



Sunday September 20 2020

This Sunday's Service will be available on Sunday, and can be found on our YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFCfIHeNnDk-dINWCrfNdag>

Or by typing "St. David's Presbyterian Message for Sept 20, 2020" into Google. The scripture reading for this Sunday is:

Matthew 20:1–16

Church Office Hours: Rev. Sturtevant is in the office Tuesdays through Fridays from 9:30 am to 2 pm daily, should you wish to drop by. In case of an emergency, he can be reached on his cell phone at 699-3661. Alternately, you may contact your elder. The elder's list is on the back of this bulletin.

Prayer Partnership: The Presbyterian Church in Canada offers a prayer partnership that may form part of a daily devotional, please consider these prayer partnerships:

Sunday, September 20 We pray for everything we work for in our church and community, and everything we hope for in the face of so much change. We pray for the choices we face in our country and community, in our homes and workplaces, and for all the responsibilities we bear in our different roles. We pray for the troubles that weary us, the situations that puzzle us and the uncertainty that surrounds us. Fill us with the strength and hope we need to walk with you, united in your love.

Monday, September 21 (International Day of Peace) We pray for the safety and well-being of those living in conflict situations around the world and that hear the call to be peacemakers and to speak out against forces of violence.

Tuesday, September 22 We pray for justice and safety of all the minority groups in India who are persecuted for their faith.

Wednesday, September 23 We pray for Cyclical PCC participants who are gathering to prepare to learn about and work towards starting new worshipping communities.

Thursday, September 24 We pray for peace for those affected by ongoing conflict around the world as Presbyterian World Service & Development provides emergency assistance.

Friday, September 25 We pray for campus ministries' chaplains and volunteers and the congregations that support these ministries that show God's love and care to young adults facing many stresses and challenges.

Saturday, September 26 We give thanks for the faithful generosity of congregations across Canada as we share in mission and ministry together through Presbyterians Sharing.

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

Important Dates and Milestones

First In-person Sunday Service

The first in-person church service is scheduled to take place on **Sunday September 27th**. On this Sunday, September 20th, the Board will be doing a walk through of the plans for next Sunday. We will start by having people enter under the breezeway with entry through the narthex door or the front door. Once in the narthex we will be completing the assessment form and completing a sign-in sheet. Then the person or the “bubble” will be seated. The exit plan is to leave via the door to the lobby and out through the tower door. We will see how we do and may make changes for the “real thing” on the 27th. Stay tuned!

Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM)

The Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) will be held over **two days** this year. The first day, **Saturday, September 26th**, will consist of the reports not requiring motions. This will be a Zoom meeting only. Details on the Zoom meeting will be sent out as the day approaches.

The second day of the ACM will be held on **Sunday, September 27th starting at 2:00 pm** at the church. This meeting will have two components, an “in person” meeting for those who wish to attend at the church and a Zoom meeting for those who wish to meet virtually. This meeting will cover the budget and our finances and those reports that require motions.

The Annual Reports will be sent out either electronically or copies will be available from the church office. To get the report via e-mail, please contact the church office (MONICA IS BACK!) and she will mail out two documents, the Annual Report produced in March 2020 (with the old budget removed) and a copy of the new budget. If you would like to get a paper copy of the

Annual Report and new budget, contact the church office and we will find a way to get it to you. Alternately, you may drop by and pick up the copies between 9 am and 1 pm daily and greet Monica in her new purple cast.

News on Monica

Monica has returned. She's finding out that her office has less clutter and no boxes on the floor, making it easier for her to get around on her crutches. She's also catching up with everyone who drops by and is happy to help us out where she can. So, if you'd like to drop by and get an Annual Report and that "new" budget, come between 9 am and 1 pm on weekdays. We are delighted she's back! Give her a call or drop by to welcome her!

Coming to Visit St. David's

You will first see the signs on the tower and other doors. **Everyone** visiting the church now must complete two forms. The first is a Health Assessment form. This asks questions about whether you've been out of the province in the past 14 days, had contact with someone who recently tested positive for COVID, or have any symptoms of COVID. This assessment is asked of many people entering places of work, stores, restaurants and many other locations. The assessment is valid for 24 hours. (For example, if you come for the service on the 27th and come back for the ACM at 2 pm, you do not need to complete a second assessment.) If you do not pass this assessment, you will not be allowed in the building and you will be asked to leave. The second form is to allow contact tracing, should we ever need to do so. If you are a member of the congregation, please enter your name and phone number. If you are not a member, you will also be asked for your address. When you leave, you must also sign-out.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation in helping us ensure we are all protected.

Treasurer's Update

Presbytery met this week and had happy news for this treasurer. St. David's had asked for a grant of \$20,000 from the St. Aiden's Fund. However, that fund has had a good, if not great year, and was able to grant us \$30,000! My thanks to Rev. David, Rev. Derek and Lillian Crawford.

Much earlier this year before COVID (BC), the original 2020 budget was prepared and included in the Annual Report. Much has happened since then and a new revised budget was needed. For 2020, it is a different story indeed. You may yet hear me say "However"!

Stay Tuned...

Be sure to check out the bulletin for September 27th, hopefully coming out on Friday September 25th. It will contain more details on the September 27th service based on the Board's experiences this Sunday! It will also contain much more information about the two meetings making up this year's ACM along with how to submit any questions you may have on the reports or the revised budget.

News from the Pews

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations



Belated Happy Birthday wishes to Raphaëlle, daughter of Chantal and Steve Aitken and grand-daughter of Janet and Paul Aitken, who celebrated her 6th birthday on September 8th. Raphaëlle and her family currently live in Orleans, Ottawa. Although Janet and Paul could not be there in person this year due to COVID19, they sent all their love and joined in celebrating her big day!

Happy Birthday wishes to Karen Froude who will be celebrating with her family and friends on Monday, September 21st. Happy Birthday Karen from everyone here at St. David's! Karen is the daughter of Sue and Ken Templeton and proud mom of

Madelyn, Drayton and Jayce . Have a wonderful day Karen!

Also celebrating her birthday on Monday, September 21st, is Helen (Bruce) Reddick. Helen is the daughter of Pam Bruce and is currently living with her family in Grand Falls-Windsor. Your St. David's family is thinking of you Helen and sending along our best wishes. Hope you have a great day!

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.

What are People Doing?

Welcome back Monica! It's wonderful to welcome our office administrator, Monica McNeill, back into our office here at St. David's. Monica's friendly voice and welcoming presence are a great first impression to give to those visiting St. David's throughout the week. It's great to have you back!!

Back in May, we wished Emma Ryan, grand-daughter of Marilyn Reardon, birthday wishes. Last week, Emma was off to Grade 3 and Marilyn sent along a picture of Emma about to head off to her first day of school. Hope you and your friends have a wonderful year Emma!





When Janet Aitkin sent along the picture of her grand-daughter, Raphaëlle, she also included some pictures of all the work she and Paul had been doing in their own backyard. Obviously, all that work has paid off! Here is Janet's note - *It has been a great year for gardens and to do home improvements around the house as travel has been on hold, hopefully that will change in the next little while. Here are a few pictures of my back garden in bloom. We also painted our house and had our roof re-shingled. Hope to see you all in person very soon as I miss my church family.*



Everyone at St. David's was delighted to welcome Luke and Nina Quinton, along with their adorable little daughter, Beatrice, home to St. John's after living in Austin, Texas for close to 10 years. They are enthusiastic supporters of many of the events and activities in the Church and have become an important part of our St. David's family.

It was a thrill to here Luke's name as the writer/producer for the first documentary for *Atlantic Voice* (the first for this season), last Sunday morning (September 13th) at 9:00 am on CBC radio. Luke's documentary featured Matthew Mazzotta - an artist, urban planner and architect - and told the story of how his grand-father, Matt Colbert from Bauline East, played such an influence on his life and work. If you did not hear it, check out the website (<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/matthew-mazzotta-atlantic-voice-1.5715434>). Congratulations

Luke and we look forward to hearing/seeing more of your work!



As we mentioned last week, Jane Green celebrated her birthday on September 13th. Kathy and Don McKay dropped by their house in Middle Cove to wish her a Happy Birthday. Here is a note from Kathy and some pictures: *Jane Green celebrated her birthday today. We dropped by to wish her a happy birthday. John was reluctant to get in the picture. We had a lovely tour of their garden and time for a nice chat.*



We mentioned in the last bulletin that John McLean was back in St. John's for a short visit. Here is Kathy's note and some more great pictures of his visit. *John McLean visited from Nova Scotia. We hiked the Beaches trail and from the Marine Lab to Quidi Vidi. Jackson (John's son) and Jenny joined us for the second day. We had a lovely time. We enjoyed catching up with John. He hoped to attend church and see more people... next time!*

Some news about the chairs... Now that we are replacing some of the pews with chairs, Steve Bruneau has designed a new "chair dolly" to make it easier to move them around. It's quite ingenious and a great feat of engineering! Thanks Steve!!



Congratulations to Brian Way on his amazing Patio Series! Starting back in April and ending just last Sunday, Brian has featured an astonishing number of Newfoundland and Labrador musicians to his “Patio”. With 132 performances in all, there was no shortage of talent – something for everyone. From Brian’s patio, to his living room on rainy days, to the impressive Government House grounds, the music certainly lifted our spirits during some uncertain times and made us forget the worries of the world. Thank-you Brian! And a big thanks goes to Corina, Brian’s wife, who was responsible for all the filming and organization behind the scenes. What was also fun to watch was the “patio blooming”. As the months went by, we got to watch a bare-boards patio blossom into a lush garden full of potted plants and flowers. It was stunning! I don’t know who has the “green thumb” at the Way home, but they sure know a thing or two about plants! We hope to see you back at St. David’s soon Brian – we miss you and your music.

If you have not checked out this wonderful musical experience, simply google “Brian Way Patio Series” and you will find hours of enjoyment.

An Archival Moment

Thanks to Pam Bruce, we have a wonderful picture from our archive collection. Here's this week's time to remember:



Queen's Road Congregational Church 1906-1908 Temperance Society

First Row: Steve Pike, Mrs. Ebenezer Knight, Victoria Parsons, Mr. Edward A. Thomas, Mildred Thomas.

Second Row: Edith Northfield, Marion Searle, Molly Carmichael, Mabel Thomas, Bessie Garland, Rosa Carmichael, Miss Parsons, Miss Ferrin, Miss Knight.

Back Row: Mr. James Carmichael, unknown, unknown

Does anyone know who the "unknowns" are?

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: What year did the Queen's Road Church join the Presbyterian Church of Canada?

The answer is: The year was 1938.

This week the question is: What was the name of the location of the first church in St. John's?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What is the room set aside for the Sunday School and who was it named after?

The answer is: The Clouston Room, named after the Clouston family.

This week the question is: When was the tower added to the current church?

Do you have any ideas for some church trivia? Email or call the church!

Offerings While COVID-19 keeps us from church each Sunday, please consider other ways to keep up your weekly donations. For those of you who are not on PAD, please consider signing up. Simply email the church and we will put you in touch with Ian Bruneau, our Envelope Secretary. He will answer any questions you may have. Alternately, you can donate via e-transfer to stdavidsnfld@gmail.com. Using your bank's comment section, you can specify information like your envelope number and how you would like your money distributed; to Current, Presbyterian Sharing, or any of our outreach programs. You may also donate through Canada Helps. You may also mail your donation, drop it off at the church, or call the church and someone would be pleased to pick it up for you.

How can we help you at this time? Do you need any help getting groceries, having something picked up, or having something dropped off (like this bulletin or the minister's weekly sermons)? Would you just like to have a chat with the minister or your elder? Please call the church at 722-2382 or email us at stdavids@nfld.com and we'll see what we can do to help.

Ideas to keep in touch Do you have any ideas how we can keep in touch with one another or what you'd like to see us do over the next period of time while we're all under orders to stay safely distant from one another? Call and let us know! Please keep in touch!

Web Site We'd like you to visit our web site, which is the place to find past services and any number of interesting things. The Sunday services are found on the web site and the text of the sermon is also available in the comment section. Our web site is **stdavids.nf.ca**

Once there, choose ministries and look for the service you'd like to see or hear. There are 584 services on-line too listen to or see.

How to reach us:

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Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/stdavidsstjohns>

Groups:

Women's Auxiliary – Lillian Crawford

Good Companions (Seniors) – Kay Scott

Bible Study Group – Sheena Findlay

Atlantic Mission Society – Kathy McKay

Session – Lillian Crawford

Board of Managers – Kyle Sampson

Prayer Shawl (Knitters) – Bouwina Fogwill

Willing Hands (Quilter Group) – Patsy Carmichael

Food For Thought (University and Early Career) – The Rollmanns

Session: the elders are:

Lillian Crawford

Jim Steele

Ken Templeton

Sue Templeton

Janet Calver

Kathy McKay

Penny Gillies

Steve Bruneau

Ian Bruneau

Aubrey Bonnell

Board of Managers: the members of the Board are:

Kyle Sampson

Ken Templeton

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