

JULY AND AUGUST 2025

# News from the Pews

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF  
ST. DAVID'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to the News from the Pews Newsletter!

Finally, warmer days are greeting us and those long awaited summer plans are now in motion. Wherever your summer takes you, join us for a beautiful sunday service or stay up to date with our celebrations and events via Facebook and our website.

We're still holding events for our 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and looking for volunteers for various projects. If you're a high school student, it's a great way to earn volunteer hours needed to graduate!

On behalf of St. David's, we wish you all a safe and happy summer season. Remember to wear lots of sunscreen, stay hydrated and check a thing or two off of your bucket list.

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



stdavidsnfld@gmail.com



98 Elizabeth Avenue



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

# Minister's Message

How good it is, to live in Newfoundland in the summertime! Lupins are blooming, capelin are rolling, and cabins are being disappeared to. Summer has come early this year, and the warmth that is overheating far away lands has made this the place to be.

Take time to enjoy it. Get out in nature and breathe deep the clean air we are blessed with. Close your eyes and lift your face to the sun, letting it shine full on your skin for a moment. Even if you still have work to do, and it is only for a moment, take time to enjoy it. For if you can't be happy in Newfoundland in the summertime, you're letting a bit of Heaven pass you by.

Adam and Eve lost their home in paradise because they couldn't follow one silly rule and couldn't be content. Cain killed his brother because he came second to him and couldn't be content. The Israelites grumble about eating the daily manna and quail God miraculously feeds them, and Moses grumbles about leading the people he begged to save. God's people seem to struggle with contentment, even when they have good reason to rejoice.



# Minister's Message

Jesus teaches us that the kingdom of Heaven is much closer than we might think. He says it is “at hand”, like you could reach out and grab it. Those who follow Jesus are said to be citizens of this kingdom, and are filled with an unquenchable life. That life is here for us today, and for me, there is nowhere on earth I feel closer to heaven than on a fine day on clothes in Newfoundland.

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Praise the Lord!

*David*

# Treasurer's Report

Even though July is a slower period of the year for this church, we look forward to getting some things done around the Church and the Church Hall. You will soon start to see some changes - colourful ones, as painting begins, flowers bloom, new bushes pop up, etc. While some groups take the summer off and activities slow down, our regular invoices keep appearing! I'd like to thank those who pay through automated monthly payments, through e-transfers and those who donate when attending Sunday worship. Please remember your church as you enjoy our summer.

We are now halfway through our 250th Anniversary. Some events are past, more will happen over the summer (such as the 250th Anniversary Food Drive for Bridges to Hope , July 19th) and still more in the fall. Please reflect on what St. David's means to you and your family, now, going forward, and into the future.

Our future depends on you and everything you bring to our congregation. As Treasurer, I do appreciate your generosity. I hope that you continue to support St. David's in many ways and as best you can.

Thank you.

*Anne Calver*

# WE'RE LOOKING FOR

## VOLUNTEER LAWN CARE SERVICES

Summer has come early this year to Newfoundland and we are delighted!

But there are so many gardening jobs to do at home and here at St David's. In early summer the grass requires mowing every couple of weeks so could you spare an hour or so to cut the grass and perhaps water the large planters at either side of the front door?

We have a battery-powered lawn mower available to use if that is your preference in the furnace room, and you could also bring along your own equipment.

Let's keep our Church property looking loved and beautiful.

Please talk to  
Penny Gillies 709-728-8112  
Heather at the church office 709-722-2382

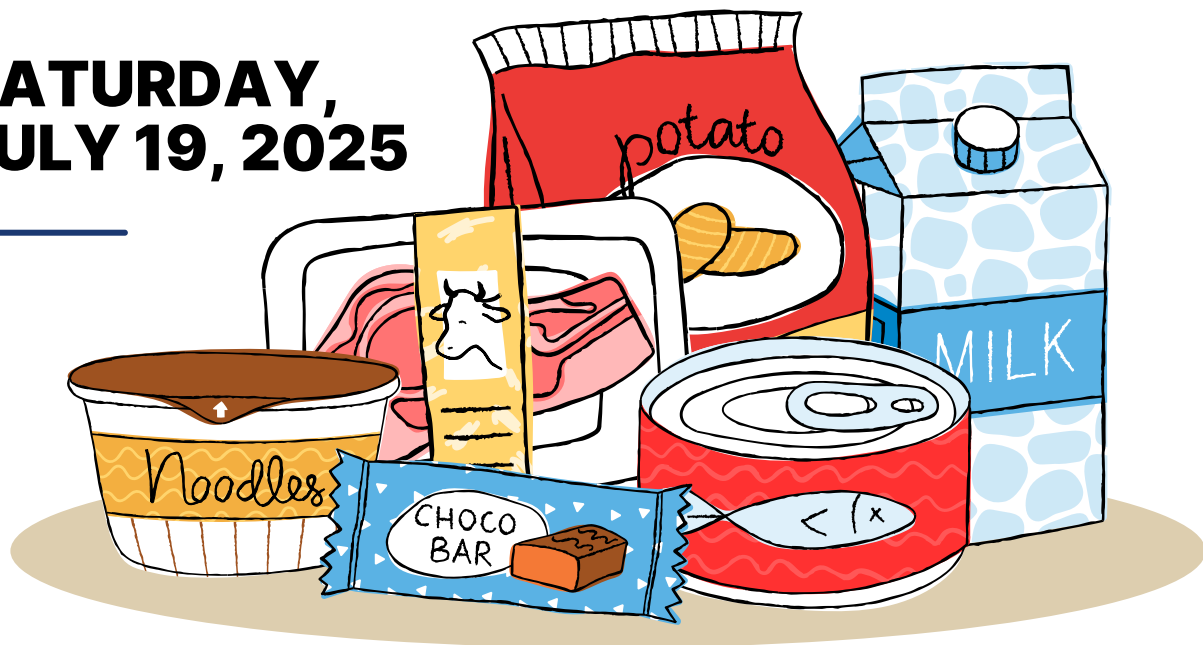




# FOOD DRIVE

**SATURDAY,  
JULY 19, 2025**

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We are excited to announce our 250th anniversary Drive-Thru Food Drive in support of Bridges to Hope! With Summer in full swing, donations to Bridges To Hope generally drop off as people are busy with Summer activities. However, the need for food does not diminish! Food hampers provide quality food, fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh bread, eggs; even meals prepared in our own kitchen!

## **DROP-OFF LOCATION**



**St. David's Parking Lot, 98 Elizabeth Avenue**  
Saturday, July 19, 2025 - 10 A. M. - 2 P. M.

## **ITEMS NEEDED**

- ▶ Non-perishable food items
- ▶ Personal hygiene items
- ▶ Household cleaning supplies
- ▶ Laundry supplies
- ▶ Baking supplies
- ▶ Monetary donations and gift cards are also acceptable.



# *Memorial Services*

**THE DATES FOR THE MEMORIAL  
SERVICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

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Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Hamilton Avenue Extension  
Monday, July 7, 2025 at 7 P.M.

General Protestant Cemetery, Topsail Road  
Monday, July 21, 2025 at 7 P.M.

Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 25 Beaumont Hamel Way  
Monday, July 28, 2025 at 7 P.M.

Please note:

In the event of inclement weather, the services will move ahead to 7 P.M. the next evening. Please have this notice inserted in your church bulletins leading up to the services. Thank you in advance.



St. David's Presbyterian Church presents

# Music in the Hall

Concert Series 2025

## "One of These Nights" The Music of 1975



Leanne  
Kean



Sandy  
Morris



Steve  
Power



Scott  
Mansfield



Roger  
Howse



Natalie  
Noseworthy

with Musical Director: Brian Way



THURSDAY

JULY 17

Show begins @ 8pm

The "Music in the Hall" series continues with a 50th Anniversary Concert celebrating an incredible and eclectic year in music history. Featuring the renowned talents pictured above, please consider joining us for a fun filled, nostalgic look back at the epic music of '75!

**St. David's Church Hall**  
**98 Elizabeth Avenue**

Tickets for all shows are \$25 and must be reserved, either by calling: 709.722.2382 or via e-mail: [musicinthehall250@gmail.com](mailto:musicinthehall250@gmail.com). Once you've reserved your tickets, payment can be made by cash or e-transfer only to the same e-mail address. No refunds, no exceptions.

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## July Edition



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, 6 years  
old on July 15th



Colin Brockerville,  
July 16th



John Hammond,  
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!

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## August Edition



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*

**Joy and Kevin MacDonald**

Celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary on July 2

**Patsy and David Carmichael**

Celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary on July 5

**Gracie and Joss Wood**

Celebrating 66 years of marriage on July 6

**Grace and David Artiss**

Celebrating 36 years of marriage on July 8

**Evelyn and Nowell Melendy**

Celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary on July 10

**Judy and Mike Callahan**

Celebrating 33 years of marriage on July 18

**Sarah Small and Gordon Stockwell**

Celebrating their 14th wedding anniversary on July 30

**Sue and Ken Templeton**

Celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary on July 31st

**Sarah and Paul Bassler**

Celebrating their 21st wedding anniversary, August 1

**Vanessa and Alex Templeton**

Celebrating their 21st wedding anniversary on August 7

**Martha and Glenn Barnes**

Celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 8

**Jean and Clayton Collins**

Celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary on August 11



# HAPPY *Anniversary*

**Allison (Crawford) and Steve Hawco**

Celebrating their 3rd wedding anniversary on August 12

**Joanna and Gordon Lo**

Celebrating their 21st wedding anniversary on August 13

**Jill Slater and Thomas Crosbie**

Celebrating their 14th wedding anniversary, August 13

**Eleanor and Aubrey Bonnell**

Celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary, August 14

**Judy and Dave Bonnell**

Celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary on August 21

**Michelle and Joseph Craig**

Celebrating their 34th wedding anniversary on August 30

**Catherine and Richard Bailey**

Celebrating their 22nd wedding anniversary on August 30.

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.



# HELLO *Summer*

Our groups and committees will be taking a small break over the summer and coming together again in September. We'll still be sharing great events, celebrations and updates on what's coming up for St. David's and our community. Until September, have a safe and beautiful summer.

Groups and committees breaking for summer include:

- Sunday School
- Bible Study
- Good Companions
- AMS, Prayer Shawl Ministry/Knitters and the W.A
- Futures Committee
- Session
- Board of Managers

Pickleball will also be taking a break, but if you're interested in a game please do call the office as they may get together for a game from time to time. Please contact the office using the office phone number if you'd like to play.



# 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.

Non-perishable food items are always welcome and appreciated! And 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.



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<https://bridgestohope.ca/>



## News from the Pews Newsletter

The News from the Pews Newsletter will be on hiatus for the summer... But please do send in your stories and news as we will be collecting them for our September issue!

We love to hear about special events, a holiday-trip, a treasured pastime, read your stories, try your recipes... and see your pictures!

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](mailto:stdavids@nfld.com) Thank you!

# Groups and Events



## Sunday Coffee Hour Volunteers

“Coffee-time” after the church service allows people to meet and mingle. When it doesn’t happen, people still wander down and miss 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 signs up to help - it is so appreciated!!

The July and August sign up schedule is now available.

# Good News *from you*

## Music in the Hall Concert (June 7, 2025)

Our first Music in the Hall concert for this year, held on Thursday, June 7th , was titled “Trad Night”, and featured two of our best local musicians - Jim Payne and Fergus O’Byrne - accompanied by our own Brian Way. The program showcased why Jim and Fergus are so well known and their music loved by all who have the privilege of hearing them sing and play an assortment of instruments. It was truly a night to celebrate music and song!

Many thanks to Jim and Fergus and we hope to see you again!

Below (left to right): Fergus, Brian and Jim





# Good News *from you*

## AMS and Sunday School – Breakfast Bags (June 8th)

On June 8th, the Sunday School children helped the AMS prepare 100 “Breakfast Bags” for families with children between the ages 5 – 17. These Bags are meant to assist families during the summer months when the Breakfast and School Lunch programs are not active. The items for the Bags were recommended by the Dietitian at Bridges to Hope. Each Bag contained 4 juice boxes, 2 instant oatmeal packets, 2 granola bars, 2 fruit cups, 4 cheese strings, and 2 pieces of fruit (apple and banana). (Note: the perishable items will be added by Bridges to Hope at the time of distribution.)

The Sunday School children worked quickly and in no time at all, the Bags were all done! Thank-you to all our little worker-bees! Know that your hard work will make a big difference to a lot of children over the summer months.



# Good News *from you*

## Good Companions – Season Closing Luncheon and Celebration

On Thursday, June 12th, the Good Companions got together to celebrate the season closing. We had an enthusiastic turnout for the luncheon, which was enjoyed by all. After the dishes were cleared and the tables put away, it was on to playing carpet bowling and bridge. All-in-all, a great afternoon!

A special thank-you to all those who helped make this a special day: our set-up and take-down crews, clean-up crew, chefs and dessert makers, kitchen worker-bees, and really everyone who just pitched in when they saw something that needed attention and just did it! You are such a blessing! And a special thank-you to our Good Companions who bought non-perishable food items for Bridges to Hope.

Our Good Companions are an inspiration to all of us who have the honour of helping out. They celebrate each day and enjoy their time together to the fullest. The photos below say it all – there's nothing better than being together and sharing a smile and a laugh or two with your friends!

We hope you have a wonderful summer! See you in September!

We hope you enjoy the pictures below.



# Good News *from you*

## WA Hosted Bridge Party – June 17, 2025

On June 17th, the WA hosted the June Bridge Party - our last one before the summer break. It was a beautiful day and everyone had "summer" on their mind! As usual, we had an enthusiastic group of bridge players who came for lunch (a selection of homemade soups and delectable desserts ) and then stayed to enjoy an afternoon of playing their favourite game. It was a fun afternoon, enjoyed by all. As per tradition, we had a special draw for a lovely gift basket just full of summer-related items and beautifully wrapped by Heather. Congratulations to Sheila Abbott, who won the basket! (see picture below.)

We hope to start playing bridge again come September!

Many thanks once again from the WA to all those who volunteered to make this afternoon a great success – our set-up and take-down crews, our "souper" cooks and "delectable dessert" bakers, our dessert "plater", our kitchen staff and servers, and our dirty dishes cleanup team. We couldn't do it without you! Thank-you all!

Below are just a few pictures from the 17th. It takes a lot of work behind the scenes to make this event a success – so cheers to all our worker-bees, some of whom you'll see in the pictures below! Have a wonderful summer and we hope to see you all again in the Fall!





# Good News *from you*

## WA Closing Luncheon for Volunteers – June 26, 2025

On Thursday, June 26th, the WA prepared a special “Thank-You Lunch” for all our volunteers who helped keep things running smoothly around the Church and who helped make all our dinners and other events such a success this year. They are always there to lend a hand and help out. You could find them fixing a door handle, straightening out a wayward trolley, putting up a curtain, or cleaning out the furnace room. Or maybe they’re flipping pancakes, cooking sausages, setting tables, or peeling veggies. And then we have our super Bridge-Party Team – who know exactly what to do and when – and do it graciously and with a smile. We couldn't do it without you! Thank-you all!

We hope everyone has a great summer – you deserve it! We look forward to seeing everyone again in September!

We hope you enjoy the pictures below.



# Good News *from you*

## Church Picnic, June 15th

On June 15th, the congregations of St. Andrew's and St. David's came together for the Church Picnic at North Bank Lodge, Pippy Park. The weather was definitely in our favour, and everyone, including the children, enjoyed this special time. Thank-you Sarah, for the pictures!



## Summer Has Arrived

Just a simple shot of one of the rose trees in front of our Church. Yes, summer has arrived! Thanks for the photos Heather!



## Young Visitor at Good Companions

On June 5th, Good Companions was delighted to have Allison Gillies and her new little baby boy, Julian, pay us a visit! All bowling stopped for a while until everyone had a chance to say "Hello" to our little friend. Julian is a sweetie, as you can see in the picture below.



# Good News

## from you

### “Meet and Greet”

Many of you may have wondered who keeps our Church premises so clean and tidy all the time.

Well, let us introduce you to Chukwudiukwu Eke! Chukwudi always comes along just at the right time – be it early in the morning or late at night – to clean, sweep, wash floors and vacuum. He has been doing a terrific job for several months now and we want to thank him for all his hard work. Should you see him around, please stop and say “Hello” and perhaps thank him for all that he is doing for us!



A couple of Sundays ago, Jaqueline Gain wore her beautiful dress and sari from Bangladesh. Jacqueline, her husband, Aldrin, daughter, Joanna, and son, Soumyo, have been faithfully attending St. David’s Church since their arrival from Bangladesh. All of them have participated in Church events and have become part of our Church family, with Aldrin sitting on the Board of Managers and Joanna a very enthusiastic member of Sunday School! The next time you see them, please stop and say “Hello”!



St. David’s and its members are great supporters of Bridges to Hope and every Sunday (and other times during the week), we see visible signs of that support through all the food items you bring along. During the week, someone from Bridges to Hope comes by to pick up the donations and one of those is usually Emily Noel. When this picture was taken, Emily had just taken one load to the car and was back for a few more – along with all the Breakfast Bags the Sunday School children and AMS had packed. Thank-you Emily for all the work you do for Bridges to Hope!





# Good News *from you*

## The Latest Adventures with Anne's Chickens...

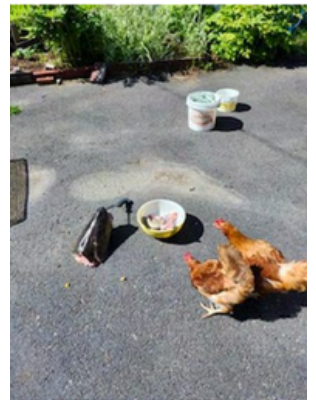
Sent in by Anne

Saturday on the Lady Cove wharf I got a gift, a cod's head complete with napes. Knowing the hens are omnivorous I thought, let's see what happens. See the pictures below



The cod head is sitting quietly in the driveway

The hens slide in for a wary sideways look



And decide an attack from behind, away from those staring eyes, is the way to get a quick bite.



# Good News *from you*

## **The Bonnell Family Celebrates**

On June 25th, the Bonnell family, along with close friends, celebrated Aubrey's 80th birthday in St. David's Church Hall. It was a lovely event and so special that St. David's was their place of choice to celebrate such an occasion. The Bonnell family has been an important part of our Church Family for several generations and has always actively participated in every aspect of Church life. Congratulations Aubrey, and best wishes!





# Music in the Hall

## Schedule of Concerts

**JULY  
17**

### THE MUSIC OF 1975 - 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Featuring Leanne Kean, Steve Power, Natalie Noseworthy, Sandy Morris, Roger Howse and Scott Mansfield with Music Director, Brian Way

**AUG  
13**

### CLASSICAL IN THE SANCTUARY

Noelle Slaney and David Pomeroy  
and Special Guest Alanna Fraize  
Accompanied by Music Director  
Brian Way

**SEPT  
13**

### CONTEMPORARY MUSIC CONCERT

Shelley Neville & Peter Halley  
with Music Director Brian Way

**OCT  
08**

### "ONLY THE LONELY"

A tribute to Roy Orbison

**NOV  
23**

### GOSPEL IN THE SANCTUARY

Karla Pilgrim, Jackie Sullivan &  
Darrin Martin with Music  
Director Brian Way





**DEC  
13**

### "ON A WINTER'S NIGHT"


Shelley Neville & Bob MacDonald  
with Music Director Brian Way

# Church Information



## **Church Summer Office Hours:**

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

## **Pastoral Care**

-  For Pastoral Care in July, please contact Rev. Derek Krunys at 709-687-7742. For Pastoral Care in August, please contact Rev. David Sturtevant at 709-699-3661

## **Donations**

-  The sole email address we are using to accept donations is: [stdavidsnfld@gmail.com](mailto: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/](http://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**

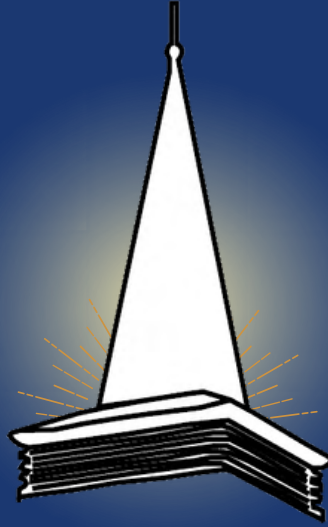
Lillian Crawford (Clerk)  
Sue Templeton Ken Templeton  
Janet Calver Aubrey Bonnell  
Penny Gillies Eleanor Bonnell Jenny Griffioen  
Kathy McKay Steve Bruneau Jennifer Waterman  
Ian Bruneau Ed Vanderkloet

**Treasurer:** Anne Calver      **Envelope Secretary:** Ian Bruneau

## **Board of Managers:**

Jill Bruneau, Anne Calver, Nnenna Odide Offia, Heather Steele Morrissey, Lisa Dooley, Debbie Wells, Aldrin Gain





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