

## St. David's Church Announcements for Dec 28 2025

**Church Office Hours:** Tuesday thru Friday from 9am to 1pm. Please call 709-722-2382 **OR the new Church Cell phone 709-425-3704. You can always email us at this updated email address: [stdavidsinstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:stdavidsinstjohns@gmail.com)** ~ Messages will be checked regularly.

**Pastoral care** ~ Please contact Rev. David Sturtevant at 709- 699-3661

**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.

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### St. David's Upcoming Events and Notices;

- \* Elders on Duty for December: Ken & Sue Templeton**
- \* Manager on Duty is Anne Calver**

### Sunday School:

Sunday school will be taking a break over the holidays and will resume on:

**\* Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Our Sunday School will be studying the Story of the Bible as told in the Jesus Storybook Bible. We aim to teach children to relate to the stories of the Bible and reflect Jesus Christ in their actions, while taking plenty of time for joyful play and building friendships. Parents are asked to consider volunteering to assist with one Sunday each month to ensure that our volunteers get breaks, and new volunteers are enthusiastically welcome!

**Creche/Playroom:** We have an unsupervised Creche/playroom for Families to use. This space is available to use anytime and during the worship service.

**Pickle Ball:** Pickle Ball takes place every **Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 4 pm**. If you'd like more information, or if would like to get some education on the rules and instruction on how to play, please join us on Wednesdays!

\* Pickle Ball will meet again in the new year on Wed., January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### **Good Companions:**

Good Companions will be taking a break for the rest of December, returning to a regular schedule on \* Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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 pm to 4 pm**. All are welcome!

**Bible Study:** Come join us in the Armour room for our informal study as we follow along with the journey through the Bible.  
All are welcome, no experience is required.

\* The next Bible Study will take place on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### **BRIDGES TO HOPE:**

The suggested item(s) for **December 2025**, 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.

## **Moments in Our History**

### **(Excerpts from the Dissenting Church of Christ at St. John's 1775 – 1975)**

#### **The Employment of Begging (Part 8)**

By mid-July 1788, the foundation wall was completed and Messrs. Parker, Lang and Lowman proceeded to put up the frame of the new building. Wages for the carpenters for both summer and winter were set “according to the customary Price of the Harbour.” By November, all the wood was used up and it was agreed that they purchase 15,000 board feet. The money on hand was all spent and lest “no money come out of England” that winter, the Committee pledged themselves to pay £ 70 (Henry Phillips gave £ .20; George Brace and John Jones £ 5; and the rest £ 10). Subscriptions had also been sought in St. John’s. As the names are interesting, we print the list in full. Some like Richard and Andrew Barnes had a Meeting House connection; others like John Lees, the Barrackmaster, were military men; but many, we presume, were merchants and interested citizens (the tradition of “having a run round Water Street” is a very old one in Newfoundland!).

## **St. David's Presbyterian Church... Faith. Community. Service.**

St. David's Presbyterian Church has been a place of worship, connection, and service in the heart of St. John's for generations. Rooted in faith, we are a welcoming and inclusive community where people of all ages and walks of life can grow spiritually, build friendships, and share in meaningful traditions.

But our work doesn't stop at our doors. St. David's is deeply committed to outreach in our city and beyond. Through partnerships and volunteer efforts, we:

Support local food banks and shelters, helping provide meals and essentials for those in need.

Run programs for children, youth, and families, offering a safe and encouraging space to learn and grow.

Care for our seniors and homebound members, keeping them connected and supported.

Open our space for music, arts, and community events, celebrating culture and creativity.

Participate in national and global missions, extending compassion and resources where they are needed most.

At St. David's, we believe faith is best lived through love in action. Whether you're looking for a church family, a way to give back, or simply a place to feel at home—you'll find a warm welcome here.