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Welcome to the first edition of News from the
Pews for 2025!

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas season, and a beautiful start to the New Year. For St. David's, it means we are officially in our 250th year as a congregation - we're the second oldest congregation in our beautiful province, with many more years ahead of us.

Throughout this year, we encourage you to join us for lots of celebrations, activities, and memory making. You may even see a new look or two! All details will be announced on our social media, order of services, and newsletter.

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



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

Minister's Message



This year, as St. David's celebrates its 250th anniversary as a worshipping community, I will be aiming to preach through the story of the Bible during our Sunday morning worship. There is too much to cover it all, I won't be reading every verse, nor every chapter. But my goal will be to provide an overall sense of the parts of the bible and how it works together to tell a single story. Just like a song is made up of many verses that repeat a melody but bring new meaning each time, many stories in the bible are made to echo earlier passages and provide nuance by the differences or similarities between them.

This past Sunday, we looked at the two creation stories in Genesis, and considered what it means that we have two separate stories of creation that don't seem to be written to fit together nicely. The state of the world before creation is described as a deep ocean in the first story, and as a parched desert in the second. These could not be more opposite images! But both are images we can understand, both are uninhabitable and hostile. Sometimes the image of land rising up can speak to us, and sometimes we will resonate more with water bubbling up. Both images will be used a lot in the rest of the Bible!

Minister's Message

On January 12, we will be continuing on in the story, looking at Genesis 3 and 4, the stories of the Fall when Eve and Adam ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, and the story of their sons Cain and Abel. I think many people secretly have a lot of questions about these stories, particularly the story of the Fall. Wasn't it kind of mean for God to trap Adam and Eve by putting a forbidden fruit within their reach? Wouldn't he know they were going to eat it? Didn't God lie when he told them they would die from eating it? If God's all about forgiveness, why doesn't he forgive them? These are all sensible questions to ask! Please join us on Sunday as we study these tricky but foundational stories.

The week after that, we will be taking a look at Noah's ark. This is often thought of as a children's story, but other than it being a story with animals in it, there is very little that is child-friendly here. All of creation is undone, and we return to the watery world of Genesis 1. How does this story set a pattern for stories to come? How long will the fresh start last? What sets this story apart from other flood narratives of the ancient near east? Come on the 19th to learn more!

Finally, on the 26th, we will look at one of the most important figures in the Old Testament, Abraham! Abraham is a key historical figure, and Christians, Jews, and Muslims all hold him in high esteem as something of a spiritual great-great-great-grandfather. So what kind of man was he, and how did he live up to the calling of being the father of God's chosen people? Not very well, as it turns out!

As we learn to see the human side of the Bible and of the people whose stories fill it, we learn to see God's love for humanity more clearly. Through the stories of Genesis, we learn to love the world around us more and more. These were the stories that the young Jesus would have learned in school, stories that inspired Him to be the kind of man He grew up to be, and so they are fully worthy of our time and thoughtful attention as we seek to be more like Him in our daily lives.

Minister's Message

Come and join us as we celebrate our 250th anniversary this year, and learn from the story that has united our hearts for 250 years and beyond.

May God bless you richly in 2025 with plenty of everything you need, less of what you don't need, and the wisdom to tell the difference.

David



Moments in History

As we reflect back on our church history, we give thanks for the hard work of so many generations who came before us. One fruit of that hard work comes to us from the anniversary committee of St. David's fifty years ago, who wrote and collected a history of this congregation up until their time.

Originally shared as weekly bulletin inserts for the 200th anniversary, it was later collected into a written work available on our website (<https://stdavids.nf.ca/who-we-are-2/our-history/>) titled "The Dissenting Church of Christ at St. John's".

With thanks for their legacy, we share once more the history of our congregation in their weekly articles.

Treasurer's Report

As I reflect back on the past year, I can't help but feel positive. Yes, we had many ups and downs financially and there were times when we struggled to pay bills and meet our commitments. But, with your help and encouragement, we persevered - as we have done for 249 years! 2024 started off with a projected deficit over \$73,000.00. Early in the year, I used up whatever funds were available to me, including some money from the Memorial Fund and the St. Aidan's Fund. Some payments were put off entirely. In the first 11 months of the year we received \$211,585, a monthly average of \$19,235, but then December came along and we received \$52,886! As Treasurer, your generosity was a great gift. Many thanks!

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 Church warm and cozy and the lights on to supporting our various groups and initiatives. You also support us in other ways: attending concerts, keeping our lawn and bushes looking beautiful, doing little "fix-up" jobs around the Church and the Hall; supporting our groups and organizations by attending meetings and events (such as Socktober and November's Winter Coat Drive); supporting Bridges to Hope on a weekly basis and of course helping with our own Christmas Hamper project.

I'd also like to give a special acknowledgement to the WA who keep the building looking lovely through their efforts (new flooring, kitchen supplies and equipment). They also organize and oversee a well attended monthly Bridge Party that contributes sizable funding to our coffers. Many thanks for all your work and enthusiasm!

Over Christmas, St. David's welcomed people we hadn't seen in a while, greeted family members visiting with loved ones and extended a warm welcome to people coming to our Church for the very first time. Our congregation is part of a bigger community. We come together to worship, to serve one another and to support our neighbours.

Treasurer's Report

As we embark on our 250th Anniversary, please reflect on what St. David's means to you and your family, now, and going forward into the future. Our future depends on you and everything you bring to our congregation. I hope that you continue to support St. David's in many ways and as best you can.

Thank you.

Happy New Year and Happy Anniversary!

Anne Calver



Donations and Year-end Tax receipts

You may have heard that the Government of Canada has announced an extension of charitable donations to February 28, 2025. Please ensure that cheques are dated for 2024. Donations may also be made by etransfer and that email is: stdavidsnfld@gmail.com Thank you.

Condolences

Frank Woolridge



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Judy (Barnes) Woolridge and her family on the passing of her husband, Frank, December 26th. Many of you will remember Judy as our Church Administrator for many years and a dear friend for many within our congregation. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. (For more information, please see the obituary below.)

Passed peacefully away at the Palliative Care Unit on Thursday, December 26th. Franklyn Woolridge age 75 years. Frank is survived by his wife Judy Barnes, daughters Wendy Woolridge, Cindy Heffernan (Mark) and their mom Janice Pye, grandchildren: Kenneth King, Beth and Sadie Heffernan. One brother Dave (Beverly), nieces, nephews and cousins.

Frank will be missed by his cabin friends in Ryan's Pond, Brigus Jct. who were near and dear to him and his canine buddy Minnie. As per Franks request, cremation has taken place. A burial service will be held at the Anglican Cemetery, Kenmount Road on Tuesday, December 31st at 2pm with a celebration of Life for family and close friends following the burial at the clubhouse, 56 L'Anse Aux Meadows Crescent, from 3-5 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations could be made to SPCA or CMHA.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!



Yasmin Ahmed (Krunys)
January 7th



Stephen McKenzie
January 8th



Heather Steele Morrissey
January 8th



Jayce Froude
January 12th



Alexander Bassler
January 14th



Charlie Barnes
January 15th



Kay Scott
January 17th



Samuel Venth
January 18th



Ed Vanderkloet
January 20th



Allison Gillies
January 22nd



Sandra Perry
January 29th



Samantha Johnston (Hudson)
January 30th

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

Lori-Kim denOtter and Andy Versteeg, celebrating their 21st anniversary on January 17th.

Congratulations! 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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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.

JAN
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BIBLE STUDY

Our group meets weekly on Wednesdays at 12:30 pm. We will be following along with the past Sunday's weekly bible area of focus in our walk through the story of the bible. Members are encouraged to draw parallels between parts of the story and other similar or contrasting stories, with Rev. David providing parallels in the stories of Jesus. Connections to personal life or other stories are also frequent, and are very welcome! Although we will generally follow the pattern of scripture readings, we are often unruly and may break from tradition should someone in attendance request we study a specific passage. If you would be interested in attending a bible study at a different time, please let Heather at the office know what times would work better for you!

What's Happening

at St. David's

JAN

08

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.

JAN

09

12:30 PM

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 afternoons from 2 to 4 pm. All are welcome!

JAN

12

TBD

AMS - ATLANTIC MISSION SOCIETY

AMS meets on one Sunday a month after Worship in the Armour Room. Refreshments are provided.

The next meeting of the AMS will be announced in the weekly Announcements - which you will find in your Sunday Worship Order of Service.

What's Happening

at St. David's

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11:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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!

JAN

19

11:00 AM

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

JAN

26

11:00 AM

Our need for additional volunteers makes it difficult for us to respond to children who need consistent one-on-one care. In the event that a child needs ongoing behavioural help during Sunday School or is wandering from the group, we may ask parents to come assist with their child's learning, or else return the child to their parents in the service so the rest of the class can continue. If you have a child with special considerations, please speak to Sarah King before the service.

Creche/Playroom:

We have an unsupervised Creche/playroom for Families to use. This space is available to use anytime and during the worship service. Though please be reminded that it is unsupervised.

What's Happening

at St. David's

JAN

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7:30 PM

SESSION MEETING

Session will meet on Tuesday, January 14th at 7:30pm in the Armour Room.

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7:00 PM

FUTURES COMMITTEE

The Futures Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 15th at 7:00pm in the Armour Room.

JAN

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9:30 AM

POP-UP CHOIR CALL

The next Pop-Up Choir will be, Sunday, January 19th

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!

What's Happening

at St. David's

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7:30 PM

BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

The Board of Managers will meet on Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:30pm ~ in the Armour Room. We 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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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.

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10:00 AM

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY /KNITTERS

The Prayer Shawl Knitters will be holding their first monthly meeting of 2025 on Tuesday, February 4th 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.

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 January 2025, especially useful for Bridges To Hope – **Peanut Butter/Cheez Whiz**. 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 during the long evenings of Winter... or even a snow-day!!

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

“Coffee-time” after the church service allows people to meet and mingle. When it doesn’t happen, like on Dec 29th, people still wandered down and missed the opportunity to have a chat and a cuppa. However, to sponsor this time, we need volunteers! It is not an onerous task - all the things needed are already in the kitchen. What needs to be done?

Before church, the kettles have to be boiled; a pot of coffee made, cups, milk, sugar, etc. put out, together with plates of cookies/biscuits or other goodies. Often there are treats in the freezer! If there is a special occasion, just a word to any member of the WA and more delicious homemade goodies will appear. After the service, tea needs to be steeped and then, coffee, tea served at the wicket. Of course, there is always clean-up but there are always people willing to help with this task.

How much time does it take? Maximum 30 minutes before church and about the same amount of time after!

Why not give it a try? Take the opportunity to “Team up” with someone who does this regularly to learn the ropes and help spread the workload for this important time of fellowship.

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 last Fall - it was very much appreciated!

The January and February sign up schedule is now available.

Groups and Events



News from the Pews Newsletter

Our next once-a-month, Newsletter will be sent out to the Congregation on Saturday, February 1st, 2025. If you are not already on our email list, please contact the office and we will happily add you to the list. If you would prefer to have one dropped of at your home, we can do that too!! It would be our pleasure!

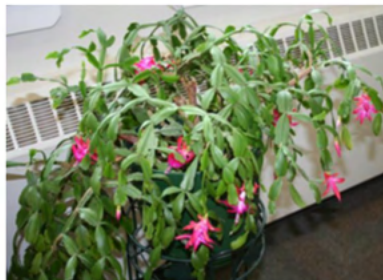
We would love to read your stories and see your pictures, hear about special events, a holiday-trip, a treasured pastime and maybe share a favourite recipe!! We are interested in any of the ways you would like to stay in touch and connect with each other.

Send your stories to: stdavidsnfld@gmail.com Thank you!

Good News *from you*

Signs of Christmas

During December, there were many signs around our Church that Christmas was coming. Many of us have seen these “signs” for years and each brings its own memories: The colourful banners that adorn the Church walls; the Advent candle; the beautiful swag and outdoor wreath (lovingly donated by the McKenzie family); the handmade nativity creche (the centre of our Sunday School pageant); the Christmas tree (adorned with handmade angels made by Grace Artiss’s mother); our new White Fall and Bookmark that appears only for Christmas day (and many thanks to Marilyn Reardon who put her sewing expertise to work and made some alterations to the Fall!); and our beautiful Christmas cactus that seems to bloom right on schedule year after year!



Good News

from you

Glenn Barnes Receives King Charles III Coronation Medal

In December 2024, Glenn Barnes was one of 30,000 Canadians who received the King Charles III Coronation Medal. Nominated by his daughter, Laura Barnes, the medal recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the country, province, and their communities. Over Glenn's multi-decade career, he has contributed thousands of volunteer hours as an ordained elder for life for our congregation, Chair of Junior Achievement Newfoundland and Labrador, Chair of the Business Hall of Fame, Chair of Avalon Employment, Co-Chair and co-creator of the Rotary Firefighter of the Year awards, Chair of the Board of Regents for Memorial University, three-time Paul Harris Fellow recipient, a recipient of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Award, and the True Rotarian award, treasurer of the Newfoundland and Labrador Liberal Party, and many more contributions to the country, province and community with his work in architecture and design. The medal will see 400,000 recipients throughout the commonwealth.

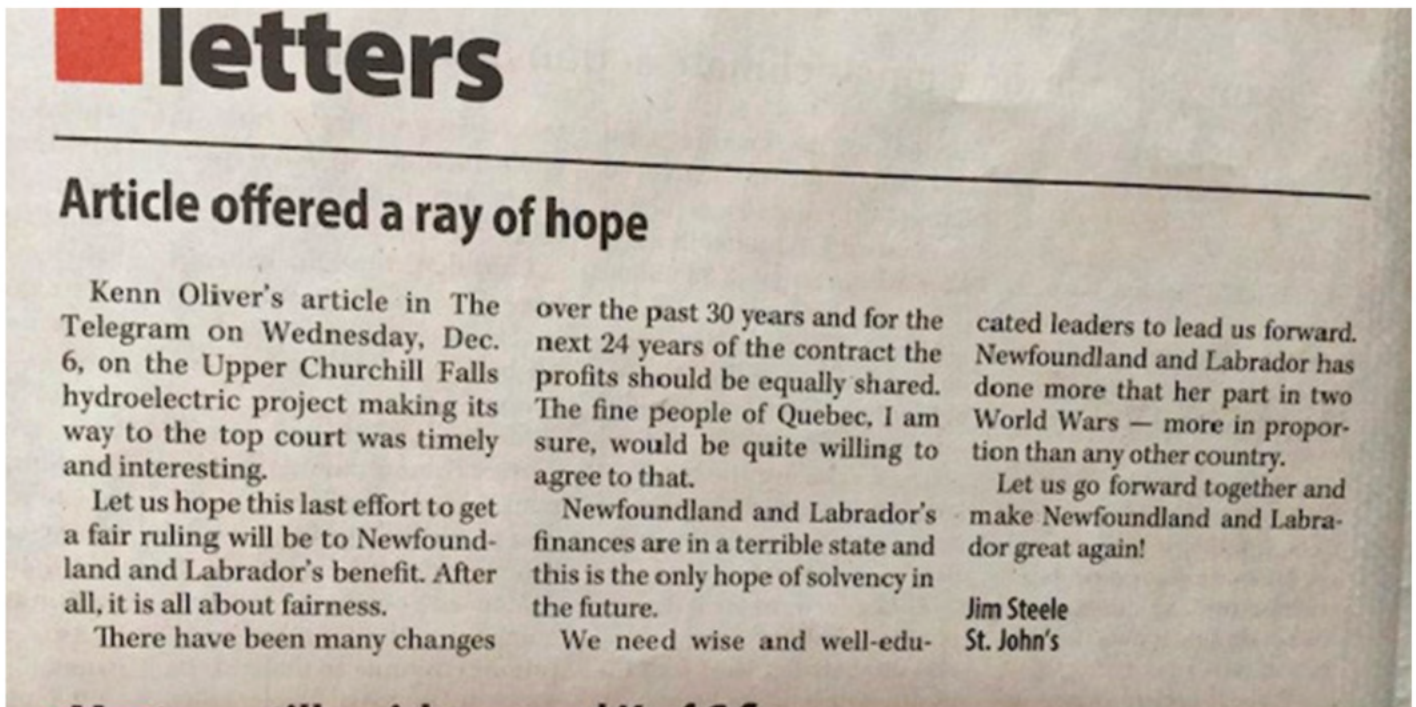


Good News

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Letter from Jim Steele – December 13, 2017

The same day that the NL Government made the big announcement about Churchill Falls, Heather came across this clipping from The Telegram. It's a letter that her father, Jim, had written 10 years (earlier December 13, 2017) about the Churchill Falls contract. A bit of a coincidence! Thanks Heather!



Good News from you

Special Gift of Handiwork

The Prayer Shawl Group received a very special gift in December. Bouwina Fogwill's daughter, Margaret, and her husband, Tim, arrived at the Church with Brenda, a good friend of the family. Brenda brought along bags of knitted and crocheted articles that she had completed with wool that Bouwina had given her. Many thanks to Margaret and Brenda for their thoughtfulness. We know the recipients of these beautiful handcrafted items will be most appreciative.

Sunday School Pageant and Advent Lunch – December 8, 2024

The Christmas Sunday School Pageant was held on Sunday, December 8th. It was a great success with our Sunday School children, along with the entire congregation, taking part! There were angels, shepherds, animals and townspeople. As Rev. Sturtevant read the Christmas story, everyone had a part to play, including "repopulating" the creche. In the end, everyone joined the children at the front of the Church and joined in singing "Go tell it on the Mountain".

After the pageant, the congregation went to the Hall and there enjoyed a yummy chili and cornbread lunch, thanks to Chef "David" and his helpers!

It was a wonderful day and below are some pictures for you to see.



Good News *from you*

Good Companions Christmas Dinner – December 5th

One of the many highlights for our Good Companions Group is the Christmas Dinner in December. This year was no exception! There was a great bit of excitement and lots of our members wore the traditional Christmas colour, red - making it quite festive! Many thanks to everyone who helped to make this a very special occasion for all our Good Companions! And a special thank-you to Paul Rice, who has been treating the Good Companions to delicious sweets all throughout the Fall for their afternoon “break”. Paul also baked a scrumptious sweet fruit bread for the Christmas dinner dessert! And many thanks to all the Good Companions who brought a donation for Bridges to Hope and the hampers. It was much appreciated!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the startup of Good Companions again in January!



Good News

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Music in the Hall Concert (December 7th)

Our last Music in the Hall concert for 2024, was held on December 7th to a packed Hall. The guest performers included Shelley Neville, Bob MacDonald, Jacob Slous (percussion and drums), Greg Bruce (saxophone), and our own Brian Way (piano/keyboard). It was a spectacular concert. Each of the guest performers brought their own magic to the show. From the sing-alongs to Shelley's rendition of "O Holy Night" – always a crowd pleaser – it was truly a night to remember. We hope to see them come back in 2025!

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! We look forward to the New Year!

Below (left to right):

Brian Way, Bob MacDonald, Shelley Neville, Greg Bruce, and Jacob Slous.



Good News *from you*

WA Hosted Bridge Party – December 10, 2024

The WA hosted the December Bridge Party on the 10th in the Church Hall. It was a cold, sunny day outdoors but the WA ladies and our team of helpers made sure that everyone had a warm welcome and a fun-filled afternoon. The soups and desserts are always something our guests look forward to but this party had a little something extra - a Christmas-themed gift basket that was awarded to one of our bridge players before the afternoon came to a close. All-in-all, a great 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. We look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year!

Here are just a few of the pictures from the 10th.



Good News *from you*

AMS Advent Lunch

On Thursday, December 12 th , there was a joint (Christmas) Advent Lunch with AMS members from both St. Andrew's and St. David's. The event took place at St. David's and consisted of a beautiful luncheon interspersed with Advent readings and (Advent) candle lighting. Thanks to Penny who organized the event and to all the members who came and made it such a special time together.

Gift Bags

The AMS, under the careful hand and guidance of Penny, and assistance from Jenny, helped organize and deliver gift bags for those in our congregation who find it hard to get out to Church. The hand-delivered little gift bags brought a smile to many faces!



TSO Concert – December 15th

The TSO (Tenacious String Orchestra) performed in our Sanctuary on Sunday, December 15th, as part of a long-standing annual tradition at St. David's and one that our congregation looks forward to every Christmas! Many thanks to the TSO for sharing their music with us once again and to our choir for their gift of music!

Below are some pictures. (Do we have some future TSO members perhaps?)



Good News from you

Sunday School News

Our Sunday School children were at it again – muffin making! On Sunday, December 15th, the children, with help from Lillian, Anne and Valerie, helped make muffins for Bridges to Hope. Several dozen muffins were baked and ready for packaging by noon. Little hands can make a big difference! Check out the “worker bees” below.



Hampers – Saturday, December 21st – Thank-You!!

One of the most rewarding activities we do as a congregation involves putting together and distributing close to 40 Christmas Hampers. We have many helpers from our congregation and the community - including a team of hockey players! Many thanks to Lillian Crawford and Anne Calver who start working on this project and lining up the volunteers early in the Fall. A big thank-you to everyone who: donated food and money; watched for the “specials” and then went shopping; carefully stored the items until packing day; put the boxes together; made numerous phone calls to our clients and our drivers getting everyone organized; picked up turkeys, vegetables sacks, eggs, etc.; carried the heavy totes of sugar and flour, etc. from storage to packing area; packed the boxes; and ensured that every driver had everything they needed for a successful delivery. Thanks to everyone for your time and generosity!



Good News

from you

Meringue Squares

This is a flexible recipe that can be made with a variety of fillings. Start by separating two eggs. Beat the yolks slightly and set the egg whites aside for the topping.

Base:

½ cup butter or margarine

½ cup white sugar

Cream butter and sugar and then add the beaten egg yolks.

Mix 1½ cup of flour with 1 tsp of baking powder.

Combine with the butter, sugar and egg mixture. Add 1 tsp of vanilla.

Pat down in an 8" or 9" square pan. I usually use parchment paper in the pan since that makes getting the baked squares out of the pan easier.

Filling:

A variety of things can be used for the filling. I cooked some sliced Granny Smith apple slices in some water and sugar, along with a good handful of partridge berries. Alternatively, you could use canned pie filling or jam. If using jam, make sure that it is not too thick or else it will not spread over the base easily.

The original recipe called for dates: Chop 1 cup of dates and add to ½ cup boiling water. Cook until thick.

Topping:

Beat egg whites until stiff. Add 1 cup of brown sugar, a tablespoon at a time as you continue to beat.

Assembly:

Make sure that the base ingredients have been pressed into the pan evenly. Top with the filling of your choice. Spoon the meringue over the top, making sure that the edges have all been sealed.

Bake 30-35 minutes at 325 ° F.

Good News

from you



bridges to hope

NEIGHBOURS FEEDING NEIGHBOURS

2024 Programming Statistics

In 2024, overall visits to our food bank increased by 31% from 2023. Throughout the year, we heard from a number of families that they were at a breaking point, no longer able to keep up with the rapidly rising cost of housing, groceries, and other essentials. Out of the 17,191 visits to our food bank in 2024, 3.5% of households were accessing a food bank for the very first time.

The largest demographic increase we saw in 2024 was among children (0-18 years). Children made up 5643 visits to our food bank last year, up from 3450 in 2023. This marks a 63.5% increase. Given this increase, and thanks to the outstanding support of our donors in recent years, we were able to double the number of K-12 students we supported with our Bag to School program in 2024. This meant 725 local students went back to class with all the tools they needed to focus on learning, having fun, and being kids.

Nothing we do would be possible without the steadfast support of our community, who we have seen rally together again and again to ensure no one goes hungry. As we head into 2025, we must once again thank each and every one of our donors for their continued support of our mission. Our work is powered by your generosity; thank you for continuously answering the call.

Increased need for our services also reminds us that as we provide this critical and immediate food support, we must continue to advocate for policy solutions that address the root causes of food insecurity across our city, province, and country. This includes affordable housing, a stronger social safety net, and income measures that allow all members of our community to meet their needs, in turn reducing the need for food banks.

In 2025, we must continue to advocate for the most vulnerable in our community as we work toward a future where all of our neighbours have access to abundant, nutritious, and culturally-appropriate food.

Church Information

Church Office Hours:

- 🕒 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

- Please contact Rev. David Sturtevant
- 📞 709-699-3661

Donations

- ✉️ The sole email address we are using to accept donations is: stdavidsnfld@gmail.com
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/

How to Reach us:

- Minister:** Rev. David Sturtevant – Cell. 709-699-3661
- Music Director:** Brian Way
- Administrator:** Heather Steele Morrissey
- Women's Auxiliary:** Lillian Crawford
- Good Companions (Seniors):** Call Heather in the Office
- Bible Study:** Rev. David Sturtevant
- Atlantic Mission Society:** Kathy McKay & Penny Gillies
- Prayer Shawl (Knitters):** c/o Lillian Crawford

Session

- Lillian Crawford (Clerk)
- Sue Templeton Ken Templeton
Janet Calver Aubrey Bonnell
Penny Gillies Eleanor Bonnell Jenny Griffioen
Kathy McKay Steve Bruneau Jennifer Waterman
Ian Bruneau Ed Vanderkloet

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