



Sunday October 25 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 October 25, 2020" into Google. The scripture readings for this Sunday are:

Matthew 22:34–46

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, October 25 We pray for the PWS&D-supported Ekwendeni Hospital AIDS Program, which continues to care for the needs of people who are suffering because of COVID-19.

Monday, October 26 We pray for the wisdom to learn and grow in God's love of all people, so that we may not exclude anyone from our circle of care.

Tuesday, October 27 We pray for the Assembly Council as they meet online today to help discern strategic directions for the church.

Wednesday, October 28 Where there is anger or violence in homes, we pray that peace, love and healing take hold instead.

Thursday, October 29 We pray for the members of stewardship and mission committees in congregations as they work to inspire others and generate enthusiasm.

Friday, October 30 We give thanks for the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls' Calls for Justice, and pray that the Calls for Justice will be answered.

Saturday, October 31 We give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development programs that equip farmers with tools to increase harvests and combat food insecurity.

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 October 25th

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.

Treasurer’s Report

Learning opportunities in these times abound. Your treasurer is mostly online when it comes to the Royal Bank (RBC) and Canada Revenue (CRA) and most other activities as well. Yes, I have bought supplies online directly from HP Canada back in May when I couldn’t find any ink at any Staples store in St. John’s or for that matter Newfoundland.

There are some head scratching moments though. What happens if you send (e-transfer) money to the church at its “normal” email address which is stdavids@nfld.com? Well, the money sits in a kind of “cyber lost space” for a period of time. For my bank that duration is 30 days, other banks may use a different timeframe. At the end of that time, your money returns to your account. Alternately, if you’ve sent money off and no one has yet accepted it, you may cancel the transaction yourself and the money again returns to your account.

By the way, the email address we are using to accept donations is stdavidsnfld@gmail.com and this one is linked to our bank account and it will **automatically accept** all donations.

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

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Pasta Sauce

Cereal

Cash donations are always acceptable, and very much appreciate

News from the Pews

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy Birthday greetings to Emily McLean who will be celebrating her birthday on October 28th with family and friends – near and far. Emily (now living in Halifax) is the daughter of Christine and John McLean (Hammonds Falls, Nova Scotia) and brother, Jackson (St. John's). Best wishes Emily for a wonderful birthday from all your friends here at St. David's!

Happy Birthday to Emily Hancock who will be celebrating her birthday on October 31st with family and friends. Emily is the daughter of Evelyn and Nowell Melendy and she and her family live in Portugal Cove-St. Philips. Best wishes from everyone here at St. David's Emily!

A very Happy Birthday to Michelle Sturtevant who is celebrating her birthday on October 25th. We have no doubt it will be a joyous occasion celebrated with family and friends from Ontario to Newfoundland. Of course making it very special day will be husband, David, and her two little boys, Oliver and Orson, and all her adorable pets! Best wishes Michelle from everyone here at St. David's ... enjoy your day!

Happy Birthday greetings to Eleanor Bonnell who will be celebrating her birthday on October 31st. Eleanor will be celebrating her big day with husband, Aubrey, and two sons, Scott and Stephen (currently living in the US with their families), other family members and many friends. Eleanor is a valued, hard working member of the WA, a loyal volunteer with our Good Companions Group and as Chair of Bridges to Hope, oversees all the programs offered by this valued organization. From everyone here at St. David's, Eleanor, best wishes for a wonderful birthday – and may there be many more!

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?

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. David Parker, who is studying at Knox College, has even been able to participate from Ontario. Currently Andem Effiong is leading the discussion on Luke. Anyone interested in participating should contact Ernst Rollmann (ernstrollmann12 at [gmail.com](mailto:ernstrollmann12@gmail.com)) for the Zoom link.

Connections

I remember walking into this church for the first time and when I went into the Sanctuary it felt like home. It reminded me of the church I grew up in - Glovertown United Church. Little did I know the history and connection I really had with St. David's until I dug further into its rich history. It peaked my interest one day when I was looking at the Archival cabinet and suddenly thought the picture of a beautiful little church looked so familiar to me. Upon reading the carefully prepared label that Pam Bruce so beautifully displayed, I noticed it was the church I had attended in Pool's Cove, Fortune Bay. Now my curiosity was on fire! How was St. David's connected to my Mother's hometown church!

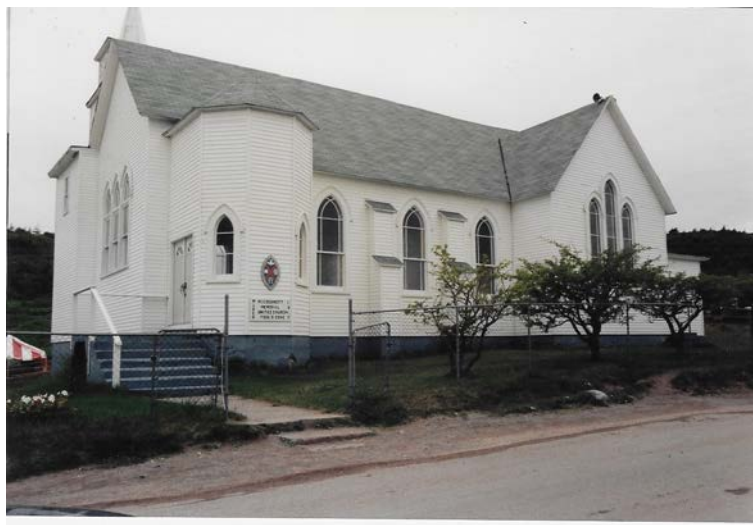
Let me take you back to the 1800's. I know many of you know this history much better than I do but bear with me as I hope to do it some justice. From what I have read in an article written by Pam Bruce, "The Congregational Church in Newfoundland", I discovered that the congregation on Queen's Road supported four missions in 1892 (p.6)!! One of those missions was Pool's Cove, Fortune Bay - my Mother's home and the very church she would one day attend and play the organ in!

In 1904 the Rev. Hugh J. A. MacDermott arrived at Pool's Cove. New churches were opened at Belleoram in 1906, at Little Bay East in 1909 and Pool's Cove in 1917(p.6). This was the start of my family's connection with the Queen's Street Church which is now the St. David's Presbyterian Church of today!

Rev. MacDermott was instrumental in getting the church building started. Funds were low but workers were enthusiastic! One of these men, amongst many others, was George Miles who took charge of the actual wood cutting.

George was a mill man and a fisherman carpenter of standing. He had been to St. Pierre to learn building; not that a Miles needed to go anywhere to learn woodworking or shipbuilding any more than a duck needed to be taught to swim. (p.81 MacDermott of Fortune Bay). This carpenter/millman/fisherman was my Great Grandfather. He worked hard like so many in the community to bring the construction of the church to a reality. It was a community effort for sure, but there was great support from Rev. MacDermott and the Queens Street Church! As you can see, my roots were grounded in the Pool's Cove Church and have now spread to St. David's Church. What a beautiful connection!

George and Eliza Ann Miles



Pool's Cove Church

An Archival Moment

Thanks to Pam Bruce, we have another great picture from the archive collection. Here is this week's time to remember:



This brings back memories of warmer days with good friends. Pictured are Lal and Valera Parsons, Lolly Barnes, Danny Berghuis (back towards camera) and Jenny Armour (being held). Who are the others?

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: Where were the two missions on islands?

The answer is: The two islands where missions were set-up were Fogo and Random Island.

This week the question is: 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?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: Where was Rev. Armour's office in St. David's?

The answer is: Rev. Armour's office was up those steep and twisty stairs in the tower in the room where we now keep the archives and the choir papers and music.

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

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:

Minister: Rev. David Sturtevant Cell phone: 699-3661

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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:

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

Ed Vanderkloet

Tanya Shalaby

Steve Bruneau

Allison Crawford

Andrea Crosbie

Sandra Perry

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Anne Calver

Envelope Secretary:

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