



Sunday October 11 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 11, 2020" into Google. The scripture readings for this Sunday are:

Matthew 22:1–14

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:

Special Prayer for Health Care Workers We pray for health workers, including physicians, doctors, nurses, social workers, therapists, paramedics and support staff who work in the face of change, who make difficult choices each day in their homes and workplaces, and for all the responsibilities they bear in their different roles.

Sunday, October 11 – (Harvest Sunday) We give thanks for the harvest season, and pray for those who do not have enough to eat.

Monday, October 12 (Thanksgiving Day) *Kohtawinow*—Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the gift of our earthly home.

Tuesday, October 13 We pray for our elected officials and all those who form our laws. May they prioritize the protection of the rights of Indigenous Peoples and introduce legislation to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Canadian laws.

Wednesday, October 14 We pray for the Rev. Charlie McNeil, convener of the Pastoral Committee for the Presbytery of Edmonton-Lakeland in Alta.

Thursday, October 15 We give thanks for food assistance programs that help families fight food insecurity and malnutrition in South Sudan.

Friday, October 16 (World Food Day) We give thanks and pray for the health and safety of people who tend, harvest and prepare food, especially those who are most vulnerable, such as migrant workers.

Saturday, October 17 (International Day for the Eradication of Poverty) We pray for all people who do not have safe homes,

adequate shelter, enough healthy food, or communities of support. We give thanks and pray for those who seek long-term solutions to end poverty and inequality.

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 appreciated.

Bible Study Resumes

Sheena is happy to announce that the Bible Study group will be resuming on Wednesday, October 14 at 10:30 in the Armour Room. The first study will be on Psalm 23. A Psalm for a time of stress!

Please adhere to the Covid guidelines used on Sunday morning and bring your Bibles! Hope to see you there!

News from the Pews

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy Birthday wishes to Matthew St. Croix who will be celebrating his birthday October 11th. He will be celebrating with his family including his mom and dad, Susan and Frank St. Croix, siblings, Samantha, Luke and Ashley, and of course, proud grandmother, Barbara Ellis, and many friends. Your St. David's family wishes you a very Happy Birthday!

Special birthday wishes to Jim Steele who will be celebrating his birthday on October 17th. Jim is a faithful and treasured member of our Church family. Even though we can't be with you and Heather as you celebrate, know that everyone here at St. David's wishes you a very Happy Birthday! We look forward to seeing you soon! In the meantime, we hope you enjoy your special day with all your friends at Tiffany!

Happy belated Anniversary wishes to our Church Administrator, Monica and her husband Michael, who celebrated their 8th wedding anniversary on Monday, October 5th! Your St. David's family wish you both much happiness now and for many more years to come!

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?

Kathy McKay sends this note along about John Green. Looks like there is crab-apple jelly in Jane and John's future!



John with Crab-apples

Kathy also spied a good friend, Jenny Griffioen, and just had to take this picture to share with you!



Jenny Out For a Ride

Jean and Bob Mallowney have some wonderful news about their granddaughter, Paton. Paton currently lives in Ottawa with her parents, Rob and Mary-Lynn, and younger sister, Maeve. Paton has won a full (4-year) scholarship from the University of Denver! Besides being an “A” student, Paton is one of the best swimmers in her age group within Canada. This scholarship will ensure that she continues to get some of the best coaches and training available in North America. Congratulations Paton and best of luck!

(Just a note: Jean and Bob might take some credit for passing along some “swimming genes” to their granddaughter. Turns out Jean’s mother was a great swimmer even in her later years and Bob’s grandfather was one of the few survivors from the Florizel who was able to swim to shore!)



Paton Mallowney

Monica and Her Adventure

Many of you know that Monica loves dogs – and they love her! This is a very warm and touching story from Monica that she wanted to share with you.

A Story from Monica

In 1999 two women decided to move to Toronto. One might think - not such an imaginative journey, most people know someone who has made the trek to the mainland. Some made it their home, some ran home again as fast as they could. But did any make the trip with five kids, two dogs and land in Ontario still having the five kids but an additional eight more dogs? Let me tell you the little story of how my cousin and I moved to Toronto so many years ago.

It was August 1999 and my cousin Kim and I decided that it was time to spread our wings. Her husband, Rudy, had gone to Ontario looking for work, so we decided we would follow! In theory it was a great idea and plans were made. He flew to his destination; we would pack everything up and drive. Now you have to remember, I had been there just once and Kim had never been out of the province! Call it eternal optimism or just plain naiveté - we thought it was going to be easy!

The first thing we had to accomplish was sell our belongings, as we had to raise money to fund this adventure. That worked out really well and just before we left, I had raised the exact amount I thought I would need. By now, we are thinking this is meant to be! Smooth sailing ahead. We both

went to church and believed that God would be with us on our journey. Kim even had a scripture pasted to the dash of the van giving us inspiration!

Once we were on the road we realized that leaving our families and our home wasn't going to be so easy. We squeezed five kids from the ages of 8 to 14 into the van with their feet on a cooler for snacks and the back piled up with clothes and supplies. Then there were the two of us and, oh, I mentioned earlier, two dogs! The trip across the Island was good. We all got bunks across on the Ferry and the kids and dogs were doing great. So far, so good. In New Brunswick, we found a hotel that rented us a room, even with our animals, and we all piled into that one room!

We set out again the next day. By now the children were getting a little restless and carsick but we kept plugging ahead. Then Quebec happened! We did not know French but people were kind enough to help us in English. The excitement and fear were mounting and you are wondering, why? Did I happen to mention that my dog was having puppies? Yes, just before our trip, my dog accidentally had an unsupervised visit with a lovely Sheltie. I was going to be a grandma to puppies! I didn't know what to do about the situation but felt reassured that this event was not going to happen until much later. I had hoped we would be safe and sound at our destination before it happened. (There was also one more detail to add - we did not have an exact destination at the time of departure so we didn't even have an address to tell the moving truck where to put the rest of our belongings! If you know the story of Moses and Aaron in the desert, you get the picture! We were in the desert of a journey and didn't know how things were going to work out!)

We were nervous driving through Montreal. I had been there once and suggested we go through the tunnel, stay in the center lane and keep on trucking. Unfortunately, we met someone at a restaurant about half hour outside of Montreal and they suggested we take the bridge. Big mistake! About the same time, my poor dog was acting kind of odd. You guessed it - the puppies were on the way! Over the next half hour drive we watched eight beautiful puppies being born in a van with five kids, two adults and another dog! I know what you are thinking – but you really can't make this stuff up! We were taking the bridge through Montreal, birthing puppies and getting lost! We ended up in the middle of the city and had no idea how to get back out - and the puppies were still coming!

Fortunately, when we pulled over to the side of the road a lovely kind gentleman, who didn't speak English, figured out what my cousin was saying between her Newfoundland accent and tears. She kept repeating "20 Quest". The gentlemen hopped in his vehicle and directed us right out of the city and on our way! Imagine! He was our angel that day!

Once inside the Ontario limits, we took a much-needed break. When we stopped at a gas station, another car with Newfoundland plates saw us and the occupants came to say "Hi". Well the look on their faces when kids started jumping out of the van followed by a dog! The children then excitably told them we had nine more dogs in the van - the mamma and her eight lovely puppies! We felt like we were the latest news. Pictures were taken by everyone!

By now were we are pretty exhausted and it was getting late so we decided to stay on the St. Lawrence River and continue on in the morning. We luckily got an older home to rent for the night, which allowed us to have the two

dogs. We smuggled in the eight puppies! Things went rather smoothly from then on. By the time we made our destination, we actually had a home to land in. We exited the van - kids, adults and ten dogs in total and literally camped out with blankets and pillows on the floors of our new home. (Our beds had not arrived yet.) We were blessed and provided for! What a scary yet exciting and adventurous trip!

Many of you are probably wondering, what happened to the puppies? I raised them for six weeks with their mamma and found homes for all puppies. As each one left the house the kids and I would shed a few tears. Still to this day, we remember the names we had given them. As for the adults and kids? One family has been in Ontario ever since. They have built good lives and have been blessed! For Ben and I, we returned home. It was an adventure none of us will ever forget and it helped build our resilience and faith.



Princess – the mamma of the eight darling puppies!

Family Connections

The Barnes Family (Part I)

I had a wonderful chat with Janet Aitken about her family. For many of us here at St. David's we fondly remember Janet's parents – Cyril and Effie Barnes. For many, many years they both played an important part in the life and fellowship of our congregation and supported St. David's in numerous ways. Even though they are an ocean apart right now, Janet and her brother, Doug, have brought their parents' story to our bulletin and we are delighted to be able to share it with you. There's a lot to tell so we'll take two bulletins to get everything said! This week, we talk about the "family tree" and next week we talk about the ties to St David's.

For those of you who are lucky enough to have a copy of "The Dissenting Church of Christ at St. John's 1775-1975", you will find an entire section on the "Irish" Barnes Family. It's a fascinating read and it documents Janet and Doug's ancestors as arriving in St. John's in 1766. From the very beginning, the Barnes family was connected to the Congregational Church and was very active in the community.

Cyril Barnes was born on Good Friday, April 9, 1909, at 32 Victoria Street, St. John's to Anna Lillian (Peach) and James Barnes. He had two younger brothers, Hugh and Gordon. Cyril went to school at the Methodist College on Long's Hill from September 1915 to June 1925. Cyril could easily walk to school as Victoria Street was easy walking distance to Long's Hill, but in 1919, the Barnes family made a big move to 198 Elizabeth Avenue – to a newly built bungalow on Burton's Pond. Back in 1919, Elizabeth Avenue was considered "out in the country". Today, the house is gone, replaced by Memorial University buildings and residences.

Cyril graduated from College in 1925 and went to work as a messenger with Commercial Cable and then in 1936 he joined Bowring Brothers as a clerk in the Hardware Department. He stayed with Bowring Brothers until 1943 when he got a position with the Department of Customs and Excise. Thirty years later, in 1973, Cyril retired from the Department as District Collector for the Province.

Effie was born to Adam and Lydia Williams of Heart's Content. She was the youngest of 5 children. She had two sisters – Lydia (Heart's Content) and Helena (St. John's) – and two brothers – Raymond (killed in World War I in October 1917 at the age of 19) and Thomas (later lived in Miami, Florida). Effie came to St. John's at a young age and went to work at the Model Shop. The Wilansky Family owned this store and Mrs. Wilansky took Effie under her wing. The story goes that one day while Effie was working, she popped out to an ice-cream parlour. There she happened to meet a dashing young man, Cyril, and the rest, as they say, is history! Just a note.... When Effie and Cyril got married, Mrs. Wilansky gave Effie a beautiful pale blue wedding dress for the occasion.

Cyril and Effie were married on January 6, 1942 at St. Thomas Church and went to live in the family home on Elizabeth Avenue. They had a son, Douglas and a daughter, Janet. Douglas attended Oxford University and studied chemistry. While there, he met his future wife, Pauline, who was attending Ratcliffe College studying nursing. Doug achieved his PhD in chemistry and the young married couple returned to Newfoundland. Doug taught chemistry at Memorial University for five years and during that time, he and Pauline had twin girls – Catherine and Suzanne. When the girls were 4 years old, the family decided to move back to England. There they had a son, James, who later became a research biochemist. (In the May 10th bulletin we told you about Dr. James Barnes who is working for the

Bergenbio Company out of Oxford. He and his team are working on a cancer drug which has been selected for a British trial of potential COVID-19 treatments. Yes, that's Doug's son and Janet's nephew!) Doug (Pauline, d) has 5 beautiful grand-children as well.

Meanwhile, back home, Janet met and married Paul Aitken. They were married on November 6, 1971 here in St. David's Church by Rev. Armour. Janet and Paul have a son, Steven and a daughter, Jill. Steven now resides in Ottawa with his wife, Chantal, and their little sweetheart, Raphaelle. (We met Raphaelle on the occasion of her 6th birthday in the September 20th bulletin.) Jill lives here in St. John's and works for Johnson's Insurance.

In next week's bulletin, we talk about Cyril and Effie's long relationship with St. David's Church!



Cyril and Effie January 6, 1942

An Archival Moment

Thanks to Pam Bruce, we have this wonderful picture from the archives.

Here's this week's time to remember:



Summer Picnic #1



Summer Picnic #2

These are 2 pictures from the Sunday School Picnic, Summer 1995

Who do you recognize?

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: Which group won the first Dramatic Contest held in 1933 in St. John's? Was this the beginning of the annual Drama Festival?

The answer is: The Congregational Dramatic Troupe. The contest was held at Pitts Memorial Hall and while the Queen's Road church group took first place, Barbara Rose won the award for best actress. The play, by the way was "A Woman's Wont" and the other members of the winning troupe were Louis Calver, Roy Phillips, Mab Kean, James Stowe, and Bessie Thomas.

This week the question is: What one was a component of the income of the Queen's Road Church back in 1876? Choices are: drama society donations, pew rentals, or the financial assistance of the Colonial Missionary Society.

Recent History:

Last week the question was: Where did the members of the Queens Road Group W. M. S. (a forerunner of the current AMS) meet?

The answer is: The ladies met twelve times a year in each others houses, where they had a devotional and then knitted or sewed for Christmas boxes. Another lady read an article on some W.M.S. work in various parts of the world.

This week the question is: With the new church being on Elizabeth Ave., where was the first manse for Rev. Goldsmith?

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.

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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
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