



Sunday November 1 2020

This Sunday's Service will be available on Sunday, and can be found on our YouTube channel by typing "St. David's Presbyterian Message for November 1, 2020" into Google. The scripture readings for this Sunday are:

Matthew 5:1-12

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, November 1 (All Saints Day) We thank God, who has knit us together in one communion and fellowship, for the people who have gone ahead of us, who taught and loved us, who formed us in the faith and served as a faithful example.

Monday, November 2 We pray for the members of the Life and Mission Agency who are meeting this week to support the programmatic work we do together in Canada and around the world.

Tuesday, November 3 We pray for peace and unity as we remember those casting ballots on Election Day in the United States.

Wednesday, November 4 We pray for the wisdom to be responsible with the gifts God has given us so that we might live in right relationship with God, creation and each other

Thursday, November 5 We pray for the Committee on Education and Reception as it considers applications from ministers and ministry candidates from other denominations seeking to serve God in the PCC.

Friday, November 6 We pray for members of the Committee on Church Doctrine as they serve God from a variety of theological perspectives.

Saturday, November 7 We pray for ministries participating in the Transform online course offered by the PCC. May God guide them to use the teachings to discover new possibilities for ministry.

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

Important Dates and Milestones

Our Evolving Church Services -

We have been at church together now for a month and based on our experiences, we are continuing to make improvements. If you have attended any of our “in person” services, let us know “How did it go?” If you have some thoughts for us, please have a chat with any member of the Board or Session.

Early next month Session is planning for a service with Communion. We’ll let you know our plans as that date approaches.

Meanwhile, people have been asking whether we still provide **“Wheels to Worship”**? And the answer is **“Yes!”**. If you need a ride to church, please call Newfound Cabs.

Self Assessment Guide and Sign-in / Sign out Sheet

St. David’s has created its own Self Assessment Guide (SAG). A copy of the SAG is attached to this email, alternatively copies are available from the church office during the week and are available in the Narthex on Sundays. We recommend that you complete it before coming to church on Sunday or for any other event. Complete one copy for each person (including any children) who will be attending. At the church service, the manager on duty will take your completed forms allowing you to go directly to sign-in.

This sign in and sign out 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. After the church service is over the manager on duty will sign out people as they leave, allowing people to leave in an orderly manner.

Coming to Visit St. David's – A Review

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 Self Assessment Guide. This is valid for 24 hours, so you can complete it before the time you intend to come to St. David's. This will help you determine if you should visit St. David's or stay home. This asks if you have been out of the province in the past 14 days, have any symptoms of COVID, or had contact with someone who recently tested positive for COVID. This assessment is asked of many people entering places of work, stores, restaurants and many other locations. If you do this assessment at the Church, and should you not pass this assessment, you will be asked to not enter the Church. The second form is a sign in and out form. This 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.

Sunday Service November 1st

This coming Sunday we will follow the same process we have used for several weeks using the new version of the Self Assessment Guide and our new sign out process. We will again have people enter through the breezeway and come in through the side narthex door or the front door. Once the forms are completed, 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. There will be managers and elders to greet you and if you are new to the process, they will help you through it.

Public Health Guidelines

This statement comes directly from the Public Health guidelines: "While not a requirement, Public Health maintains their warning to people 60 and

above, or with additional risk factors, to avoid any non-essential gathering.” We feel duty bound to openly communicate this statement. We will certainly welcome and include anyone wishing to join us in person for worship. Meanwhile, we will continue to offer on-line services for those who may prefer that option. Everyone should feel comfortable participating in or engaging in any activity in which they take part. Do not feel compelled to participate, nor be barred from participating, by virtue of age or underlying medical condition. Every precaution to meet and exceed the Public Health guidelines will be taken. However, that is not a guarantee that we can make our gathering a risk-free activity. We all look forward to a day when this Public Service warning is no longer required. We would like to thank you for your co-operation in helping us ensure we are all protected.

Bridges to Hope

Non-perishable food items are being accepted at BRIDGES TO HOPE once again! Your help is needed, so as you return to weekly worship at St. David’s, remember to bring in your food items for the trolley. Below is a list of the items most needed:

Canned Beans

Mac and Cheese

Canned meats (Meatballs, Beef Ravioli, etc.)

Canned Milk

Tins of Fruit and Vegetables

Tins of Soup

1 l Juice

Pasta Sauce

Cereal

Cash donations are always acceptable, and very much appreciate

Food for Thought, a Bible Study group for university-age / young adults, is meeting during the pandemic on Thursday evenings from 8-9:30pm via Zoom. Although we can’t share a meal, as was always our custom during

normal times, meeting by Zoom has its advantages. Folks can participate from the comfort of their homes. For young parents, there is no need to hire a babysitter. And also no need for anyone to arrange transportation. And you can participate from anywhere. We have been delighted to welcome friends from Toronto and Halifax. Thanks to Chongee Matyas for stepping in on Thursday with an interesting presentation and discussion on the beginning words of Genesis. New people are always welcome. Anyone interested in participating should contact Ernst Rollmann (ernstrollmann12 at [gmail.com](mailto:ernstrollmann12@gmail.com)) for the Zoom link.

News from the Pews

In Remembrance

It's with deep sadness that we inform you of the passing of Roma Garland on Saturday, October 24th, 2020. Roma was the wife of Andrew Garland, long-time member and friend of St. David's. Roma resided at Glenbrook Lodge for the past couple of years. Roma leaves behind Andy and her daughter, Heather Spurrell, and other family and friends, especially the ladies from the Ladies of the Sabre (Mazol Shrine). The sympathy of the congregation goes out to Andy and Heather and our thoughts and prayers are with them. (See www.barretts.ca for more information).

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Belated birthday wishes to Evelyn Melendy who celebrated her birthday on October 22nd! From all reports, Evelyn celebrated her big day in fine style with her husband, Nowell, and children, Roxanne and Sheldon and their

families, along with other close family and friends. All the folks here at St. David's hope you had a great day Evelyn and all the best in the year ahead!

A correction from last week: We wished Emily Hancock a Happy Birthday on October 31st but we said that Emily was the daughter of Evelyn and Nowell Melendy. That was a typo and we apologize. Emily is the grand-daughter of Evelyn and Nowell Melendy and the daughter of Roxanne and David Hancock. Hope the Birthday celebration was enjoyed by all!

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Steeley Ellis who will be celebrating her birthday on November 1st with family and friends. Steeley is the daughter of Neil Ellis and grand-daughter of Barbara Ellis. Best wishes Steeley from your St. David's family and we hope you have a great day!

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Sophie Bailey who will be celebrating her 11th birthday on November 3rd. Sophie is the daughter of Catherine and Richard Bailey and grand-daughter of Judy and Dave Bonnell. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a great day Sophie with your family and friends! Enjoy!

Happy Anniversary greetings go out to Janet and Paul Aitken who will be celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary on Friday, November 6th! Janet and Paul were married here at St. David's by Rev. Armour. Congratulations to you both from all your friends here at St. David's!

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?

Seems like our Treasurer, Anne Calver, is busy over in Lady Cove. Anne has sent along some pictures of what's going on in her garden. Always one to put something to good use rather than throw it away, she has "re-purposed" 2 bathtubs as planters – with great success!



Bathtub of Beet



Bathtub of Green Peas

The greenhouse grapes are being picked and ready to be made into jelly and juice by some helpful friends up the road.



Grapes Ready to be Picked

A couple of weeks ago, we saw John Green ready to harvest the apples off their tree. Well, it seems the apple trees on Random Island are producing well this year too. Lots of apple sauce ahead!



Apples High in the Tree

And of course, we have to have an update on the “chicks”. Lookin’ good!!



One of the Chicks

The story of Pool's Cove Church continues.....

Last week, Monica told us the wonderful story about the connection between her family and St. David's. This week, we are delighted to read more!

It was 1956, when a young 16-year-old Sea Cadet sailed into the Government Wharf at Pool's Cove, Fortune Bay. The fanfare was second to none, with children waving their flags and people gathering to see Lt. Governor Outerbridge and these young Cadets approach the community. Little did anyone know that one of those Cadets would later find his wife and long life partner among those young girls a few years later.....

The story continues to 1961 and a young man is making his plans to return to Memorial University to finish up his studies. That man was my father, Sam Johnson. He was all set to attend school and had no aspirations to take on a charge for the United Church. But my mother use to joke and say "God works in mysterious ways sometimes". That happened one day when Sam went to visit Rv. A.S. Butt, the Superintendent of Home Missions. Dr. Butt asked my father if he would take a charge in Pool's Cove for the United Church and at first Sam turned down the offer as he already had his plans made for the Fall. But there was a twist in the story that changes the course of my father's life.....Sam loved boats and fishing and wouldn't you know it, this particular charge involved a Mission Boat which my father would be in charge of. Well... you guessed it, this intrigued him and suddenly studying didn't look so inviting and that Boat was calling his name!

So you can guess what happens next, Memorial was put on hold and his love of being on the water was fulfilled! At that moment he did not know that more was in store for him by making this complete turn around decision. Sam started his ministry in Pool's Cove the Fall of 1961. The minister at the time was in charge of the church and also the school. The school points to another connection with Queen's Church here in St. John's that Sam and Pool's Cove encountered. A lovely lady named Florence M. Barnes, who I

found in the Baptism Records here at St. David's, went to Pool's Cove as a teacher and married a Williams, which was a distant relative of my mother! She made such an impression on the community that when the school was in full force it was called the Florence Williams School! When Sam moved there, Florence came out of retirement to help him with the school.

I have to keep on track here, as I know you are wondering where this is all leading. Sam was preaching one morning and this young beautiful lady with big blue eyes was trying to concentrate on the sermon but her mind kept thinking "my if he was married I think he would be so kind to his wife!" This blue-eyed beauty was none other than the organist!

The rest is history, the lovely organist married the minister and in 1964 I was born! You guessed it! It was my mother, who he married. She was one of the girls on the wharf many years ago when he came as a Sea Cadet, which at the time they never met. Then because of a coastal boat and Dad's love of the sea he completely changed his plans and went to the little community that loved him and gave him his greatest gift my Mother! My mother would attest to the fact the first impression of my father was right! He was very kind!

God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform; He plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm. (William Cowper)

So there lies the end of my travels down memory lane and my connection to the Queen's Road Congregational Church.

Sam and Mabel Johnson



The Ryerson Mission Boat



An Archival Moment

Thanks to Pam Bruce for yet another wonderful pictures from our archives. This time, it shows the Queen's Road Congregational Church Christian Endeavour Picnic 1906. Some names are missing, but many are known. Check out your ancestors!



Christian Endeavour Picnic

First Row: Florence Carmichael, Violet Thomas

Second Row: Miss Butt, Lilly Knight, Olive Hutchings, Marion Searle, ?, Mr. E. A. Thomas, Mildred Thomas, ?, Miss Gertrude Butt, ?, Mrs. Northfield

Third Row: Edith Northfield, Rosa Carmichael, Miss Perrin, ?, Mrs. E. A. Thomas, Mabel Thomas, Molly Carmichael, Jean Calver, Gertrude Thomas, Katie Parsons, Mr. Northfield.

Back Row: Mrs. and Mr. Ebenezer Knight,

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: During the Second World War years, a service was held at 6:30 pm by Rev Nute. What was the name of the club where The Queen's Road church took turns with other churches in the programme and refreshments?

The answer is: The club was the Terra Nova Club where Queen's Road supplied the refreshments and entertainment. The ladies has a reputation for the quality and abundance of the food. Dick Steele led the signing, a fine night was had by all.

This week the question is: When was the first Presbyterian minister ordained and inducted at the Queen's Road church?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What role do the Board of Trustees play in the life at St. David's?

The answer is: The Board of Trustees are responsible for ensuring the funding arrangements for any major projects meet specific criteria and oversee the need and requirements for major projects.

This week the question is: Do you know what muffin-making mania Monday is all about?

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 592 services on-line too listen to or see.

How to reach us:

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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:

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| 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:

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| Kyle Sampson | Ken Templeton | Ed Vanderkloet |
| Tanya Shalaby | Steve Bruneau | Allison Crawford |
| Andrea Crosbie | Sandra Perry | |

Treasurer: Anne Calver

Envelope Secretary: Ian Bruneau