



Sunday October 18 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 18, 2020" into Google. The scripture readings for this Sunday are:

Matthew 22:15–22

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 18 (Students and Colleges Sunday) We pray for college and university students who are taking classes online, that they will have a rich learning experience and find the support they need.

Monday, October 19 We pray for courage and insight to recognize racism and discrimination in society and in the church so that we may grow to become communities of justice for all.

Tuesday, October 20 We give thanks for God's beautiful creation and the changing seasons.

Wednesday, October 21 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Montreal in Que.

Thursday, October 22 We praise God and give thanks for Alwan Masih, General Secretary of the Synod of the Church of North India, who retired after serving faithfully for 10 years.

Friday, October 23 We remember Chanie Wenjack, who died of hunger and exposure on this day in 1966 after running away from the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School. We pray for all those who still carry deep pain and trauma from residential schools.

Saturday, October 24 Merciful God, we pray that you bless families with the wisdom that is from above—wisdom that is pure, peaceable and full of mercy.

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

Important Dates and Milestones

Our Evolving Church Services -

While this is a different way for us to meet, we are learning as we go. We have moved from YouTube videos of a taped service, to having a congregation present for the last three weeks. 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) and this version is easier to understand and to complete. A copy of this SAG is attached to this email, alternatively you may obtain copies from the church office any time during the week. Again, our recommendation for you is to 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. The sign out component of the form was originally meant

to be completed by each person as they are leaving the church. This will continue to be the case if you are visiting the church for any reason. After a church service is over however, the manager on duty will complete the sign out forms for everyone. This allows people to leave in an orderly manner and this process will stay in place.

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 18th

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

The church was successful this year in receiving \$30,000 from the St. Aiden’s Fund and in receiving \$40,000 as part of the federal government’s COVID response. \$30,000 of that amount is a loan repayable by December 31, 2022 and the remainder of \$10,000 is a government grant. At the AGM it was agreed that a sinking fund be established to allow us to repay the government loan when it becomes due.

The reopening of the church is also being mirrored by the return of some of our familiar church groups and some of our renters. This is being done in conjunction with and the approval of the COVID-19 Best Practices

Committee. The Bible Study group met this past Wednesday and other groups are in the process of completing their clarification forms. Some of our renters are waiting until the new year to see how things progress throughout the Fall.

I'd like to thank Ken Templeton and Kyle Sampson for stepping up and taking on the roles of facilitators for our church and rental groups. They are helping all groups through the process to determine how they can safely come back to St. David's.

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 appreciated.

Food For Thought

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. Anyone interested in participating should contact Ernst Rollmann (ernstrollmann12 at [gmail.com](mailto:ernstrollmann12@gmail.com)) for the link.

News from the Pews

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy belated birthday wishes to Clayton Collins. Clayton's birthday was on October 14th and we know it was celebrated in fine style with his wife Jean, daughters Jacqueline, Jennifer and Janet and their families. Best wishes Clayton from your St. David's family!

Belated birthday wishes go out to Margo Noseworthy who celebrated her birthday on October 15th. Margo is the daughter of Elizabeth (and the late David) Thistle. Margo currently lives in Corner Brook with her family but she was in St. John's visiting with Elizabeth over the Thanksgiving weekend and got to celebrate her birthday with her mom. Best wishes Margo from everyone here at St. David's!

Happy Birthday to Jean Patey who will be celebrating her birthday with family and friends on October 22nd. Jean is the daughter of Heather and Bob Patey and the granddaughter of Sylvia and Bob Taylor. From all the folks here at St. David's, we wish you a very Happy Birthday Jean! We hope you have a great day!

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Emily Critch who will be celebrating her birthday on October 18th. Emily is the daughter of Jennifer and Paul Critch and the granddaughter of Jean and Clayton Collins. With lots of family and friends, near and far to help you celebrate, we know it will be a wonderful day. Best wishes Emily from everyone here at St. David's!

Birthday greetings go out to Timothy Bassler who will be celebrating his birthday on October 21st. Timothy will be celebrating his special day with his mom and dad, Sarah and Paul Bassler, his siblings, Julia and Alexander, his grandfather, Gerhard Bassler and of course all his aunts and uncles and cousins, near and far. Happy Birthday Timothy from your St. David's family!

Happy Birthday to Shemsadin Hamid who will be turning 7 years old on October 24th. Helping celebrate his big day will be his mom and dad, Rukiya and Thomas Hamid, and his siblings, Solomon and little sister Beli. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a wonderful birthday Shemsadin! Have fun!

Happy Birthday greetings to Matthew Hudson who will be celebrating his birthday on October 22nd. Matthew is the son of Michele and Geoffrey Hudson and grandson of Sylvia and Dave Hudson. Best wishes Matthew from your St. David's family and we 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?

Heather Morrissey sent along a little note about her dad, Jim Steele, who is passing the time away by taking up a new hobby. Seems that Jim has been keeping his artistic talents a secret - but no more! Here's Heather's note: *Dad's birthday is coming up this Saturday, October 17th ~ he will be 96 !!! This year during COVID 19, Dad decided to try some of the other activities that his seniors residence offers . . Just goes to show, you are never too old to try something new.*

Jim Steele the Artist



Last week, when I visited Jean and Bob Mallowney, they had some great news to share about their granddaughter, Paton. (See October 11th Bulletin) While I was there, I got to visit Bob's "work-shed" and see some of the beautiful pieces of furniture he has made and/or refurbished. Every piece had a story behind it! The rocking chair was in several pieces when he rescued it from an old abandoned root cellar and the table top actually came from one piece of wood from an old tree that someone had cut down. Now Bob is a great wood-worker/furniture maker but he's also a fabulous storyteller! I haven't laughed that much in a long time... what a great visit! I can't wait to get back there soon and see what his latest project is!



Jean and Bob in Their Garden



Bob's Handmade Table



Refurbished Chair

Good Companions Donation

The Good Companions have again made a lovely donation toward the upkeep of our Church. Many thanks to our Good Companions! We miss you very much and we look forward to the time when we can be together again! This note from Kay Scott: *The Good Companions arranged to have the front doors of St David's refinished last week, after earlier attempts to have this work done during the summer didn't work out. They've been re-stained and varathaned, and are ready once again to face the vagaries of our sometimes less than gentle weather!*



Newly Refurbished Doors

Update on St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church Grand Falls-Windsor

This note from Eric Cumby on the latest news from St. Matthew's:

You will recall that St Matthew's Church in Grand Falls was badly damaged by fire on Oct 6, 2019. Ongoing volunteer efforts from all over have done amazing work and much of the damage has been repaired. It is hoped that this work will be complete by the end of the year. A significant and heart-warming milestone was reached last week on Oct. 6, on a crystal clear autumn day, when the steeple was raised back in place.

St Matthew's opened for service on Sept. 25, 1910. It's the oldest church in Grand Falls and it must have been a bold venture for the faithful to undertake in those very early days of the paper mill. Over the years St Matthew's was a very flourishing congregation with groups such as the White Heather Guild, the Thistle Club, a Men's Service Club, a Women's Missionary Society and other activities.

In recent years their numbers have decreased and the congregation has been served by a moderator from St John's. For many years Rev. Dr. Ian Wishart carried out this role and now it is fulfilled by our own Reverend David.

We wish St Matthew's well as, like the Phoenix, they rise from the ashes!

Thanksgiving Sunday is a special day - this year more so than other years perhaps. Even in these uncertain times when we seem to have lost so much there is always a lot to be thankful for, especially our family and friends!



Janet and Edith

Steve and Jean





Kay and Olive



Monica and Family



Sheena and Christina



Christine and Andy

Family Connections

The Barnes Family (Part II)

Last week we got to know a little bit about the Barnes family - Cyril and Effie and their families. This week, I promised to tell you about their long-lasting relationship with St. David's. There is so much to tell. Thanks to Janet and Doug, who were able to condense a lot of the information about their parents, we get a good understanding of the role they played in our congregation and their influence in guiding us through good times and hard times.

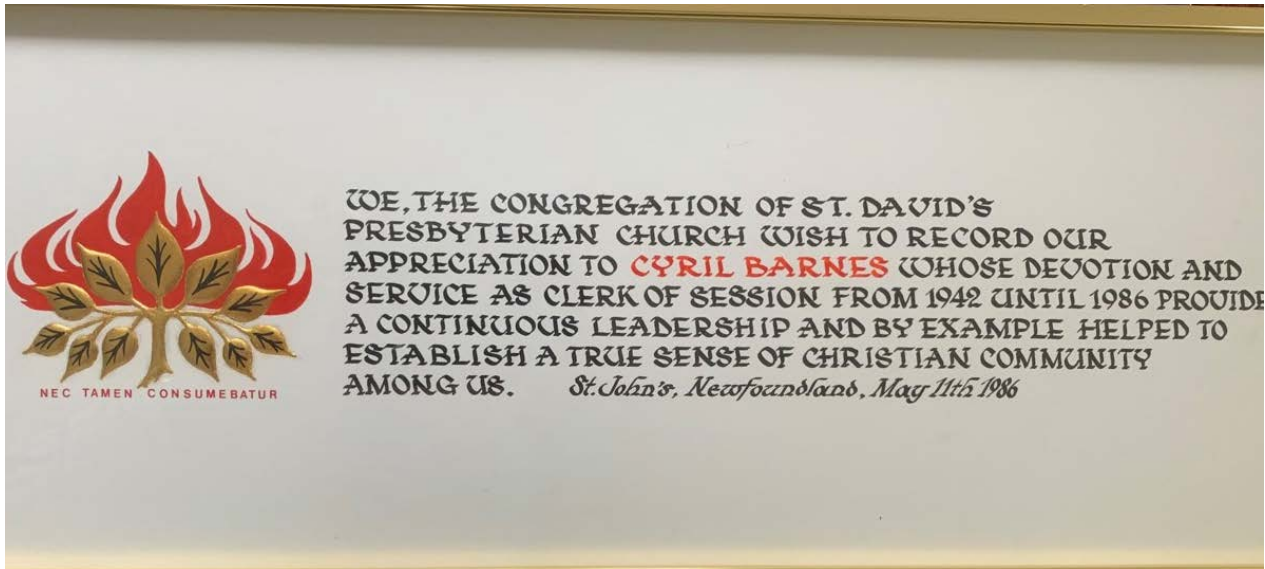
For many years, Cyril and Effie devoted a lot of their time to the church, Queen's Road as well as St. David's. for many years. Cyril was ordained as an elder within the congregation in 1942 and served 40 years as an elder and for most of that time, as Clerk of Session. Through the Session, he and the other elders guided the congregation and the Church through some challenging years. He worked with five different ministers between 1942 and 1982 and provided guidance, advice and counsel.

Cyril was given much of the credit for keeping the congregation alive and moving especially during the long periods without a settled minister in the 1940's and 1950's. It was he who located the present property on Elizabeth Avenue and encouraged the congregation to make the move. This excerpt from "The Dissenting Church of Christ at St. John's 1775 – 1975" : *The first was to find and secure a suitable site for the congregation. The Re-Location Committee, with Cyril Barnes as chairman, had no idea how complicated this was to become before it was completed. To this group fell the responsibility of locating and negotiating for suitable property, and also of arranging and carrying out the sale of the Queen's Road property. It was to take two years*

of intricate and delicate work (including special legislation through the House of Assembly) by the committee and our solicitor before all the obstacles were cleared away. I have nothing but admiration for this committee. Their patience, persistence, and quiet confidence in the face of all the difficulties and frustrations required great statesmanship. (written by James A. Goldsmith) Cyril also served as Clerk of Presbytery for 10 years. In May 1986, Cyril received an honorary letter from the Presbytery of Newfoundland thanking him for his years of service and dedication. The letter read "... We honour him for his work and for his counsel, for his kindness and for his wisdom....."

Effie meanwhile was an enthusiastic supporter of both the Women's Auxiliary (WA) and the Woman's Missionary Society (WMS). As a member of the WA, Effie served many cups of tea, not to mention sandwiches and cookies, for many sales, afternoon teas, morning coffees, and other various socials held in the Church Hall. Effie was also very active with the WMS and served as president of the Auxiliary in 1956. This group's primary responsibility was to foster the missionary work of the congregation around the globe. In addition to world mission, the WMS played a key role in the life of the congregation and the city. Over the years they took responsibility for the distribution of flowers to the sick and shut-ins and they packed and distributed hampers at Christmas time. In 1969, they adopted a needy family in the city and helped them with food and childrens' clothing. For a great part of its history, the WMS had responsibility for girls' work within the congregation through such groups as the CGIT (Canadian Girls in Training) and the Explorers. Each year the WMS made a contribution towards sending campers to Camp Geddie. Throughout the years, Effie was there with a quiet and supportive guiding hand. In April 1984, Effie was awarded the WMS Life Membership Award from the Presbyterian Church (Eastern Division) for her dedication to the Society.

Both Effie and Cyril have now passed - Effie in 1985 and Cyril in 1999. Many of our present congregation still remember them both with great fondness. For those that did not have the opportunity to know them, their contributions to St. David's live on and continue to influence our worship and fellowship.



Plaque Presented to Cyril



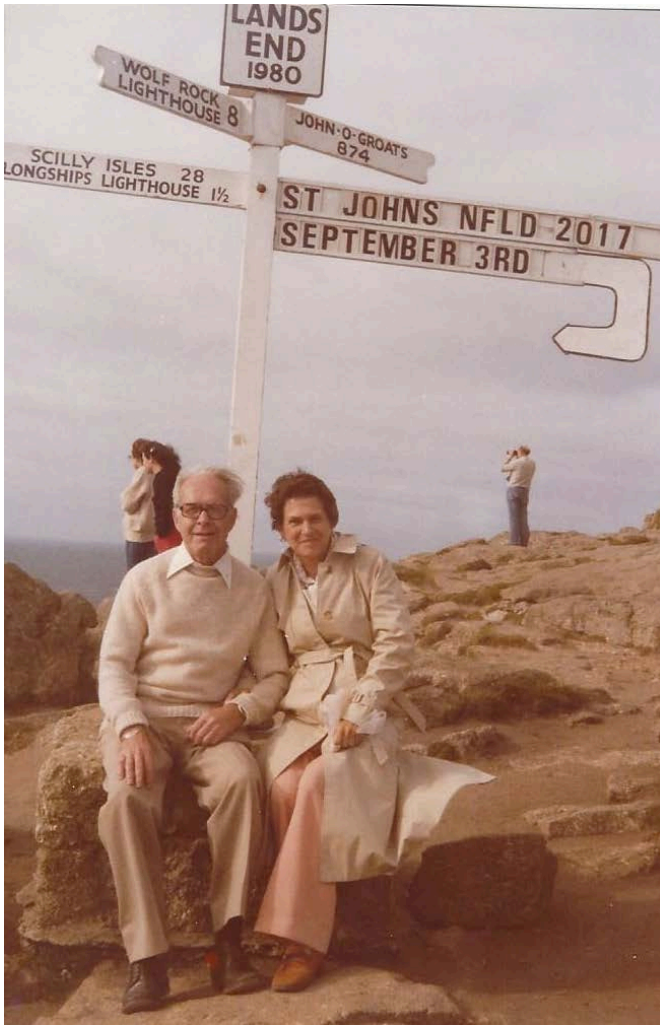
Presentation of Plaque to Cyril



Rev. Armour and Cyril



Cyril and Effie on Vacation



Cyril and Effie at Lands End



Effie's WMS Award



Effie's Leaf



Cyril's Lea

An Archival Moment

Thanks to Jean and Bob Mallowney for this week's picture. Jean found this Telegram picture when she was going through some old files and wanted to share it with us.

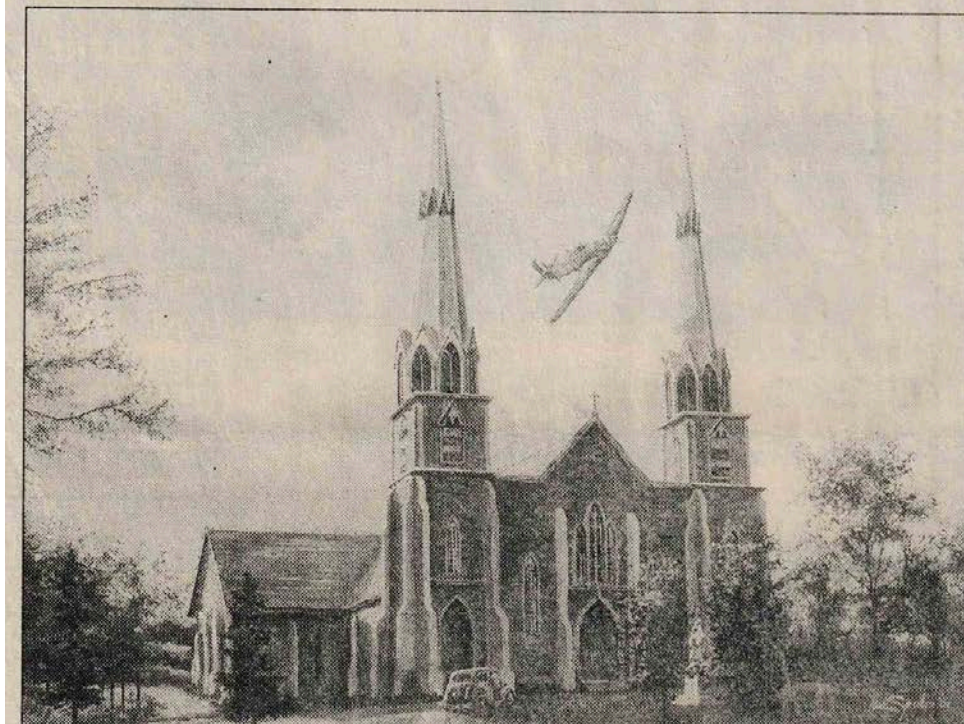
Here's this week's time to remember:

“Til I Return”

It was the fall of 1942, and 23 year old RCAF Fighter Pilot Flying Officer Lal Parsons, a native of Harbour Grace, NF, was headed overseas. World War II had been raging for over 2 years and England put out the call for all her experienced pilots to help save her in her darkest hour.

As a final farewell bid to his hometown, Lal coaxed his Hawker Hurricane between the twin towers of the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Harbour Grace, Conception Bay.

Renowned Newfoundland artist Ian Sparkes has captured this moment just as Lal “passed between” the towers. A memorable “low pass for the home folks.”



Lal Parsons Fly Through – 1942

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: What one was 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.

The answer is: The pew rentals. In 1876, the rentals collected were 102 pounds, 7 shillings and six pence. The lady who collected the rentals was paid almost 12 pounds. I need to check that.

This week the question is: Where were the two missions on islands?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: With the new church being on Elizabeth Ave., where was the manse in which Rev. Goldsmith first moved?

The answer is: The manse was on Bideford Place in back of Churchill Square.

This week the question is: Where was Rev. Armour's office in 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:

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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	

Treasurer: Anne Calver

Envelope Secretary: Ian Bruneau