



Sunday November 22 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 22, 2020" into Google. The scripture readings for this Sunday are:

Matthew 25:31–46

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, November 22 (National Housing Day) We pray for all people who do not have adequate, safe and affordable housing, and give thanks for people and programs that provide safe spaces for others.

Monday, November 23 We pray that Advent will be a time of hope, peace, love and joy as we prepare for the coming of Jesus.

Tuesday, November 24 We thank God for the dedication of workers and volunteers at food banks, women's shelters, breakfast and lunch programs, and other outreach projects.

Wednesday, November 25 (International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women) We pray for peace and security for all women, as well as for people and programs addressing trauma and working for an end to violence against women.

Thursday, November 26 We pray for the Canadian Council of Churches as its governing board meets to nurture ecumenism in Canada.

Friday, November 27 We pray for interim moderators and search committees as they work to assist congregations in calling a new minister under challenging circumstances during a global pandemic.

Saturday, November 28 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Kootenay.

From the Board, Session and Treasurer Important Dates and Milestones

Our Evolving Church Services -

We have been at church together now for almost two months 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.

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.

Coming to St. David’s for a Church Service

St. David’s has improved the process for completing our Self Assessment Guide (SAG) and the sign-in procedure for Sunday’s church service. The manager on duty will ask you the questions on our SAG and will complete it for you. They will also complete the sign-in sheet allowing you to proceed directly into the sanctuary if all is well. As has been happening for some time, the manager will also complete the sign-out sheets allowing you to leave in an orderly manner.

The 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, we only need your name and phone number. If you are not a member, you will also be asked for your address.

Coming to Visit St. David's during the week – A Review

You will be required to complete two forms, the SAG and the sign-in sheet. The SAG is valid for 24 hours and there are many ways to complete it (you can call in your answers to the church office, to any member of the Board or Session, or you can fill in the form and email it to the church). It helps to determine if you should visit St. David's or stay home. 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 22nd – Communion

This coming Sunday we will continue to follow the process described above for the completion of the 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.

We are including singing as part of the service and are adhering to all provincial public health guidelines. Masks are required to be worn while singing. Please wear your mask while singing.

This Sunday we will be celebrating Communion.

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. Many thanks to the Rollmann family who keep our website an informative and easy to access 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 etransfers, 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 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

Sunday service and then uploads it 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 us informed through the web site.

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

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 14) we met on Saturday at 8pm. Andem Effiong led the final discussion on Luke. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Nov 21 at 8pm. Anyone interested in participating should contact Ernst Rollmann (ernstrollmann12 at [gmail.com](mailto:ernstrollmann12@gmail.com)) for the Zoom link. Ernst can also add you to the email list for instant updates.

Condolences from the Congregation

Rukiya and Thomas Hamid

Penny brought us the sad news from Thomas and Rukiya concerning their family. A close uncle of Thomas passed away last Sunday in a refugee camp in Sudan and then just this past Tuesday morning (November 17th), Rukiya's father died in Ethiopia after battling a very long illness. Just a few weeks ago he was moved from Sudan to Addis Ababa for more medical treatment - again in a refugee camp. Rukiya and Thomas are devastated especially being so far away from their family.

Our condolences go out to both Rukiya and Thomas and their families. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they try to deal with this loss. I received this note from Rukiya:

Hello Janet. My father was super hero for us, seven of my sister and our one brother. He was very funny and he loved hiking.

And Thomas:

Hello Janet,

I know it has been a very difficult time for our family for the losses of our loved ones. I just wanted to share a brief story about uncle (my mother's brother) Kaban Tedko. He died after a month and a half of his illness in the refugee camp in South Sudan last Sunday. He was in mid 60s in age. He left his wife and a daughter behind.

He was a man of peace, a loving person to our family and the community, a kind and humbled person. He loved telling jokes to kids, playing with kids, calling him and known as a father of all kids in the villages. He joked when neighbours gathered to have a coffee ceremony and loved serving others with respect and dignity. I grew up beside him and my mother after my father died when I was 4 years old. He taught me to live peacefully with people I know and I do not know. He also taught me to treat people with respect from all ages and

*different backgrounds and much more. This is my story about him.
He will be missed but his name and legacy will still be remembered. We
love him so much.
May God rest his soul in peace.*

Kathy McKay and Family

It's with great sadness that we announce the passing of Mrs. Walters, Kathy McKay's mother, on November 18th. Mrs. Walters died at home (Kathy's brother's home) with hospice care lovingly provided by her family. The sympathy of the entire congregation goes out to Kathy and Don and their family. Our thoughts and prayers are with them now and in the coming days.

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Nicole Myles who will be celebrating her birthday on November 25th with family and friends. Nicole is the daughter of Joan and Wayne Myles. Best wishes Nicole from your St. David's family and we hope you have a great day!

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Rev. Ian Wishart who will be celebrating his 90th birthday on November 26th! Rev. Wishart is a great friend to many here at St. David's and has always been very supportive of our Church. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a wonderful day, Ian, spent with 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.

Muffin Making – Update

We had another successful Muffin Monday this past week. Janet Aitken and Kay Scott came by and were a great team! Not only did we have a lovely time together, we made almost 17 dozen muffins for Bridges to Hope! These mornings are a lovely time together for a wonderful cause. If you like to join us sometime, please call the office at 722-2382. Our next Monday will be December 4th as the second Monday in December is getting close to school closure.



Ladies working hard with a smile!

Waiting to go into
the oven



News from the Pews

Gerhard Bassler knows how to make things grow – the picture below is a testament to that statement! We were delighted when, after a conversation with Steve Bruneau, Gerhard agreed to contribute some of his gardening-know-how (and perhaps a well kept gardening secret or two) with us! There are many here in our congregation who have enjoyed gardening for years - flowers, veggies, fruit trees, berries - and some who are newer to the joy and wonder of planting and harvesting! We look forward to hearing from Gerhard - and seeing some of his photos – over the coming weeks. In this bulletin, Gerhard talks about:

- (a) suggestions for preparing the ground right now, in the Fall, before the ground freezes or snow covers it up; and
- (b) preparing for next year - where and when should one get their seeds.

(a). Among the few things one can and should do in the garden before it freezes up is to remove weeds and turn the soil. Of course, big weeds should have been pulled long before, especially those with invasive root systems and large numbers of seed pods. Weeds should be pulled before they flower and disperse their seeds. But late is always better than never. Experience has shown that turning the soil in the fall cuts down on weeds and pests in the ground during the following spring and summer. Digging is best done with a garden fork rather than a shovel or spade because the tines go down deeper. They also brake up and loosen the soil that is being turned. Forks are always preferable for working the ground, especially for transplanting , because they do less damage than spades to the root system of the transplant.

(b). The early winter months are a good time to consider what to grow and where to get your seeds. If you want to be sure that the seeds you buy will germinate, buy them from a established seed grower and distributors. The

seeds displayed in department stores, supermarkets, and other general outlets tend to come in leaky paper packages reducing their ability to germinate. They are seldom dated and may contain dead seeds. There is no way of determining how old they are. Parsley and parsnip seeds, for example, will likely not germinate more than one year after they have been harvested. Most big seed companies guarantee germination. They distribute catalogues showing photos of what you might expect. Over the past 50 years I have bought most of my seeds from Gaze Seed, Veseys in PEI, and Stokes Seeds in Ontario. You can examine, compare and order their varieties online. Stokes, my favourite seed company, indicates the growing time from germination to maturity for each variety. This is invaluable for the short growing season we are having.



Gerhard in his Garden

The Murdoch – Ellis Family

For the next two weeks we get to know the Murdoch – Ellis family. The Murdoch family, Jim and Olive (Young), lived on Forest Road. They had 4 children – Janet, Gail, Barbara and Ian. According to Barbara, she was born on a very snowy night in February 1941. Luckily, her mother got to St. Clare's Hospital and all turned out well.

Barbara has a very strong connection with the Presbyterian Church. Back in the 1940s, Barbara recounts meeting Rev. Lang at The Kirk and attending Sunday School there and deciding at an early age that this was where she belonged. (Maybe the childrens' movies that Rev. Lang showed also had something to do with her decision!) For whatever reason, it wasn't long before Barbara was involved with a number of different youth groups at the Kirk, including the Mission Band (youth ages 6-9), the Youth Choir, Explorers, and CGIT (Canadian Girls in Training). Barbara has some good memories of that time including being in the Mission Band with her friend, Ada Garland (Andy Garland's sister). And ask her about how she was supposed to be looking after her younger sister, Gail, during Church service one Sunday when Gail, "escaped" to the pulpit with Rev. Old's daughter, Fiona. So much for watching out for her younger sister!

But it was Sunday School that had a special place in Barbara's heart. She began teaching Sunday School at the age of 12 and has continued to enjoy this calling ever since. Barbara has a very special book from her mother's father, William Young, called "The Life of Jesus of Nazareth". It is well over 100 years old and it came from James Baird's store on Water Street. Even though it is somewhat tattered, it is beautifully crafted. It has large coloured pictures of different events from the Bible and each picture has a story that was to be read at Sunday School every week.

Barbara's family lived on Craigmiller Avenue for a while and then moved to Allendale Road. Over the years, Barbara attended schools that are familiar to many of us – Bishop Spencer, Holloway and Prince of Wales (PWC) - and her young life was pretty much like every other little girl her age. Then at the age of 12, Barbara contracted polio. She was one of the lucky ones – she recovered after undergoing lots of physiotherapy. As it turned out, this experience would come to shape Barbara's future.

Now Barbara was not one to just sit and watch life go by. She tells about the time she worked at Reid's Confectionery Store on Rowan Street and how in her spare time she was out and about collecting money for the Prince of Wales Arena. It was during this time, she met Mr. Wyatt of Wyatt Coal & Oil. This chance meeting turned out to be a life-changer for Barbara. Not only did Mr. Wyatt give a donation towards the new arena, but he also encouraged Barbara to further her education in the field of physiotherapy. Mr. Wyatt was Chairman of the Sunshine Camp – a rehabilitation centre for children with physical disabilities due to polio. He arranged for Barbara to work as an aide in the physio department at the Rehab Centre for 1 year and then in 1958 and 1959, she worked at the Sunshine Camp. She got enough money together to pay for her first two years of school in Britain and she won a bursary to pay for her last year.

Back in 1959, chances are you didn't travel to Britain by plane – you took a ship. And that is what Barbara did. She booked her passage for August on the "Newfoundland", a ship sailing from St. John's to Liverpool. It took 7 days to cross the Atlantic. As it turns out, Barbara's family were not too keen to have their 18 year-old daughter travel alone to Britain to attend school. Her grandmother made arrangements to travel on the same ship at the same time – and go first class! Barbara, trying to travel the cheapest way possible got a lovely surprise when her grandmother paid the difference in fare and had Barbara join her in 1st class!

Once they arrived in Liverpool, Barbara's grandmother stayed with her son and daughter-in-law for a long overdue visit. Barbara meanwhile, settled in at the United Liverpool School of Physiotherapy. Barbara also had relatives who lived in Birmingham and would visit with them quite often after her grandmother returned to Newfoundland.

School was hard work but Barbara made sure she took time to enjoy her stay there. She travelled far and wide by bike and saw a lot. She tells the story of how she and her friends met and had lunch with the Beatles at the Cavern – this was when the Beatles were just starting out. Imagine! And then there was the time she went to Charlie Chaplin's funeral – not because she knew him but simply because he lived up the road from where she did and all the people from the neighbourhood went!



Barbara Ellis at Home – 2020



Barbara's African Violet

Archival Moment

As Barbara was going through one of her old photo albums, we came across this picture of a get-together at her house. Can anyone guess who the people are? (Hint: Neil Ellis is the man on the far right.)



A Get-Together at the Ellis Home

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: What is celebrating its 245th anniversary this year?

The answer is: St. David's was founded in 1775 and this year is its 245th anniversary.

This week the question is: What minister was a member of the Canadian Armed Forces before coming to the Queen's Road church?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: Do you know who built new ramp so we can enter the church safely through the Narthex door?

The answer is: Steve Bruneau built the ramp.

This week the question is: In order to safely allow the TSO to operate this fall, how many rows of pews were removed? For extra points, where are those pews stored?

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

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Ken Templeton

Sue Templeton

Janet Calver

Kathy McKay

Penny Gillies

Steve Bruneau

Ian Bruneau

Aubrey Bonnell

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