



## **Sunday November 15 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 15, 2020" into Google. The scripture readings for this Sunday are:

### **Matthew 25:14-30**

**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:

**November 15 (Legacy Giving Sunday)** We give thanks for and remember the many faithful stewards who have believed in God's church and seeded new missions and ministries through legacy gifts.

**Monday, November 16** We pray for the ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Cape Breton in N.S.

**Tuesday, November 17** We give thanks for the Church Council on Justice and Corrections, and pray that their work to address the healing of victims, offenders and their communities as they strive for justice is blessed and fruitful.

**Wednesday, November 18** We pray for seminary students, staff and faculty at St. Andrew's Hall in Vancouver, B.C., Presbyterian College in Montreal, Que., and Knox College in Toronto, Ont.

**Thursday, November 19** We pray for children and young people who must think about the future in uncertain times.

**Friday, November 20 (Universal Children's Day)** *Kisemanto*—Great Spirit, we pray for wisdom to understand the spirituality of Indigenous ancestors of Turtle Island, who thought of Earth as our Mother and preserved her gifts for the next seven generations of our grandchildren.

**Saturday, November 21** We pray for Samuel House in Micske, Romania, a safe place—supported by Presbyterians Sharing—where disadvantaged children can come to play, study, eat nutritious meals and receive Christian care.

## **From the Board, Session and Treasurer**

### **Important Dates and Milestones**

Christmas is approaching and with that comes the Christmas hampers. Community Food Sharing has gotten in touch about this year's hampers. We are looking at what we can safely do to create and deliver or have people pick-up hampers. If you have some thoughts on how we can do this, or if you would be interested in helping us, please get in touch with any member of the Session or Board.

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.

### **Sunday Service November 15<sup>th</sup>**

This coming Sunday we will continue to complete the Self Assessment Guide (SAG) and the sign-in sheets. We will again have people enter through the breezeway and come in through the side narthex door or the front door. 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.

This week, we have been cleared to sing again. We do have to keep our masks on and remain seated, but we can sing! You will find the hymn books in the pew or on your chair, please leave them there as you leave. We will safely store them away for more than 72 hours and bring them out for the next service.

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### **NEW \*\* Getting the Bulletin or Service using our website**

Each Sunday the bulletin and service are placed on our website, they are normally there by 1 or 2 pm that Sunday. Much thanks to the Rollmann family who keep our website an informative and really good looking site! The website is **stdavids.nf.ca** and if you type this in as your search, our website will be right there. The main page has a direct line (**For video service, click “here”**). If you would like to catch up on previous services, go down to the “**Sunday worship (11 am)**”, click on that and choose the Sunday service or bulletin that you would like to see or read.

### **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**

Thank you all who are continuing to donate to your church through envelopes on Sunday mornings, by e-transfers, or by your PAD contributions. My thanks go out to elders and friends who happily and gladly pick up envelopes from those not able to get out to church and drop them off at the church office.

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

I'd also like to thank the many people who supply all those great stories and pictures for the bulletin. David is using Zoom to record the services and then uploads the service to YouTube. Earlier I described how to get to the website and I'd like to reiterate my thanks to the Rollmann family – Hans, Marcella and Peter for keeping informed through the web site. My thanks to Emily Finch who took part in our special Remembrance Day service.

## **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

**Communion:** We will be celebrating Communion next Sunday, November 22 at 11:00 am.

**Food for Thought**, a Bible Study group for university-age / young adults, is meeting once a week during the pandemic via Zoom. New people are always welcome. You can participate from anywhere. We have been delighted to welcome friends from Toronto and Halifax. The meeting time may change from week to week to accommodate needs. Last week (Nov 7) we met on Saturday at 8pm. Ernst Rollmann led a discussion on the anointing of Jesus in Luke 7. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Nov 14, at 8pm. Anyone interested in participating should contact Ernst (ernstrollmann12 at [gmail.com](mailto:ernstrollmann12@gmail.com)) for weekly updates and the Zoom link.

## **Associates AMS members**

The Associate members of the AMS are reminded that their donations are due. Call Bouwina Fogwill at 726-4535 if you are unable to bring them yourself. Somebody will come and pick them up.

## **In Remembrance**



It's with deep sadness that we inform you of the passing of a dear friend of many of us here at St. David's – Betty Halliday Clarke Wood. Betty was 94 years old. She passed away peacefully on November 5, 2020 at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital. Betty was a member of the St. David's Church Quilter's Guild for many years and participated in numerous events and activities at St. David's. Many of us in the WA have fond memories of Betty helping out at our sales and teas – working magic with the electric carving knife and helping Patsy Carmichael make the turkey sandwiches were her specialties! Betty was a true and loyal friend to many, especially Marjorie Pike (d. June 2020). The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Betty's son, John Clarke (Elaine), with whom she lived, along with other family members. (For additional details, please see [www.carnells.com](http://www.carnells.com))

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations**

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Blake Rudofsky who will be celebrating his birthday on November 18<sup>th</sup> with family and friends. Blake is the son of Judy and Dave Rudofsky. Best wishes Blake from your St. David's family and we hope you have a great day!

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Jane Lowery who will be celebrating her birthday on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Jane is the daughter of Susan and Travis Lowery who currently live in Turnwater, Washington and the grand-daughter of Lillian and Harry Crawford. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a great day Jane with your family and friends – near and far! Enjoy!

**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.**

## **News from the Pews**

### ***AMS***

After Church on Sunday past, the AMS held their first meeting since last February. We met in the Armour Room and it was so good to meet as a group again. Many thanks to our COVID-19 Best Practices Committee for working with the AMS to ensure our meeting met all safety guidelines. Thanks as well to Penny and Kathy who were the “hostesses-with-the-mostest”! They provided light refreshments – adhering to all best practices – and ensured that everyone was comfortable. We are looking forward to carrying on the work of the AMS. If you are interested in joining our little group, please contact Penny or Kathy.





AMS – November 8

Members (l to r): – Lillian, Bouwina, Tanya, Andy, Kathy, Penny, Kay K., Sheena. (Janet C. took picture)

### ***Prayer Shawl (Knitters) Group***

Another group that met for the first time since last March, was the Prayer Shawl (Knitters) Group. For our first get-together, we met at Bouwina's house. It was wonderful! There was a lot of knitting but there was even more chatting. It was so good to share that time together. Our group includes: Bouwina, Monica, Kay Korpel, Beth Perry, Penny, Kathy, Janet Aitken, Lillian, Kay Scott, and Janet C.

COVID-19 did not stop the knitters from working on different projects over the past few months and as you can see from the picture below, there are a lot of beautiful knitted articles ready for delivery! *A note from Janet Calver:*

*A special thank-you to Kay Scott who helped me with my knitting project. I had not touched my knitting needles since last March and I literally had no idea what I had started back then. We figured out what pattern I had been using and Kay then graciously took my needles and wool and got me going again – and even knitted several rows for me! How good is that!*



Bouwina enjoying her coffee



Penny with her knitting



Janet Aitken – Happy to be Back



Monica – Great to See Her



All the Knitted Goods

## ***Remembrance Sunday at St. David's***

Last Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, was our Remembrance Day Service. To help us make it more meaningful, Brian Way arranged for a special guest soloist – Emily Finch -. Thank-you Brian and Emily.

## ***Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial***

Rev. Ian Wishart, chaplain of the Royal Canadian Legion, Newfoundland Command, took part in the Remembrance Day Services in St. John's at the War Memorial this past Wednesday. Below is his address and prayer.

*We are met today to remember with thanksgiving  
those who lived and died in the service of this country  
and those other countries who died in defence of freedom.*

*We are people of many memories, many faiths, many traditions.  
I am a Christian minister and pray in the name of Christ.  
I invite you to pray with me, or pray in your own fashion,  
Or otherwise mark with solemn remembrance  
the service of those who have given their lives  
that we may live.*

*God is our refuge and strength  
a timely help in trouble. (Ps.46)  
Those who look to the Lord  
Will renew their strength.  
They will soar on eagles' wings,  
They will run and not grow weary,  
Thy will walk and not faint. (Isa. 40)  
No one has greater love than this,  
To lay down ones' life for one's friends. (John 15.13)*

*Almighty God, we bow before you, remembering times of trouble.  
We bow before you remembering the Great War which ended  
On Armistice Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1918,  
on this day one hundred and two years ago  
when the troops laid down their arms.*

*We commemorate the Second World War,  
and the wars in Korea, in Kosovo, in Afghanistan  
and other conflicts, where women and men, young and old,  
Gave their lives that others might live.*

*We commemorate the members of the forces  
at sea, on land, and in the air,  
and those who have served us in many capacities day by day.  
We think of emergency workers among us.  
Guard them, we pray, guide them in their duty.  
Protect them in body and mind, and bring them safely home.*

*Eternal God, we bow before you in times of trouble.  
We bow before you in the days of our present trouble,  
when sickness envelops the earth,  
when thousands are dying,  
and millions are in distress  
and nations face division and confusion.*

*We pray for wisdom.  
We pray for leadership.  
We pray for peace.*

*May your blessing, O God, be with us all.  
We join our prayers with men and women  
of many faiths and traditions,  
as we humbly bow before you*

## ***New Ramp***

Everyone who came to Church last Sunday, knows about the new ramp leading up to the side-door. Thanks to Steve Bruneau for all his carpentry skills! This ramp will be an added bonus to us during the coming winter months when it is often difficult to access the main door of the Church due to high snowbanks. Many thanks again Steve!



Our New Ramp



Great Job Steve!

### ***And Speaking of Snow....***

Last Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, we woke up to a dusting of snow on the ground. Eric Cumby was lucky enough to capture the moment! Thanks Eric!



First Snow #1

### ***Update on Dendon Presbyterian Church***

Nyiröl County, Jonglie State, South Sudan.

Many of you may remember John Chol (now living in Ottawa). John was originally from South Sudan and still has family there. While John lived in St. John's, St. David's was his Church and our congregation was pleased to be able to help support his home village with donations of St. David's gently used choir gowns and St. David's sponsored Bibles for their Presbyterian Church. Steve Bruneau still keeps in touch with John and has passed along the following website links for your viewing. (Please contact Steve for more information.)

A reminder of the whole undertaking can be gained by viewing the 10 minute video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

and more particularly, for those who would like to see the reception of the choir gowns St David's gifted last time go directly to 7:30 of the video!

Meantime, on an earlier trip to South Sudan, St David's sponsored bibles for their Presbyterian church - to see the impact these had go to 8:40 of this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

### **An Archival Moment**

As a tribute to Betty Wood, we have a beautiful photograph of her with her Quilter's Guild Friends from 2007. Thanks to Gracie Wood (no relation) for this time to remember.



Betty Wood and Friends - 2007

(from l to r): Gracie Wood, Marjorie Pike, Patsy Carmichael, Betty Wood



## **Church Trivia Questions**

### **Way back when:**

**Last week the question was:** Who were the first Presbyterian elders of the Queen's Road congregation?

**The answer is:** The new elders were ordained by Rev. James McNeill of St. Andrews, they were Edward Thomas, James Stowe, George Whiteley, Louis Calver, Cyril Duley, and Herbert Barnes.

**This week the question is:** What is celebrating its 245<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year?

### **Recent History:**

**Last week the question was:** Do you know who officially opened the ramp at the church hall in 2018?

**The answer is:** Mr. James Steele cut the ribbon for the new ramp in December 2018.

**This week the question is:** Do you know who built our strong new ramp so we can enter the church safely through the Narthex door?

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](mailto: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](mailto: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

**Church Office:** (709) 722-2382

**Church email:** [stdavids@nfld.com](mailto:stdavids@nfld.com)

**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

Ed Vanderkloet

Tanya Shalaby

Steve Bruneau

Allison Crawford

Andrea Crosbie

Sandra Perry

**Treasurer:**

Anne Calver

**Envelope Secretary:**

Ian Bruneau