



News from the Pews – Sunday, June 9th, 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.

This Sunday is Communion Sunday ~ please join us in person or over Zoom

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.

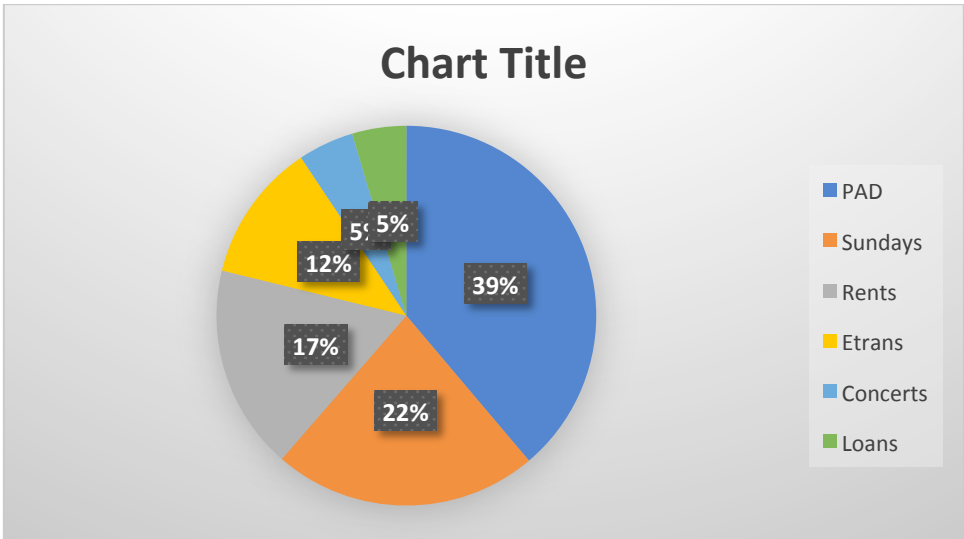
The Sunday service and picnic will go ahead rain (inside) **OR** shine (outside)!

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 take this opportunity to update the congregation on the state of our finances, more specifically our income to June 2nd 2024. This diagram shows the distribution (source) that income, some \$86,736.09 we've received since Jan 1st.



PAD	39%	\$33,677.95
Sundays	22%	\$19,570.04
Rents	17%	\$15,118.88
E-trans	12%	\$10,253.37
Concerts	5%	\$4,115.85
Loans	5%	\$4,000.00
Total		\$86,736.09

I continue to pay our staff and the local suppliers (heat, light, phone and internet, etc.). I now owe \$14,538.92 to the PCC which I have no way to pay at this time. This month the WA came through with a donation of \$5,000 allowing me to meet our current month-end and month-start commitments.

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.

Sympathy of Congregation

We extend our sympathy to Edith Peach and her family on the passing of George Henry Peach, age 80, of Salmon Cove. George was predeceased by his parents and other members of his family, including his brother, William (Bill) Peach. Leaving to mourn, wife of 39 years: Loretta; step-daughters: Deann (Gordon) King and Annette Clarke; grandchildren: Peter and Laura King; brothers: Cyril (Gladys-deceased) and Carl (Sharon); sister: Gladys (Eric) Marsh; **sisters-in-law: Edith Peach** and Daphne Peach; brother-in-law: Roland Worthman; many nieces, nephews and friends. George's funeral took place on Friday, June 7th from Riverside United Church, Salmon Cove.

The thoughts and prayers of everyone here at St. David's are with Edith and her family at this time.

Birthdays and Anniversaries (June 10 – June 16)

Happy Birthday to Marilyn Reardon who will be celebrating her birthday on June 11th! Joining in the festivities will be her family, including her daughter, Aimee, her grand-children, her siblings, Mildred, Nowell, Jerry and their families, along with numerous cousins and of course all her friends. Your St. David's family joins in wishing you a wonderful birthday Marilyn! May there be many more!

Happy Birthday wishes go to Mila Pike who will be celebrating her 16th birthday on June 10th! Mila is the daughter of Krysta and Keith Pike and the grand-daughter of Judy and Dave Rudofsky. Your St. David's family wishes you a very Happy Birthday Mila! Best wishes for the coming year!

Happy Birthday to Mavis Owusu-Damprane will be celebrating her birthday on June 10th! Mavis will be joined in the festivities by her husband, Collins Bekoe and her son, Calvin along with many other family and friends near and far. Your St. David's family wishes you a very Happy Birthday, Mavis and best wishes for the the year ahead!

Happy Birthday to Grace O'Grady who is celebrating her 5th birthday on June 13th! Grace will be celebrating her special day with her mom and dad, Heidi Wells and Sean O'Grady, big sister, Claire, and grand-parents, Debbie and Doyle Wells, not to mention other family and friends. Your St. David's family hopes you have a fun-filled birthday Grace! All our love!

Happy Birthday to Beli Hamid who is celebrating her 4th birthday on June 14th! Beli is the daughter of Rukiya Yusuf and Thomas Hamid and the younger sister of Shemsadin and Solomon. Beli and her family are living in Alberta now, but the family made many long-lasting friendships while they were living in St. John's. Much love Beli from your St. David's family! We hope you have a wonderful birthday and a fun-filled day!

Happy Birthday to Steve Bruneau who will be celebrating his birthday on June 12th with family and friends near and far, including his wife, Mary, and children, David and Laura, along with brother, Ian, and his family and of course, his mom, Jean Bruneau. Steve is a long-time member of St. David's – a tireless contributor of his time and energy on the Session and the Future's Committee and on many other jobs and projects around our Church. Thank-you Steve for everything you do for us and from your St. David's family – best wishes for a very Happy Birthday with many more to come!

Birthday wishes go out to Stewart Gillies who will also be celebrating his birthday on June 12th! Stewart will be enjoying his day with family and friends, near and far, including his wife, Penny, and daughters, Allison, Kirsty, and Joanna and their families, and of course, favourite dog, Cleo! Stewart is a great friend of our congregation and often works behind the scenes to help us out with different projects and events. Your St. David's family wishes you a wonderful birthday and a great year ahead! Enjoy!

Happy Birthday greetings to Bob Mallowney, who will be celebrating his birthday on June 13th, with family and friends, near and far! Joining in the festivities will be Bob's wife, Jean, and their three sons – Robert Jr, David and Jimmy – along with other family and friends. It is going to be a week of celebrations for Bob as he and Jean celebrate their wedding anniversary on the 12th! Congratulations Bob from all your friends here at St. David's! Best wishes for the coming year!

Another special birthday is coming up on June 13th. Betty Chancey will be celebrating her special day on Thursday with family and friends here at home and far away. Betty currently lives in Cambridge Estates and even though health issues have prevented her from coming to Church, she still stays in touch with her WA, AMS and Good Companions "buddies" and looks forward to hearing all the news from St. David's. Betty will be celebrating her big day with her daughter, Cathy (currently living in British Columbia) and Paul and his family here in St. John's, along with a host of good friends. Happy Birthday Betty from everyone here at St. David's and we hope you have a wonderful day. (If you would like to phone Betty and wish her a Happy Birthday, she can be reached at 576-0096.)

Ashley St. Croix, will be celebrating her 15th birthday on June 12th! Ashley is the daughter of Susan and Frank St. Croix and the grand-daughter of Barbara Ellis. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a very Happy Birthday Ashley! We hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy Anniversary to Jean and Bob Mallowney who will be celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary on June 12th! Jean and Bob are long-time members and supporters of St. David's. They have three sons – Robert Jr. (currently living in British Columbia with his family) and James and David (both here in St. John's). Congratulations to you both from everyone here at St. David's and may there be many more wonderful years ahead to enjoy!

Happy Anniversary to Heather and Bob Patey who will be celebrating their 31st wedding anniversary on June 12th! Heather and Bob will be celebrating their special day with family and friends, including their children, El and Jean, and Heather's mom and dad, Sylvia and Bob Taylor. Congratulations to you both from all your friends here at St. David's!

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.

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

No memory verse this month.

This week: Temptation in the Garden of Eden

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

On Sunday evening, June 9th, starting at 7:30 the Tenacious String Orchestra will share what we've learned over the past year with family and friends including, of course, friends in the St David's congregation.

Hope to see many of you there.

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.**

Session Meeting:

Session Meeting in the Armour Room on **Tuesday, June 11th at 7:30pm**

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.

Bible Study will meet 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 you would like to get some education on the rules and instruction on how to play, please contact the office.

Futures Committee:

Futures Committee Meeting on **Wednesday, June 12th in the Armour Room at 7pm**

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, June 13th from noon to 4pm for the closing luncheon of the season. This is our last Good Companions until we resume in the Fall.**

All are welcome.

Board of Managers:

Board of Managers Meeting on **Thursday, June 13th** in the Armour Room and over Zoom at **7:30pm**

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

Bridges to Hope: Weekly "Flyer" Specials – June 5 - 12, 2024 - Items helpful for food hampers:

Dominion - Honey Nut Cheerios - \$2.00

Walmart – Palmolive Dishwashing Liquid - \$1.76

Colemans - Primo Pasta - \$0.99

Sobeys - Heinz Beans or Pasta – 4/\$5.00

No Frills - Spam/Marios Corned Beef - \$2.88

No Name Tuna - \$0.99

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.

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

Thanks!

~ Many thanks to Brian Way for thinking of us when one of his friends had a coffee table that needed a new home. It's now very much at home in the Armour Room!

~ Thanks to Penny Gillies for mowing the grass around the Church just in time last week - before the rain started!

~ And many thanks to whoever puts our garbage bin out early on Tuesday mornings! Much appreciated!

Harriet's Birthday Party

In addition to all the up-coming birthdays and anniversaries, we want to take a minute to share with you some pictures from Harriet Offia's birthday party. Now Harriet's birthday may have been on May 13, but a beautiful party was held in our Church Hall on Saturday, May 25th with family and friends coming along to help celebrate. There was music, crafts and activities and FOOD! Her mom, Nnenna, made it a truly special day for her daughter as you'll see from the pictures. Thank-you Nnenna for sharing these pictures with us!



And last but certainly not least, a beautiful picture taken by Penny Gillies of two Good Companion members, Eleanor Cummings and Pam Bruce. Taken during the tea break on Thursday afternoon, June 6th. 😊

