



# At Saint David's

Presbyterian Church of Saint David, Halifax, NS.....Easter 2013

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## Easter at Saint David's

The last guest is going out the door as I sit down after a morning at David's Place. It's been a normal morning, maybe a few less guests (it snowed again!).

But the mornings at David's Place are far from 'normal'. Some weeks the conversation seems to have a theme... a couple of weeks ago it was housing with a number of folks worried where they would live. Another morning the theme seemed to be health. Almost everyone I talked with was fighting some bug. Yet another morning the theme was drugs, both the legal and the not-so-legal kind. Mental health makes the list on a regular basis.

Today was different. There was a theme running through the conversations all right but the theme seemed to be new life... new life and hope and expectation for the future. I know it's supposed to be spring and all that but what I heard was more like a series of Easter vignettes and every story made me think more deeply about the church's primary message.

We are here to offer hope and with hope there is no 'one size fits all' response.

Looking at 2 Corinthians 5:14, Paul says Christ died for all, indicating that every human has value, whether black, white, rich or poor, homeless or living in luxury. Underlying the Easter message is the value of every human life on this planet. In an age when 70,000 die in Syria and there are tens of thousands suffering throughout the Middle East and around the world, it is a message that everyone needs to hear. The Easter message is a radical declaration of how God sees every person and, yes, we experience this personally in terms of our own faith. It also underpins our worldview in the context of mission and life.

The day is over at David's Place but we will continue to meet our guests on Gottingen and share a word on Spring Garden and offer hope on Hollis – on any of the streets where we meet another in need of the Easter message of hope.



It really is about light in darkness and life in death and hope in despair. It is why we are here. Offer hope to the hopeless and help to the helpless this Easter and beyond. Then (and maybe only then) can they hear you when you cry out: Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed!

A blessed Easter to one and all!

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## **Easter Message from the Moderator**

During Holy Week and Easter, Christians remember, experience, and celebrate their deep union with Jesus Christ.

We share in the fellowship of his sufferings and long for the power of his resurrection to be realized in our lives and in our world (Philippians 3:10).

We pray for all who suffer, for unity among God's people, for peace among nations and for the healing of God's creation.

We bear witness that in Jesus Christ, God is for us, and God is with us.

With our sisters and brothers in churches around the world, The Presbyterian Church in Canada rejoices that Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.

Have a blessed Holy Week and a glorious Easter season in your families and your congregations.

**John A. Vissers**

*Moderator 138th General Assembly  
The Presbyterian Church in Canada*

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## **Transitions**

### **Baptisms:**

Spencer William Douglas Liot, son of Emily and Alex Liot- January 13, 2013

*Suffer the little children to come unto me.*

### **Deaths:**

Reg Clarke

Janet Brown

*Blessed are they who die in the Lord*

### **Resignations:**

With regret, the Session has accepted the resignation of Frank Mader.

### **Change of Address:**

Mabel Pasquet  
Apt 325, 118 Fairfax Drive  
Halifax, NS B3S 1J3

### **New Email:**

Diane Palmeter  
depalmeter@gmail.com

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## Choir Note: Their Gain, Our Loss

Michelle Hartley, one of our altos, has just returned from auditioning at several universities for her Masters in Music degree.

She has been accepted at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ, and has received a full scholarship at Memorial University in Newfoundland. She is waiting for information on financial assistance at the first two before making a very difficult decision.

Although we are sorry that Michelle will no longer be able to sing with us and ably substitute for Tristan at the piano when he is away, we do wish her great success in her future endeavours.

***Phyllis Morrison***

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## The Helen M. Watson Fund Of The Presbyterian Church Of Saint David

Applications for financial assistance from the Helen M. Watson Fund will be received prior to April 30, 2013. The Helen M. Watson Fund of The Presbyterian Church of Saint David produces income to be used "exclusively for local missionary work in Nova Scotia". If you have any questions, please contact either Mac

Mackay- (902) 422-5481 or David Craig- (902) 477-8751.

Application Form and Guidelines Document, may be obtained from the Church Office (902) 423-1944, , or EMail:[stdavids.office@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:stdavids.office@ns.sympatico.ca).

## Dollars and Cents



Use this table to guide you in how much you give.

If you have questions, ask Mac Fyfe or a member of the

finance committee.

### Donations to operating per week in 2012:

<i>Donation Range</i>	<i>Donors</i>
under \$2.50/week	26
\$2.50 - \$5.00/week	13
\$5.00 - \$10.00/week	21
\$10.00 - \$15.00/week	12
\$15.00 - \$30.00/week	16
\$30.00 - \$40.00/week	8
\$40.00 - \$50.00/week	4
\$50.00 - \$80.00/week	7
Over \$80.00/	5
<b>Donors total</b>	<b>112</b>

Saint David's operating account pays salaries, building maintenance, heat, electricity, etc, as well as mission and pastoral expenditures.

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*Join us on Sunday, April 7*

*To wish Saint David's*

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*Happy 88<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

*There will be cake!*

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# A day of workshops for congregations!

Saturday April 27th, 2013

St. James Presbyterian Church

725 Prince St., Truro NS

## Workshop Descriptions

### Workshop A: Mentoring youth

Mentors can be a powerful influence in the lives of youth. How do you choose, train and support mentors? Discover what resources are available to help you and them in this task.

### Workshop B: Worship and Technology

Technology has changed the world. Technology has changed the church. No longer can the church pretend that technology doesn't matter or rely on outdated equipment. This workshop explores appropriate uses of technology as well as ways in which technology can enhance our worship experience.

### Workshop C: Welcome to the Table: Children and Communion

Most congregations have children as active participants in communion. Hear about the many resources that are available for introducing this sacrament to children and their families and additional ways of continuing this educational process for further understanding and appreciation.

### Workshop D: Tweens and Junior Highs

The liveliness and intensity of tweens and junior highs is an opportunity for church leaders. Learn about programs that appeal and strategies that work with youth ages 10 to 13.

### Workshop E: Intergenerational Worship

Yes, it does! Worshipping with all ages requires careful planning and preparation. Learn about the special needs of children and the different dynamics, patterns and resources involved in making worship services meaningful for everyone.

### Workshop F: Christian Education in the Small Church

Small member congregations have both a unique opportunity and challenge in their Christian education ministry. This workshop reveals how best to do Christian education in the small church.

## Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

### Workshop Choices:

*(Please indicate your first and second workshop choice for each time period.)*

Workshop 1 (9:30am A,B) \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Workshop 2 (11:00am C,D) \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Workshop 3 (1:15pm E,F) \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

*Register early to guarantee your 1st choice!*

*Please note: Space is limited!*

### Agenda

8:30 - 9am	Coffee, gathering, name tags
9-9:30am	Welcome and Opening worship
9:30-10:45am	Choice of workshop A or B
10:45-11am	Coffee break
11-12:15pm	Choice of workshop C or D
12:15-1:15pm	Lunch (provided by St. James PC)
1:15-2:30pm	Choice of workshop E or F
2:30-2:45pm	Summary, evaluation, sending off

**Cost: \$10**

*If you have any special needs (physical or dietary), please indicate: \_\_\_\_\_*

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### Send registration form to:

St. James Presbyterian Church

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