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Welcome to the Christmas Edition of News from the Pews

December is the darkest month of the year, when daylight hours are the shortest and the days are getting colder and colder. But it is also a month full of light, as we prepare to celebrate Christmas! From candlelit carols to family feasts, we remember that even in the dark times there is light to be found.

Please give generously this Christmas season, to every need that God brings before you. Now is the time to learn to find joy in giving, because if you can find joy in the darkest days you will find it any time. Come and join us in our celebrations, and make memories to last a lifetime!

Want to share your news, events, or good story
in the next edition? Contact us!



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98 Elizabeth Avenue



Worship Service, Sunday
11:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m

Minister's Message



This past week, one of my kids' favourite television personalities, Emily Calandrelli, went to space. She's well known for her popular Netflix science show called "Emily's Wonder Lab" which ran for only one season, but has her performing science experiments together with a group of kids. She teaches in a way that engages and inspires children to love learning and experimenting, and reminds me a bit of "Bill Nye the Science Guy". She brought seeds up to space with her, to distribute for free to children after returning, as well as a USB flash drive full of the written hopes and dreams of children who had written to her, lifting them up to the stars as an inspiration for them. She was also the 100th woman in space, a momentous achievement to be sure. What a great story it is for my kids to remember that the sky isn't the limit.

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But the first headline I read about it was "Emily Calandrelli, 100th woman in space, refuses to bow to 'small men on the internet'". In less than a day, the article reported, "'hoards of men' online sexualized her raw and emotional response" in the video of her wondrous experience, and she spent her plane ride home in tears. She is very good at keeping the focus on the inspiration of the event, but I'd be lying if I didn't say that I am disappointed in humanity. The world is just not ready for such a show of goodness and wonder and awe and love. The small will misinterpret it, mock it, and fail to understand it.

This month, we celebrate Christmas, when God came to live a human life among us. We remember that His arrival was marked by human failure; he was born under an oppressive regime with the swords of Herod's soldiers at his neck. He was born in a stable, because no-one would make room for him. He was born to nobodies from nowhere, in an area roiled in human conflict still to this day. They were not ready for Him, and perhaps neither are we.

But God doesn't wait for us to be ready to love us. The world was not ready, and Mary, as a first time Mother, must have felt unready as well for the birth of her son. But as anyone who has given birth knows, it doesn't really matter if you're ready or not once the baby starts coming. No birth waits for you to be ready.

In the same way we celebrate Christmas with hope, because we believe that God's love is coming to the world with all the inescapable push of a child being born. We may not be ready, we may feel the birthing pains and face a world full of misinterpretation and mockery, but the world did not stop God's mission through Christ and it will not stop our mission today.

Minister's Message

In the coming year, St. David's will be reflecting on 250 years as a congregation in St. John's. In many ways, things have changed in that time. Reflecting back, this congregation's path has never been an easy one, and as we struggle to find a sustainable path forwards there is reassurance in that realization. But this is also a chance to recognize the profound changes that our church has come through and ask ourselves how we are called to change to prepare for the coming future.

You might not be ready for Christmas, just as the world is not ready for much that is good. You might be unprepared, with your head in the wrong place. But may Goodness rain down on you this holiday season nonetheless, grace and peace to you and your family this special season whether you are ready or not. For that is what we remember this December, that the best presents sometimes arrive unexpectedly into the smelliest stables.

May God bless you richly this season, so that you find you have enough to bless another.

Amen!

David

Christmas at St. David's



Sunday, December 1st

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
REGULAR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thursday, December 5th

GOOD COMPANIONS CHRISTMAS
LUNCH. PLEASE ARRIVE BY NOON,
DINNER SERVED 12:30 PM

Sunday, December 8th

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
"NO-REHEARSAL-PAGEANT"
FAMILY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thursday, December 12th

AMS CHRISTMAS LUNCH WITH
ST. ANDREWS, 1:00 PM AT ST. DAVID'S

Sunday, December 15th

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
TSO PERFORMANCE WITH ST. DAVID'S CHOIR
CHRISTMAS COFFEE HOUR
SUNDAY SCHOOL MUFFIN MAKING FOR BRIDGES TO HOPE

Saturday, December 21st

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Christmas at St. David's



Saturday, December 21st

"BLUE CHRISTMAS" SERVICE AT 6:30 PM
A SPECIAL SERVICE FOR THOSE FEELING
LOSS AT CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 22nd

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE AT 11:00AM
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Tuesday, December 24th

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
CAROLS & SCRIPTURES – AT 6:30PM

December 25th - December 28th

CHRISTMAS WEEK ~ THE CHURCH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED

Sunday, December 29th

LAST SUNDAY SERVICE OF 2024 AT 11AM
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Tuesday, December 31st

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM 9:00
AM TO 1:00 PM

January 1st, 2025

CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS DAY
AND REOPEN: THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,
JANUARY 2ND AND 3RD, 2025
FROM 9AM-1PM



Our 250th year is upon us.

In 2025, St. David's will be celebrating 250 years of congregational worship. This is a celebration for us all to share in, and we are looking for your input and help in marking this momentous occasion. A Committee has been formed to oversee the celebrations (consisting of Rev. David, Steve Bruneau, Janet Calver, Lillian Crawford, and Heather Steele-Morrissey), but we are looking for your ideas and your willingness to help out with individual events throughout the year.

If you would like to help with researching the realities of life 250 years ago in St. Johns, participate in a historical walk through places of meaning to this congregation, prepare food for celebrations, join in prayer vigils, or offer new and exciting ideas for how we can celebrate together, please reach out to us! If you're not ready to do that yet, then stay tuned for more details.

Dear Santa



Ho, ho, ho! Hello there, friends!

It's me, Jingleberry, one of Santa's most trusted elves, popping in with an important announcement straight from the North Pole! As you may have heard, the mail system has hit a bit of a frosty patch this year with the Canada Post strike. But don't worry—Santa's got it all figured out!

Here's the deal: we elves are teaming up with your church to make sure all your letters to Santa reach the Big Guy himself. Starting this Sunday, bring your letter to Sunday School, or hand it in during collection time and leave the rest to us! Our elf couriers will deliver your letters directly to Santa's Workshop, where he'll take a break from cookie-tasting to read every single one. And guess what? Santa will write back! So make sure to include your name and address (or maybe have a grown-up help with that part).

The deadline to drop off your letters is Sunday, December 15th, so don't delay! Santa's sleigh is getting prepped, and he's looking forward to hearing all about your Christmas wishes, your kind hearts, and maybe even your favourite cookies!

Stay merry and bright,
Jingleberry the Elf

P.S. Santa says, "Keep up the good work, and remember the true spirit of Christmas—love and kindness!"

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



Preparations are well underway for Christmas Hampers, but help is still needed!

Here's how you can help:

- Make a monetary donation, just indicate that donation is for "Christmas Hampers".
- Donate a gift card, can be used to purchase food items for hampers.
- Donate non-perishable food item(s), see Hamper contents below for suggestions.
- Volunteer to deliver a hamper or two! **NEED 15-20 DELIVERY PEOPLE THIS YEAR!**

Each Hamper has a value of approximately \$100 and contains

*Turkey (10-12 lb.) ***

Flour (2.5 kg)

Oranges (3-5 lb.)

Green Peas (tin)

Cheese Whiz

Milk (2L 2%)

Teabags (72/144)

*Eggs (1 dozen) ***

Bread Crumbs (1 pkg.)

Crackers

*Vegetables - Cabbage, Carrot, Turnip, Potatoes ***

Sugar (2 kg)

Apples (3-5 lb.)

Corn (tin)

Peanut Butter

Cranberry sauce (tin)

Coffee (Instant)

Bread (1 loaf white)

Savoury (18 g)

Cookies

Onions (2-3 lb.)

Tuna (170 g tin)

Evaporated Milk (tin)

Juice (1 Litre)

Cereal (Box)

Margarine (454 g)

Bread (1 loaf w/wheat)

Cheese (block)

Beans (tin)

**** These items are usually provided by Community Food Sharing Association.**

DELIVERY DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2024

Two persons required for each delivery - Hampers are heavy!

Questions or Want Further Information? Contact us!
Lillian Crawford (754-2362/691-3057) Anne Calver (682-4329)
Church Office (722-2382)

Treasurer's Report

Many people consider St. David's as their "home" church. This community exists in St. John's and is also spread across the globe. We see family members from St. John's visit their children and grandchildren across Canada, in the United States and further afield. We also see and welcome the families who return for vacations and other special occasions.

St. David's displays a strong community spirit right here, as evidenced by the time and effort people take to help out with, and for, our various groups. This can be anything from those who make soup or desserts for the bridge parties, to the person who joyfully measures the balls and their distances from the "jack" during the Good Companions carpet bowling.

I'd certainly like to acknowledge the support we have received this year from your donations to this church. These allow us to do everything from keeping the heat up and the lights on, enabling us to support our various groups – Sunday School, Bible Study, Good Companions, the weekly pickleball sessions, the WA and the AMS. You also support us in other ways: by regularly attending the concerts, by mowing the lawn, trimming the "prickly" hedges, sharing your gifts and talents and taking part in meetings (Session, Board of Managers, Futures committee, WA and AMS), and your participation during October's "Socktober" and November's "Winter Coat Drive". Members of our congregation have many gifts and talents and are always willing to help out when called upon.

For me Christmas really started on Thursday November 28th with the MacKenzie family's annual donation of the big wreath over our front door and the swag over the door leading to the office lobby. They are absolutely beautiful! Decorating the sanctuary started the following day with the Advent wreath, creche, and Christmas trees giving our church a fully dressed look for the season. This year the elves were also "at it" bringing light to the Rose Window and the front door's alcove. Now the big wreath can be easily seen and admired, so remember look up! Thanks to everyone to helped decorate.

Treasurer's Report

I'd also like to acknowledge the WA who have shown support in many ways: putting down new flooring in the kitchen and having a local company (A Little Magic) do some magical things especially giving the hall floor a spanking new shine making it look like new! The WA also pull off great enjoyable bridge parties. That's just the tip of the iceberg!

We are part of a congregation where we come together to worship, to serve one another and to serve our neighbours. One way in which we do this is the Christmas hamper project, where our donations of money and food go into the hampers along with some of the knitted goods from our Prayer Shawl knitters. By the way, the WA have kicked off this year's hamper project with a \$1,000 donation and are always looking out for, and finding, good deals for food for the hampers.

This year I have been using the word deficit a lot. What does that actually mean? **We do not have enough money to pay everyone and everything as it now stands.** The Board and Session are well aware of this and will be discussing it in a meeting in the very near future. My thanks to the Session and Board for their guidance this year.

To everyone who considers St. David's their "home" church, please consider your church as you look ahead to the remainder of this year and into 2025.

Thank you and may you have a very Merry Christmas!

Anne Calver

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!



Susan St. Croix,
November 3rd



Julia Craig,
December 1st



Allison Crawford,
December 2nd



Doug Hudson,
December 4th



Sophie Burness,
December 5th



Geoff Hudson,
December 6th



Andrew Ellis,
December 9th



Noah Venth,
December 9th



Paul Chancey,
December 10th



Ivy Fleming,
December 14th



Beatrice Quinton,
December 15th



Sebastian Culp,
December 15th



Kirsty Gillies,
December 18th



Kaylee Putt,
December 22nd



Cynthia Clouston
December 23rd



Catherine Mckenzie,
December 26th



Nowell Melendy,
December 26th



Joanna Lo,
December 28th



Kirsten McKay,
December 28th



Kay Korpel,
December 28th



Marcella Rollmann,
December 29th



Scott Bonnell,
December 30th

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

Judy and William (Bill), Barnes, who will be celebrating
their 57th wedding anniversary on December 26th

Marcella and Hans Rollmann, celebrating their 56th
wedding anniversary on December 30th

Congratulations to 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.

Happy Anniversary!



What's Happening

at St. David's

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03

10:00 AM

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY/KNITTERS

The Prayer Shawl Knitters will be holding their first monthly meeting this Fall on **Tuesday, December 3rd at 10:00am in the Armour Room**. No knitting experience is required ~ please join us for a friendly and fun group for a morning of knitting and fellowship.

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12:30
PM

BIBLE STUDY

Each Wednesday at 12:30 PM, we gather together to study the bible together. We choose together what we would like to study, and are eager for new voices to join us. Through the story of scripture, we find meaning that matters to us. A questioning mind is an asset, a willingness to learn from others is essential, and a resistance to getting distracted and off topic would be, although not strictly needed, a novel addition to our group. The last Bible Study before Christmas break will be Wed, Dec 18th. Bible Study will resume in the new year - to be announced.

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04

2:00 PM

PICKLEBALL

Pickle Ball takes place every Wednesday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 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. The last date for Pickle Ball before Christmas break will be Wednesday, December 18th.

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GOOD COMPANIONS

The Good Companions Annual Christmas Lunch will be held on Thursday, December 5th ~ please arrive at 12noon for a sit-down by 12:30, thank you!

Following the lunch, we will continue with our regular activities of Bridge and Carpet-bowling.

After this date, Good Companions will be taking a break for the rest of December, returning to a regular schedule on Thursday, January 9th, 2025.

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 afternoons from 2 to 4 pm. All are welcome!

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11:00AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please note: The Sunday School "No Rehearsal Pageant" will be held Sunday, December 8th at 11am, our regular service time. You don't want to miss this fun and imaginative retelling of the Christmas Story.

The Pageant will be followed by a Family Christmas Lunch ~ all are welcome!!!

Sunday School is a fun and active group that meet part way through the Sunday Service following the Children's hymn and sermon.

They have a Bible study lesson, enjoy craft-time, sing songs and so much more! Please join us and see for yourself!

We are still looking for volunteers. Please speak to Sarah King or email sarah_mcmeekin@hotmail.com

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7:00 PM

FUTURES COMMITTEE

The Future's Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 11th at 7:00pm in the Armour Room

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1:00 PM

AMS - ATLANTIC MISSION SOCIETY

AMS meets on one Sunday a month after Worship in the Armour Room. Refreshments are provided. New members male or female would be most welcome. We have lots of discussion around mission and much laughter. Hope to see you there! Call Penny Gillies if there are any questions: 709-728-8112

Next date for AMS Meeting: will be a joint Christmas lunch with our sister church, St. Andrew's! It will be held on Thursday, December 12th at 1pm at St. David's in the Armour room.

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TBD

BOARD OF MANAGERS AND SESSION

The Board of Managers and Session will hold a joint meeting. Date to be announced! The Board of Managers are always looking for new members. If you think that you might be interested in being part of the BOM, we would love to hear from you. Maybe consider attending one of the monthly meetings to see what we are all about. You would be most welcome!

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9:30 AM

POP-UP CHOIR CALL

The next Pop-Up Choir will be Sunday, December 15th. Also happening that Sunday is our annual Christmas visit and performance from The TSO! Please consider coming together to join your voices in Advent song for this very special St. David's tradition!

Remember: the Pop-Up Choir will meet with Brian at 9:30am in the Sanctuary for rehearsal followed by the 11am service. And do let Brian know either way, so he can prepare accordingly. Thank you! There will be a special Christmas Coffee Hour for everyone following this service.

JAN

07

12:00 PM

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The next meeting of the WA will be held at 12 noon, Tuesday, January 7th, in the Armour Room to discuss and plan upcoming events, including the next Bridge Party.

If you would like to join this vibrant group, drop by and get to meet the ladies. There is a great lunch, a short devotion, and a business meeting where the plans for the next activities take place.

Our next Bridge Lunch will be December 10th - and the first one of 2025 will be Tuesday, January 14th. Tables of four (4) must be booked in advance. Cost - \$20.00 per person.

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11:00 AM

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

This service features contemporary gospel music complete with a band thanks to extraordinary Music Director Brian Way!

Contemporary Services are scheduled for the last Sunday of every month and we hope you will join us for this lively Sunday Worship! The next Contemporary Service will be: Sunday, January 26th, 2025.

Groups and Events



Bridges to Hope

“The Weekly "Flyer" Specials with items helpful for food hampers”, will be included in your weekly Announcements insert in the Order of Service

The suggested item(s) for December 2024, especially useful for Bridges To Hope – Canned Meat. 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.



39 Cookstown Rd, St. John's, NL A1C 4G7



<https://bridgestohope.ca/>



Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange

Who doesn't love a good Jigsaw Puzzle?! Especially over the Christmas holidays!

Well, the Good Companions Group has started a Jigsaw Puzzle exchange... you will find the Jigsaw Puzzles in the locked grey cabinet just outside the Armour Room. (The key for the cabinet is kept in the office.) Management of the puzzles will be done on an 'Honour System' – anybody can leave a puzzle or take a puzzle. And you can take as long as you like to complete. Should you have any questions, comments or suggestions, you may leave them at the office for Charlie Goobie and he will contact you promptly!

Groups and Events



Sunday Coffee Hour Volunteers

Sunday Coffee Hour is a lovely custom we have at St. David's. ☺
We are looking for individuals and families to help assist with setting up and/or serving ... there is really not much to it and other volunteers would be delighted to show you the ropes! A sign up sheet has been put on the refrigerator if you have a spare Sunday to help out. A special thank you to everyone who signed up this Fall - it was very much appreciated!

The December sign up schedule is now available.



Music in the Hall

The next concert, on Saturday, December 7th, we will be welcoming back Shelley Neville and Bob MacDonald for our 2nd Annual Christmas Show!! Definitely not to be missed!!

This Concert has sold out and will be our largest attendance yet!!

Groups and Events



News from the Pews Newsletter

Our new once-a-month, Newsletter for January be emailed out on January 8th to allow our band of volunteers to have a real Christmas break.

If you are not already on our email list, please contact the office and we will happily add you. If you would prefer to have one dropped of at your home, we can do that too!! It would be our pleasure!

We would love to read your stories and see your pictures, hear about special events, a holiday-trip, a treasured pastime and maybe share a favourite Christmas recipe!! We are interested in any of the ways you would like to stay in touch and connect with each other. Send your stories to: stdavids@nfld.com ~ thank you!

Please have your submissions for the January Newsletter in by end of day January 3rd, 2025. Thank you!



AMS Winter Coat Drive Thank You

November was dedicated to collecting “lovingly used” Winter Coats, and was a great success! Thank you to all who helped with this endeavour. We truly appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Good News *from you*

Sunday School News

On November 3rd, our Sunday School children, together with Charlie Goobie and Brian Gamberg, helped put together some much needed shelving units for the Church Hall. Their willingness to help out within their own abilities, is a great lesson for all. Let's not forget their enthusiasm, which is boundless! Many thanks to our little group! (And if you want to check out their work, just have a look in the freezer room.) Thank-you Sarah for helping to coordinate this event and for your ongoing work and dedication to the Sunday School. Check out the "builders of the future" below!

Also, in order to ensure our little ones continue to enjoy Sunday School activities, Sarah is putting out a Christmas "Wish List" for you to consider as you do your Christmas shopping...

Sunday School Wish List Supplies:

- Small Glue Gun with Glue Sticks
- Little prizes/Candy/Chocolate Treats
- Glitter
- Water Colours
- Foam Shapes
- Disinfectant Wipes



Good News *from you*

Memorial Tree Dedication – November 3, 2024

On Sunday, November 3rd, the Baird and Cumming families took part in a very touching and heartfelt dedication in remembrance of Christina Baird-Duncan and Hugh Cumming. Both families developed a great friendship since moving to the Province back in the 1960's and the close family ties continued with both Christina and Hugh joining the Memorial Tree together.

Ken Baird and April (Cumming) Kennedy delivered special remembrances for Christina and Hugh on behalf of their families. (See below)

Their leaves serve as a tribute and remembrance to all the beautiful memories we have of them as part of our Church family.

From April and Family...

On behalf of our family, I would like to thank Janet Calver and Steve Bruneau for helping us complete this memorial leaf. When Mom and Dad immigrated from Scotland in 1965, St. David's became their community. Mom was involved with the WA in the 1970's, joined the Board of Managers in the '80's and helped in any way she could. Dad joined the Board of Managers later in the 90's and later became an Elder. His engineering and Mr. Fix it knowledge came in handy many times, I'm sure.

The closest friendship bond created through St. David's was the one with Christina and Norman Baird. Their family became our family as many summer holidays and Christmas Days were spent together for over 20 plus years.

In 1964, Dad and Theresa were married here at St. David's with Norman as his best man and Christina creating the beautiful flowers.

To lose both our Auntie Chris and Dad in the same year has been most difficult. So, to have them both join the memorial tree together means a great deal.

When we were looking at the memory tree to decide on the leaf for Dad, we were reminded of all the many friends who were so close to our families. Zena Bleeker, Peter and Elizabeth Berghuis, Gay Laaning, The Kieftes, the Grays, just to name a few. I thought about how remarkable it is to have such a history full of friendships documented in such a beautiful way. These are the true roots of St. David's. Legacies of families, memories and joy. Thanks you for the Bruneau Family for creating this beautiful tree of memories so the wonderful history of our church can be seen for all the families who join our congregation.

Good News *from you*

From Ken and Family...

Thanks for the opportunity to say a few words today about Mom as we dedicate a leaf to her memory on the Memorial Tree. This tree is special, as it brings to life the history of the St. David's Church community.

Mom's faith was steadfast – she lived her life as a faithful Christian to the best of her ability, which kept her grounded. Our family connected with St. David's Church when we came to Canada in 1968. Many of my childhood memories are of family times enjoyed at St. David's congregational events through the years. Mom made sure that the church remained a central element of our upbringing. To this day, we have many life-long friendships from the St. David's community that have withstood the ravages of time and distance – especially the Cumming family and the Gray family.

Mom was an active member of the congregational community when she lived in Canada. Over the years, she thoroughly enjoyed her time singing as a member of the church choir; helping out with all the Women's Auxiliary and other church events whenever called upon; organizing and helping to make the beautiful Christmas banners (which are still hung every Christmas time) and some of the other banners adorning the church on many occasions.

Upon her recent return to Canada in 2018, she immediately reconnected with St. David's and again became a semi-regular attendee at Sunday services. She loved attending the Thursday Good Companions group – especially the bowling. By her own accounts to us, she wasn't that good but she always had a smile on her face after attending. And she especially appreciated her friendships with Sheena Findlay and Kay Scott.

She now rests side by side with my Dad on the tree, among their many dear friends. I would like to thank the Reverend David Sturtevant and the Council of Elders for bestowing this honor on Mom. I would also like to thank Jane Steneker for reaching out to us about this opportunity.



Good News *from you*

The Good Companions Halloween Surprise

Halloween fell on a Good Companions' afternoon, so it was no great surprise to see some "special guests" drop by to help serve the tea and coffee. We welcomed the Great Pumpkin, a Flapper Girl and Mary Poppins. It was a short, but fun-filled visit!



WA Hosted Bridge Party – November 12, 2024

The WA hosted the November Bridge Party on the 12th in the Church Hall. The damp weather did nothing to deter the enthusiastic bridge players. There is always much chatter and laughter when they first arrive – and excitement about "what's on the menu today". Our WA ladies and our team of helpers always ensure that our guests have a lovely afternoon.

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. A special thank-you to Rev. Sturtevant who took on triple duties on Tuesday – greeter, server and co-kitchen cleanup crew with Jenny. We couldn't do it without all of you! A BIG thank-you!

Here are just a few of the pictures from the party!



Good News *from you*

Music in the Hall Concert (November 16th)

There was a beautiful Music in the Hall concert for November. The guest performers included Jenny Gear (vocals), Sandy Morris (guitar), Doug White (drums), and our own Brian Way (piano/keyboard). Each is a talented performer in their own right, but put them together and you get a little magic! There was such a variety of music and songs - from a little bit jazzy to very poetic and mellow. It was obvious that the four are comfortable with each other, not only as gifted musicians, but also as good friends. The evening went by too quickly. We hope they can come back soon!

A big thank-you to Brain for all the hard work that he puts into making these concerts a reality and all the great evenings of music we have enjoyed!



(left to right):

Brian Way, Jenny Gear, Sandy Morris and Doug White

Good News *from you*

Floral Design Group

The Floral Design Group have been coming to St. David's Church Hall for many, many years for their meetings, get-togethers and their special workshops and projects. One of the most exciting projects for them every year involves making all the floral decorations and arrangements for Christmas time at the Commissariat House. Rev. Sturtevant popped in to say "Hello" to them while they were in the Hall and of course, it wasn't long before he was making his own floral arrangement – with some help! If you have the opportunity, drop down to the Commissariat House and see what magic the Floral Design Group have created. Meanwhile, here is a picture of David with some of the members from the group.



Good News *from you*

Confederation 75 Awards

2024 marks 75 years of Confederation. One of the ways this anniversary is being commemorated is a “75th Anniversary of Confederation Medal”. These Medals will be given to Newfoundlanders and Labradorians who have made a significant contribution to their communities and province over the past 75 years. One of the recipients being recognized with this award is our very own Eleanor Bonnell!!!

We know firsthand Eleanor’s generous spirit to help others. As an Elder and volunteer in our many church groups including the WA, Good Companions and initiatives to support new Canadians. (Through this initiative, she is presently helping two Ukrainian families adjust to life in NL.) We are witnesses of Eleanor’s dedication and devotion to service in action.





However, with this award, Eleanor is also being recognized for her devotion to her Community, to her province. For 22 years, she served as a volunteer on both the Board of St. Clare’s Mercy Hospital, and the Board of The Health Care Foundation, including two terms as Vice Chair of the Health Care Foundation Board, and as Chair of its Ethics Committee. She also served as a Board Member of Bridges to Hope Food Bank for three terms and as Chair of the Board.

Congratulations Eleanor on this most significant honour - your St. David’s Family joins with you to celebrate your achievement. You are truly an inspiration to all of us! (These pictures were taken at the Confederation Building during the presentation of the Confederation 75 Medals by the Hon. Siobhan Coady, Deputy Premier.)




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-  Tuesday to Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.
-  709-722-2382 (General office)
-  709-699-3661 (Rev. David Sturtevant)
-  stdavids@nfld.com (messages are checked regularly!)

Pastoral Care

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It is linked to our bank account and automatically accepts all donations!
-  You can find more ways to donate on our website, stdavids.nf.ca/donations-2/

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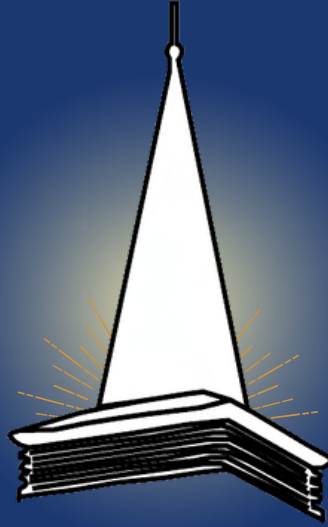
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