

SUMMER EDITION

News from the Pews

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Welcome to the News from the Pews Newsletter!

Welcome to our summer edition of News from the Pews! As the days stretch long and bright, we are reminded of the beautiful rhythm of creation. Summer brings with it a unique grace, a gentle permission to slow down, breathe deeply, and appreciate the vibrant life blooming all around us. Over the next two months, our regular church programming and newsletter will be taking a well-deserved summer recess, providing all of us with an opportunity to rest, reflect, and find renewal.

We encourage you to embrace the slower pace by stepping slightly outside your usual routine. Perhaps this is the summer you take a new class, explore a creative hobby, or dive into that book you've been meaning to read. At the same time, remember that renewal often comes in the quietest, simplest moments. It can be as profound as waking up early to witness the quiet majesty of a summer sunrise, wrapped in the stillness of the morning with your favorite cup of coffee or tea in hand.

We pray that the coming weeks bring you safety in your travels, laughter in your homes, and a deep sense of presence in every warm breeze and sunny afternoon. May you return in the fall refreshed, revitalized, and ready to journey together into a new season of ministry. Have a wonderful, blessed, and beautiful summer!



98 Elizabeth Avenue



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



The
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Church
in Canada

Minister's Message

One of the things that has always impressed me about St. David's is how all the space in our church gets used. There are many community groups in and through our building every day, and we have long and fruitful relationships with many of the groups who call our building home. Our parking lot is small, and we use every inch of it, as well as those who are in-the-know parking next door at Elizabeth towers or across the street on Sundays when they can.

But for many years, the northeastern corner of our church property, beside and behind the church hall, has been less used. A few years ago, we had given a Syrian refugee permission to farm the land and he showed an incredible work ethic and community spirit by putting the land to good use. He gave away much of his produce for free, out of joy and thankfulness. Unfortunately, the greenhouse he built did not withstand the elements very well and, while once functional, had become just an eyesore for the neighbours and was no longer being used. Our farmer has moved on to other fields since then, and we remain on the best of terms.

The greenhouse is now removed, and this summer, big plans are afoot! After an initial request for congregational interest in a community garden, spearheaded by Michelle Sturtevant, a good number of interested people have stepped forward. Some are more interested in the gardening aspects, and others have skills in landscaping. Steve Bruneau has been up grading and leveling the land already, and for those able to climb the small hill or willing to go around to access the back of the property down the accessible laneway, you can begin to see that there is a good amount of space there that has most lain fallow for years and is now looking much more ready to become something!

One of the first projects will be the construction of a playset for children, funded in large part by the generous gifts of the Good Companions. Good Companions is our seniors social group that meets Thursday afternoons and has met here for decades (New volunteers to help serve tea are welcome!) This will provide a safe place for our Sunday school kids to play outside on church property, which is something we try to let them do as much as possible to build friendships and community with each other naturally. But it is not just for ourselves!



Next door to the church stands the Ada Barnes house, and for decades we have worked together with the Association for New Canadians to provide a temporary home for fresh-off-the-plane refugees next door to our church. These are frequently large families who speak little English and stay for days or a couple weeks. Their children will now have a safe place to play, and their parents can find a moment of peace in a very stressful time!

Keep your eyes on this space for the playset, as well as the first few raised beds for gardening. Plans also include picnic tables for a refreshing place to sit with a few friends, many more garden beds, a small parking area/turnaround spot and even potentially a small greenhouse!

Keep this project in your prayers, that it would be successful and that it would increase our ability to share the love of Jesus Christ with our community! Pray for financial support to continue to be joyful and generous. If you feel excited and want to contribute, reach out to us to let us know.

Rev. David

Treasurer's Report

Spring did not really happen and summer, unless something happens quickly before this weekend, June 20th and 21st, may also turn out to be “missing in action”. Our plants and veggies are hopeful, and for some reason, the weeds and grass just love this weather!

On June 14th we had a busy couple of minutes immediately after church when we reviewed and passed the auditor's Review Engagement Reports (RERs) for 2024 and 2025. We got approval for the new name of the group home, Safe Haven Inc. We had eight people volunteer or be nominated for the Board of Trustees and we voted to accept those new members to the Board.

With the approval of the RER for 2025, on Monday I spent part of the day in the church office. More about that later! I completed and issued the PCC's Statistical Report for 2025 after consultations with the Clerk of Session (Lillian Crawford) and the Roll Clerk (Janet Calver). Also this month is one remaining item: the government's Registered Charity Information Return, which I fondly call the T3010. That is due by June 30th, allowing us to remain a registered charity.

In the last NFPs, I wrote about the price of oil. I'm now very glad we had a credit balance last November and I let it ride. I did crunch more numbers and our outlook is not good. The Treasurer's Report for June's Session meeting stated: “As with many churches, per the CBC news, we too are in trouble with our oil expenses. As of June 1st, we are on month 7 of 12, with 5 months of charges to come. Our current balance is -\$9,700.48 with \$10,140 in payments to come (5 months at \$2,028/month). If we use 0 litres of oil from now until the end of this year's we will be roughly \$440 in pocket. However, for the last five months of 2025 we used 3907 litres and at this year's current price of \$1.704621 per litre we will run up an additional charge of \$6,695.96.

At the current run rate I expect to owe \$6,250 in November. To mitigate that, I have asked Heather to reduce the temperature settings throughout the building to 12 degrees, or lower. Fortunately, most of our normal renters and groups have ceased operations for the summer.”

On a happier note, we have a grant for a summer student. It took a bit of doing and a week’s delay in getting the student job advertised on the federal government’s Job Bank, but it appeared Monday June 15th. The WA are also helping us out. They are growing a list of little jobs they’re identifying! If you know of a student who would like to spend the summer here helping out on any number of things we think up, take a look at the Job Bank, search for St. David’s and Newfoundland.

Thanks to a fine crew and a really nice Kubota, the community garden plots and children’s playground is becoming a reality. There is a garden team, led by Michelle Sturtevant, who are participating in this project. The current occupants of the group home are watching eagerly. If you’d like to take a look around the side and back of the church, feel free to do so. On Monday, the afternoon pickleball players had a look-see, resulting in one person from that group interested in a garden plot. The first ones will be made available to members of the congregation, so keep a lookout on how this project progresses.

Last winter, the railing around the ramp was damaged. Much discussion ensued and the result is I contracted the company who built the ramp to fix it. That happily was started last week with a new rail now in place. David tested it out, touched the rail, and realized “Oooops, still tacky.” The remainder of the work, some concrete restoration is expected in the next couple of days.

I will be applying for a federal grant closing July 14, 2026 at 3:00 pm. We have also gotten word that some help is at hand: “If applying, please reach out to the office of MP Thompson prior to your submission for a letter of support.” So, noted!

There is also work continuing on being prepared for future grant opportunities. I am gathering information for three possible projects: accessible or gender-neutral washrooms, a major audio-visual upgrade project for the sanctuary, and for projects related to climate change adaptation. If any opportunities in these areas crop up, we will be ready to go after those grant(s).

Now, I’d like to take this opportunity to ask the congregation for some help. Of the three projects listed above, how would you rate them in importance? Do you know of anyone in the congregation: who has grant-writing experience, knows of someone who does, or who would like to participate in researching grant opportunities for St. David’s and preparing submissions? If so, please get in touch with me.

Remember I said I was in the office Monday June 15th? Well, I will be in the office every Monday doing treasurer-type stuff and helping manage the workload for the student. Eventually all treasurer data will be moved over to the new computer. As a plus, that will also allow us to have the office open from 9 am to 1 pm, Monday through Friday.

And finally, to all our good friends and supporters who give their time and enthusiasm to so many tasks, from fixing the tape on the pickleball court, to helping out with small maintenance jobs around the church - my heartfelt thanks! A reminder, if you’re at the cabin with internet access, you can still support us monetarily by doing an e-transfer!

Anne Calver

Condolences

Mrs. Claire Elizabeth Martin

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to the Martin family on the passing of Claire Martin on May 1, 2026 in Ottawa. Claire was a longtime member of St. David's. She and her husband were involved in many aspects of our Church life and enthusiastically participated in many Church groups and activities over the years. (We share the obituary below, from the following site - [Claire's Obituary, 2026](#))

July 28, 1929 - May 1, 2026

It is with great sorrow that we announce the death of our dearly loved mother Claire Elizabeth Martin (nee Connor) on May 1, 2026 in Ottawa Ontario Canada.

Claire (formerly of St. John's Newfoundland) was predeceased by her husband of 54 years Dr. John R. Martin in 2013.

Leaving to mourn are her children Richard of Ottawa, Jennifer (Kim Cooke) of Toronto and Christopher (Dana Friend) of Morgantown West Virginia and grandchildren Kathleen, Charlotte (Tommy Alappat) Addison, Norah, Henry, Sophia, great grandchildren Darren and John Greene and numerous nieces and nephews.

Claire was born to Henry and Jane Connor in Magog Quebec on July 28, 1929 the youngest child and only daughter after 6 boys.

When she was 18 Claire moved to Montreal to begin her nurses training at the Montreal General Hospital. She graduated in 1950 and worked as the head nurse in the emergency department. She met her husband John there as he was a rheumatologist at the hospital. After getting married and having three children the Martins moved to St. John's Newfoundland in 1971.

Claire then switched careers and became a real estate agent which she enjoyed. She also volunteered her time at the YM/YWCA and delivered for Meals on Wheels. She was also active in the church community of St. David's Presbyterian Church where she sang in the choir and spearheaded the creation of the Good Companions, a senior's social group. When a neighbouring house of the church went on the market Claire proposed that the church purchase it and use it as a home for new Canadians. They did.

Claire was generous and an extremely talented knitter, sewer, upholsterer, canner and happily shared the results of her projects (like jams, chutneys or beautifully reupholstered chairs or expertly sewn garments with anyone who needed them.

Claire and her husband moved to Ottawa in 2013 to be closer to their family.

The family wishes to thank the entire community at the Lord Landsdowne Retirement Home which provided outstanding care for our mother even while the pandemic raged on. We also want to thank all the nurses and doctors and everyone who was involved with the care of our mother at Ottawa Hospital, civic centre. Bless you all.

There will be a celebration of life at a later date.

Those who wish to make a donation to honour Claire are encouraged to do so at a charity of your choice.

Condolences

David Sturge Artiss

The sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to the Artiss family on the passing of David Artiss, June 3, 2026. David was a member of St. David's Church for many years. He was an inspiration to many within the congregation and in later years, an enthusiastic and keen member of our Good Companions group. Our thoughts and prayers are with Grace, Tom and Katie and their families.

(The full obituary for David can be found below and on Carnell's Funeral Home website. <https://www.carnells.com/obituaries/david-sturge-artiss/>)

July 5, 1932 to June 3, 2026

Professor Dr. David Sturge Artiss passed away peacefully on June 3rd, 2026, after a brief stay at the Health Sciences Centre in St. John's, Newfoundland. Born in Birmingham, England, in 1932 to loving Quaker parents, he was the youngest of four children. He was a happy child whose family delighted in his positivity and cheeky sense of humour.

He was educated at Friends' School, Great Ayton, North Yorkshire, and at Bootham School, York. Following secondary school, he spent more than two years with the Friends Ambulance Unit International Service in Northern Germany working in post-war reconstruction. This experience laid the groundwork for his future academic career in German.

David spent two years teaching in the Department of English at the University of Tübingen, near the Black Forest. He took an Honours Degree in German Language and Literature at Durham University, followed by five years teaching German at Taunton's School, Southampton.

In 1965, he was appointed by Memorial University to teach German in the Department of German and Russian, where he met and married Phyllis Drysdale and they had their first child, Tom. Memorial sent David to complete his PhD on German poet and novelist, Theodor Storm, at Downing College, Cambridge, where his second child, Katie, was born. David travelled widely across the US, Canada, England, Germany, and South Africa, giving approximately 50 scholarly presentations on Theodor Storm, culminating in two books on Storm in 1975 and 2017. David played an active role in university affairs, both as Head of the Department of German and Russian and on various committees.

From an early age David was an outstanding athlete, breaking sprint records and winning both Junior and Senior Athletics Championships. He played field hockey for Durham University and soccer in an All England match.

Demonstrating the strong social justice values of his Quaker heritage, David played a major role in setting up the original Oxfam Store on Duckworth Street and was an active member of Amnesty International for many years. While teaching on secondment at Mount Allison University, New Brunswick, he worked closely with a Quaker group supporting Indigenous prisoners in Dorchester gaol.

David had a kind, gentle nature and an irrepressible sense of humour. He was noted for his fairness with university students and was remembered by many as an engaging professor who made learning German fun.

He met his South African wife, Grace (also a Professor of German) at a Storm Conference in Germany. After an old-fashioned and romantic long-distance courtship, they married in South Africa the following year and moved to St. John's, where they remained devoted to each other for nearly 37 years.

David was fond of the dictum of George Fox, founder of the Quaker Society of Friends: "Walk the earth, answering that of God in every man and woman."

He leaves behind his wife, Grace; his son, Tom and daughter-in-law, Dika; his daughter Katie and son-in-law, Mark; and his granddaughters Rhyanna, Sophie and Laura; as well as nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews in England and Nova Scotia.

Funeral service will take place on Tuesday, June 16th, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at St. David's Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth Ave. Inurnment to follow in the Columbarium at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

ST. DAVID'S AMS & WA

BOTTLE

DRIVE



DROP-OFF

**THROUGHOUT
THE YEAR!**

DROP-OFF LOCATION:

ANY GREEN DEPOT

*Enter the church's phone
number to donate*

722-2382

All donations will be supporting the PWH20-01, "Water, Sanitation and Hygiene" project.

Drop off your bottles, enter our phone number OR tell the depot counter you'd like to donate to St. David's Church.

"Without water drops, there can be no oceans; without steps, there can be no stairs; without little things, there can be no big things!"

WE'RE LOOKING FOR

VOLUNTEER LAWN CARE SERVICES

Summer weather is almost here, and we're looking for volunteers!

Early summer keeps us all busy with yard work at home, and the grounds here at St. David's are no exception. Right now, the grass needs to be mowed every couple of weeks to keep the property looking its best.

Could you spare an hour or so to help cut the lawn and water the large planters by the front doors? We have a battery-powered lawn mower available in the furnace room if you would like to use it, or you are welcome to bring your own equipment.

If you or a student you know needs volunteer hours for school, we are happy to accommodate and sign off on any completed hours. Let's work together to keep our church property looking beautiful and well-loved.

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





SUMMER

Music in the Hall

JULY 16

**CONTEMPORARY
FAVOURITES**

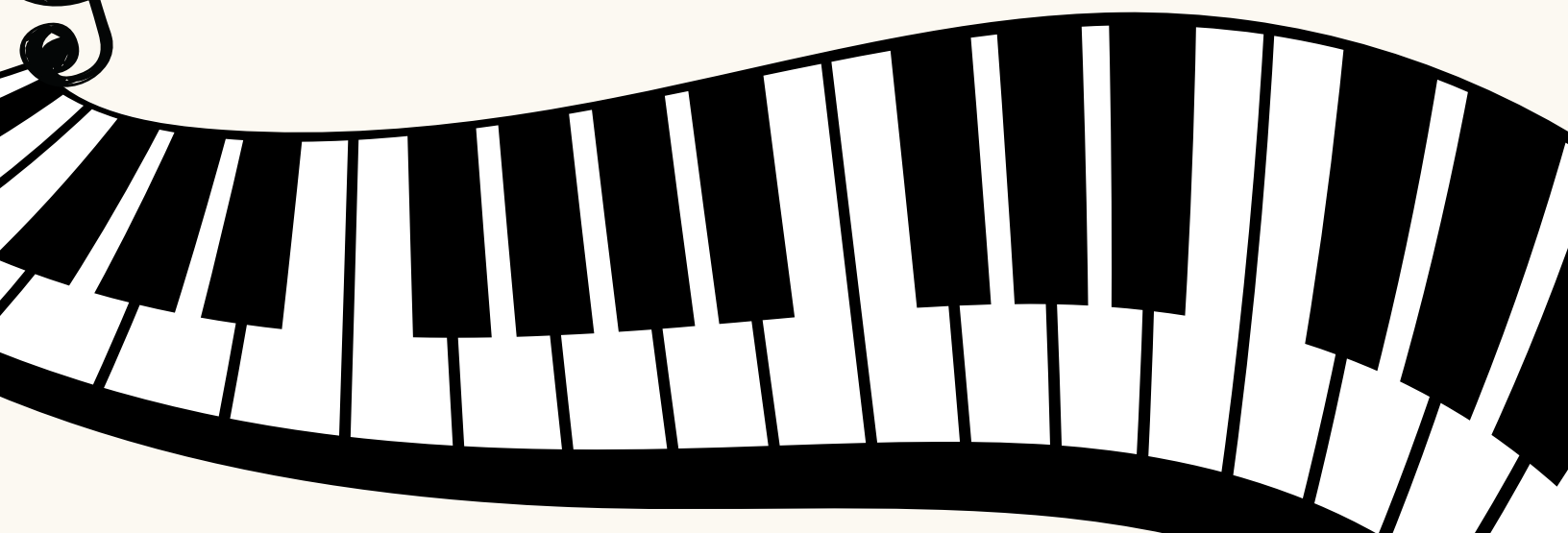
**THE GOSSE SISTERS
FEATURING:**

**SONYA AND MICHELLE GOSSE
WITH SCOTT MANSFIELD, AND
MUSIC DIRECTOR, BRIAN WAY**

AUGUST 13

**CLASSICAL IN THE
SANCTUARY**

**DAVID POMEROY
WITH SPECIAL GUEST
WENDY WOODLAND,
ACCOMPANIED BY MUSIC
DIRECTOR BRIAN WAY**



Memorial Services

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

*Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Hamilton Avenue Extension
Monday, July 6, 2026 at 7 P.M.*

*General Protestant Cemetery, Topsail Road
Monday, July 20, 2026 at 7 P.M.*

*Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 25 Beaumont Hamel Way
Monday, July 27, 2026 at 7 P.M.*

*Please note: In the event of inclement weather, the services
will move ahead to 7 P.M. the next evening.*

July

Jenny Griffioen, July 2nd

Lucy Pike, July 5th

Mildred Greeley, July 6th

Samantha St. Croix, July 7th

Lucy Pike, July 7th

Alyssa Drake, July 14th

Leo Johnson, 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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

From St. David's

August

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



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

From St. David's

September

Adam Kearsey, September 4th

David Ott, September 6th

Raphaëlle Aitken, September 8th

Addeline Abma-Rudofsky, September 10th

David Parker, September 11th

Philip Templeton, September 12th

Florence Stansbury, September 12th

Jane Green, September 13th

Helen Reddick, September 21st

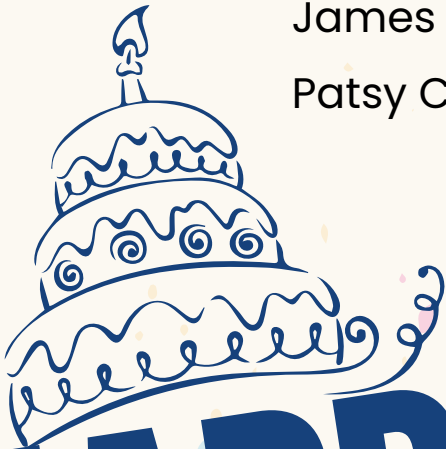
Karen Froude, September 21st

Annie Crosbie, September 28th

Lisa Dooley, September 28th

James Mallowney, September 30th

Patsy Carmichael, September 30th



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

From St. David's



HAPPY *Anniversary*

Joy and Kevin MacDonald

Celebrating their 21st wedding anniversary on July 2

Patsy and David Carmichael

Celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary on July 5

Gracie and Joss Wood

Celebrating 67 years of marriage on July 6

Evelyn and Nowell Melendy

Celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary on July 10

Judy and Mike Callahan

Celebrating 34 years of marriage on July 18

Sarah Small and Gordon Stockwell

Celebrating their 15th wedding anniversary on July 30

Sue and Ken Templeton

Celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on July 31

Sarah and Paul Bassler

Celebrating their 22nd wedding anniversary on August 1

Vanessa and Alex Templeton

Celebrating their 22nd wedding anniversary on August 7

Allison (Crawford) and Steve Hawco

Celebrating their 4th wedding anniversary on August 12

Joanna and Gordon Lo

Celebrating their 22nd wedding anniversary on August 13

Jill Slater and Thomas Crosbie

Celebrating their 15th wedding anniversary on August 13

Eleanor and Aubrey Bonnell

Celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary on August 14

Judy and Dave Bonnell

Celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary on August 21

Michelle and Joseph Craig

Celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary on August 30

Catherine and Richard Bailey

Celebrating their 23rd wedding anniversary on August 30

Heather and Bradley Burness

Celebrating their 28th wedding anniversary on September 5

Jacqueline and Maxwell Brockerville

Celebrating their 36th wedding anniversary on September 8

Penny and Stewart Gillies

Celebrating 50 years of marriage on September 8

Sarah Learmonth and David Corkey

Celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary on September 19

Congratulations! We hope you share your special day with family and friends and best wishes for many happy years ahead!

CONGRATS!



CLASS OF 2026

Congratulations to Chukwudi Eke, on his graduation from College of North Atlantic (CNA) this June. Chukwudi keeps our Church and Hall clean and tidy throughout the year. We appreciate all his hard work and we wish him the very best with his future endeavours.



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

What's Happening *at St. David's*

JUNE
24
12:00
PM

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will have one last session on Wednesday, June 24th and then will be taking a break for the Summer - returning in September.

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 June 2025, especially useful for Bridges to Hope – **Cereal**. Other non-perishable food items are always welcome and appreciated! While Bridges to Hope always has an ample supply of dog food, they have a shortage of cat food. Your help in this area would be appreciated too. Thank you.

Summer Bridges to Hope Update

As spring finally settles in across our region and the days grow longer, there's a renewed energy in our community. But for many of our neighbours, the change in season doesn't change the reality of food insecurity. At Bridges to Hope, we continue to see rising demand for food support, with more households turning to us for help than ever before. This spring, we're inviting our supporters to make a direct impact by sponsoring a specific item or meal in our food pantry. Our ability to provide nutritious food assistance to more than 1,300 people each month is only made possible by your support. Help us make sure this season brings warmth to everyone's table. Choose Your Impact:

\$10: Provides a hearty breakfast for two

\$30: Feeds a single person for 4 days

\$50: Bakes 75 loaves of fresh bread

\$75: Provides fresh eggs for 17 families

\$100: Ensures 16 children have nutritious snacks for recess

\$250: Supplies fresh fruit for 140 of our neighbours

\$500: Stocks our food bank with fresh vegetables for a full week

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

 <https://bridgestohope.ca/>



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The News from the Pews Newsletter will be taking a short break over the summer months. 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 of course to 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@nfl.com

Thank you!



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. Please do call the office if you have any questions. The schedules for June and July are available - if you're a student looking for volunteer hours for school credit over the summer, we're happy to sign off on the hours.

Thank you!

Good News *from you*

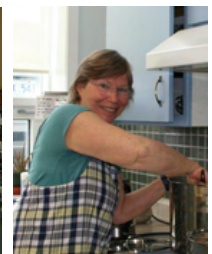
WA Hosted Bridge Party – May 12, 2026

On May 12th, the WA hosted the May 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 Mary Corcoran, 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 12th. 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!



WA Closing Luncheon for Volunteers – June 2, 2026

On Tuesday, June 2nd, the WA prepared a special “Thank-You Lunch” for all our volunteers who helped out with our 9 Bridge Party luncheons during the year and made them such a success. To our wonderful cooks and bakers, our setup and take-down crews, our table setters, our cleanup crews, our dessert platters and all our servers who know what needs to be done and when – many, many thanks! We couldn't do it without you!

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.



Music in the Hall Concert (June 6, 2026)



(left to right): Fergus, Brian and Jim

Our first Music in the Hall concert for this year, held on Saturday, June 6th,

was titled “Trad Night”, and featured two of our best local musicians - Jim Payne and Fergus O’Byrne - accompanied by our own Brian Way. Jim and Fergus have been entertaining audiences for many years and continue to “wow us” with their musical abilities, their recitations, and story-telling. Their love of music is infectious and you can’t help but become part of their magic. It’s always such an honour to have them with us!

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

Good Companions – Season Closing Luncheon and Celebration

On Thursday, June 11th, 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.



Newfoundland Presbyterial Atlantic Mission Society

The 61st Newfoundland Presbyterial Atlantic Mission Society (AMS) met at St. David's on June 13th, 2026 with members from St. Andrew's and St. David's Presbyterian Churches in attendance.

The afternoon began with a short devotional, followed by the AGM. After the business part of the event, we shared a delicious supper, catered by the St. David's Auxiliary, and then listened to a presentation by the Rev. Lora Natzinger and her husband, Mitch Rhodes.

Rev. Lora is the Staff Care and Counselling Advisor for the United Mission to Nepal (UMN) and was jointly appointed to this position by the Mennonite Mission Network and The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The UMN is a faith-based international Non Governmental organization (NGO) that strives to help all Nepalis achieve a fuller life through medical and community development programs. Lora's husband, Mitch Rhodes, is the Expatriate Coordinator for UMN. One of their children, 10 year old son, Auggi, accompanied them on this trip.

Both Lora and Mitch gave fascinating presentations on their work and life in Nepal and we had an opportunity to ask them questions about what it's like to live and work in Nepal. Penny presented our guests with gifts as a thank-you for coming. Auggi also received a gift. It was a beautiful picture of puffins, painted by Sheena Findlay. Auggi's face was pure joy when he saw the puffins. It was a very special moment!

We were delighted that members from our congregations were also able to join us for the meal and presentation.

Below are some pictures from the event.



Church Information

Church Office Hours:

- 🕒 Information for Summer hours will be available in the Order of Service.
- 📞 709-722-2382 (General office)
- 📞 709-699-3661 (Rev. David Sturtevant)
- ✉️ stdavidsinstjohns@gmail.com (messages are checked regularly!)

Pastoral Care

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