Templeton, celebrating their 48th wedding anniversary on July 31st.

Congratulations to all our couples. We hope you share your special day with family and friends and best wishes for many happy years to come!

Birthdays and Anniversaries (August 2024)

Happy Birthday greetings to:

Lillian Crawford, August 1st;

Ryan Brockerville, August 2nd;

Bradley Greeley, August 4th;

Aidan Bailey, August 4th;

Oliver Sturtevant, August 7th;

Grace Artiss, August 8th;

Rory Rooney, August 9th;

Jonathan Rooney, August 10th;

Laura Reddick, August 11th;

Nathan Ennis, August 13th;

Charlotte Aubrey-Bassler, August 15th;

Kelsea Hudson, August 18th;

Kathy Chancey, August 21st;

Kayla Franey, August 22nd;

Claire O'Grady, August 28th.

Best wishes from everyone here at St. David's and we hope you have a wonderful birthday with family and friends!

Happy Anniversary wishes to:

Sarah and Paul Bassler, celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary, August 1;

Vanessa and Alex Templeton, celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary on August 7;

Jean and Clayton Collins, celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary on August 11;

Allison (Crawford) and Steve Hawco, celebrating their 2nd wedding anniversary on August 12;

Joanna and Gordon Lo, celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary on August 13;

Jill Slater and Thomas Crosbie, celebrating their 13th wedding anniversary, August 13;

Eleanor and Aubrey Bonnell, celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary, August 14;

Judy and Dave Bonnell, celebrating their 53rd wedding anniversary on August 21;

Michelle and Joseph Craig, celebrating their 33rd wedding anniversary on August 30;

Catherine and Richard Bailey, celebrating their 21st wedding anniversary on August 30.

Congratulations to all our couples. We hope you share your special day with family and friends and best wishes for many happy years ahead!

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 the church at: 709-722-2382

Pickle Ball games for our congregation

Pickle Ball will not be meeting regularly in the summer ~ however, if you are interested in a game, please do call the office as they may get together for a game from time to time. The Office # 709-722-2382 ~ thank you!

Notice to the Congregation...

If you have some spare time over the summer, why not come by your church and do an odd job or two?

We have a "wish list" (to-do list ;) and would so appreciate any & all help! (You can find the list on the bulletin board between the offices.)

Please contact the office at 709-722-2382 or drop by to see the list and what may be of interest to you. It would really be appreciated.

Thank you and enjoy the summer months!

Bridges to Hope:

Weekly "Flyer" Specials – June 27 – July 3, 2024 - Items helpful for food hampers:

Colemans - Favorite Mandarin Oranges – 5/\$5.00

Sobeys - Kraft BBQ Sauce - \$0.69

Walmart - Great Value Tuna - \$0.97

Colgate Toothpaste - \$0.84

Dominion - Graves Apple Juice - \$0.99

No Frills - Clover Leaf Tuna - \$0.99

The suggested item(s) for **July 2024**, especially useful for Bridges To Hope – **Dry Pasta**. 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 David Pomeroy, Grace Nolan and Anna Mercer accompanied by Brian Way.

The concert(s) will take place at St. David's Hall, 98 Elizabeth Avenue on **Wednesday, July 10th and Thursday, July 11th 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 ~ 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.