



Sunday November 29 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 29, 2020" into Google. The scripture readings for this Sunday are:

Mark 13:24–37

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 29 We pray for the COVID-19 projects that Presbyterian World Service and Development supports through the ACT Alliance. We pray that these projects offer relief and hope.

Monday, November 30 We pray for congregational treasurers as they work diligently in the responsibilities entrusted to them.

Tuesday, December 1 (World AIDS Day) We pray for individuals and families around the world affected by HIV and AIDS, and we give thanks for community programs supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development in Malawi working to achieve a world without HIV and AIDS.

Wednesday, December 2 We pray for congregations that face financial constraints due to the pandemic, that they may have the resources needed to continue their ministries.

Thursday, December 3 (International Day for Persons with Disabilities) We pray for a better world that is equitable, sustainable and inclusive, where people with disabilities are respected and their rights are fully realized.

Friday, December 4 We pray for the members of Leading with Care committees in congregations and presbyteries that help to foster climates of safety for all people in the church.

Saturday, December 5 We pray for the ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Western Han-Ca.

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.

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.

Christmas hampers are a go! This year, our Christmas hampers will be prepared in a different way but we need your help more than ever to make it work within the COVID19 reality. The date for hamper deliveries is **Saturday, December 19th**. Please read through the flyer announcement on the next page and if you have any questions, please contact:

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● ST. DAVID'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ●

**YES! WE ARE PREPARING
CHRISTMAS HAMPERS THIS
YEAR, BUT IN A DIFFERENT WAY,**



**DELIVERY DATE: DECEMBER 19, 2020
SEE REVERSE FOR FULL DETAILS**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

HERE'S HOW:

- Make a monetary donation ... just indicate that donation is for "Christmas Hampers"
- Donate a gift card ... can be used to purchase food items for hampers
- Donate non-perishable food item(s) ... see Hamper contents below for suggestions
- Volunteer to help prepare for Hampers in some way (specific tasks will be assigned (Very limited number of packers needed)!
- Volunteer to deliver a hamper or two ...we NEED MORE DELIVERY PEOPLE THIS YEAR THAN EVER!

- TURKEY (10-12 LB.)
- VEGETABLES - CABBAGE, CARROT, TURNIP, POTATOES
- FLOUR (2.5 KG)
- SUGAR (2 KG)
- ONIONS (2-3 LB.)
- ORANGES (3-5 LB.)
- APPLES (3-5 LB.)
- TUNA (170 G TIN)
- GREEN PEAS (TIN)
- CORN (TIN)
- EVAPORATED MILK (TIN)
- CHEESE WHIZ
- PEANUT BUTTER
- JUICE (1 LITRE)MILK (2L 2%)
- CRANBERRY SAUCE (TIN)
- CEREAL (BOX)
- TEABAGS (72/144)
- COFFEE (INSTANT)
- MARGARINE (454 G)
- EGGS (1 DOZEN)
- BREAD (1 LOAF WHITE)
- BREAD (1 LOAF W/WHEAT)
- BREAD CRUMBS (1 PKG.)
- SAVOURY (18 G)
- CHEESE (BLOCK)
- CRACKERS
- COOKIES
- BEANS (TIN)

NOTES: Two persons required for each delivery - Hampers are heavy!
Covid-19 protocol must be followed at all times, i.e. masks required, no unauthorized entry to Church hall, no entry to recipient residences, etc.
Other instructions as necessary.

FURTHER INFO/QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT:

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Church Service's Self Assessment Guide and Sign-in / Sign out Sheet Process

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 29th

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. Please wear your mask while singing.

UPDATED: Getting the Service and Bulletin using our website

This bulletin and the Sunday service are placed on our website as soon as the Rollmann family get Monica’s email on Friday. The website is **stdavids.nf.ca** and if you type this in as your search, our website will be right there. At the top of the main page is a “Sunday Service” which will take you to this week’s service link and bulletin. Since our Sunday Service is live-streamed, the link is already posted so people can experience the Sunday service at home live beginning at 11am on Sunday. If you click on Video Service for Nov 29 now, you will see the screen and the note: live in “a number” of hours. After the fact, you can see the You-tube video of the service. If you would like to catch up on previous services all are available, simply scroll through the services 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 and this one is linked to our bank account and it will automatically accept all donations.

Announcements:

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be holding its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 1 @ 10am in the Armour Room.

Presbyterian Record

If anyone is interested in receiving the Presbyterian Message, please contact Bouwina at 726-4535

Advent Wreath

We would like to thank Pam Bruce for our lovely Advent Wreath.

Thank-you

Thank-you to Heather Kao for leading the worship this morning.

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 21) we met on Saturday at 8pm. Chongee Matyas led us in beginning a short video series about how we can be confident in the claims of the Gospels. What an interesting and fruitful way to spend a Saturday evening! The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Nov 28 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

The sympathy of the congregation goes to a dear friend of many here at St. David's, Eric Cumby, on the passing of his brother, Kevin, on November 15th. Kevin grew up in Grand Falls and even though he lived in Missouri for the past number of years, he and Eric talked frequently. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Newfoundland, "a place always close and dear to Kevin's heart." Our thoughts and prayers are with Eric and Kay and their families.

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy Birthday (belated) greetings go out to our own Dave Hudson who celebrated his 80th birthday on November 21st! Dave celebrated the happy occasion in fine style with a family dinner – and cake! Dave and Sylvia and their families have a long history with St. David's and have been, and continue to be, very supportive of all events and functions here at St. David's. Best wishes on your birthday Dave from everyone here at St. David's and cheers to many more!

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Allison Crawford who will be celebrating her birthday on December 2nd with family and friends – near and far! Allison is the daughter of Lillian and Harry Crawford. Best wishes Allison from your St. David's family and we hope you have a great day!

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Doug Hudson who has a birthday coming up on December 4th. Doug will be celebrating with family and friends, including his mom and dad, Sylvia and Dave Hudson. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a great day Doug! Enjoy!

Happy Birthday to Julia Craig who will be celebrating her big day on December 1st. Julia is the daughter of Michelle and Joseph Craig who will no doubt be making her birthday a special one! Congratulations Julia from your St. David's family and our best wishes!

Happy Birthday to Sophie Burness who will be celebrating her birthday on December 5th with family and friends here at home and in far away places. Sophie is the daughter of Heather and Brad Burness and grand-daughter of Edith Peach. Best wishes Sophie from everyone here at St. David's and we hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy Birthday to Josh Quinton whose birthday is November 28th. Josh, an Investment Advisor with Wood Gundy, and his partner, Dr. Melissa Smallwood (Family Medicine), just had a grand time celebrating their son, Ethan's, One Year Birthday on Oct. 24th. They live full busy lives and still find time for family and friends in this challenging time. A very Happy Birthday to them both!

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

Dendor Project - Update

We have an exciting update from Steve Bruneau on the Dendor Project. See below....

The Dendor Church and School Project

As some of you will recall St David's supported a Village church and school development project in a rural region of South Sudan some 7-8 years ago. Unfortunately civil conflict erupted and the project was halted, but not before gifts of church gowns, bibles and many school supplies were successfully delivered. Reports and videos documenting these activities are found here: <http://www.engr.mun.ca/~sbruneau/thingstuff/dendorweb/.3>

Our faithful colleague and St David's church member John Chol, who initiated this effort, moved to Ottawa with his growing family a few years back.

Conditions have improved in South Sudan now and the relative stability has meant John could travel back to South Sudan to visit family and gauge the status of our earlier efforts. Whether it be Divine Providence or something else, our little project has taken legs! It seems an unusual peace had prevailed in the area around Dendor Village and Lankien the entire time and due to this there was an influx of people which in turn saw numbers in the church and school grow considerably. Also, other NGOs have moved into the area and continued to support and grow the school. According to John, the school, which is primary only, supports over 500 students! A single building exists but it woefully inadequate and unfurnished. Likewise the church has grown considerably and needs for more bibles, gowns and other items have grown proportionately.

The project had a fund balance of \$1300CAD from fundraising years ago. This money has now been spent on bibles and gowns, school uniforms

soccer balls etc. and more private donations have been sent to bolster these ongoing actions. It is a particularly rewarding opportunity for us because the sponsorship and stewardship is directly to the point of need, we have an intimate connection to the people involved and the context of the undertaking is to foster independence, education and spiritual growth - not prescriptive, but supportive.

The timing for further actions is fairly immediate because John is there now and will likely plan to return to Canada early in the new year. He is wise, educated, honest and very respected in South Sudan thus enabling us to successfully impact in ways we might otherwise hope for but not achieve. We are going to work on a plan in which a specific monetary donation from any one of us can be used to purchase a specific desk, chair, blackboard, sheet of zinc roofing or similar. Such a gift may be the perfect antidote for hollow commercial Christmas things foisted on us the moment Halloween ends.

I attach pictures of John in Juba, the capital of South Sudan where he is now gathering things to be sent to Dendor, a picture of the school with children, a picture of the chairs and bibles now purchased, a picture of the tailor making our uniforms.

If you are moved to donate now, you may do so by giving directly to St David's with the note "Dendor School and Church project" in which 100% of your donation will go to the project. If you would like to wait for details I hope to have more in the coming days and weeks.

Thanks for your attention and interest in this exciting project!
Steve Bruneau



John



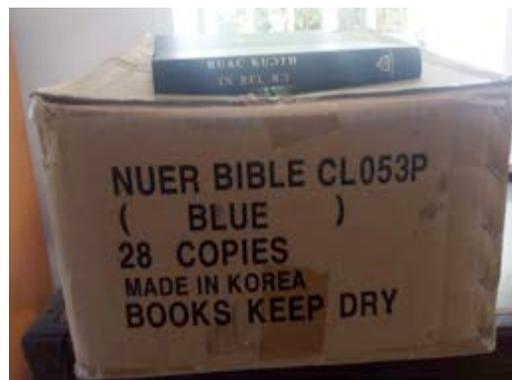
Uniforms in the making



School and Children



Chairs



Bibles

Gardening Tips from Gerhard

Last week, we heard some great gardening advice from Gerhard. As an enthusiastic gardener who still has a LOT to learn, I had this question for Gerhard: I was wondering if you had any suggestions on how to store the vegetables - potatoes, carrots, turnip, cabbage, etc. - over the winter.

Perhaps you are one of the lucky ones with a root cellar, but for those of us who only have a basement or garage, what would you suggest? Here's his advice.....

Yes we had root cellar in our country place.

In the city root vegetables can also be successfully stored in an unheated garage if the temperature in it doesn't drop below freezing. It would also work in a cool basement that is kept well below room temperature. We found that turnips, cabbage and potatoes can be stored in an uncovered crate, box or bucket where fresh air can get to them, while carrots and parsnips last longer in storage when kept in sand or sawdust. The main challenge in a city basement and an enclosed garage is to keep the heat away from your stored veggies.

This has been our experience.

We are looking forward to hearing Gerhard's advice in the coming weeks. Send along any questions you have for Gerhard to Monica and she will ensure they get passed along to him!

The Murdoch - Ellis Family (Part II)

Picking up from last week's bulletin....

In 1962, Barbara had graduated and was ready to return home. She booked passage on the Cairn Gowan from Liverpool to St. John's on December 26th and it was on that trip that she happened to meet a handsome young assistant steward by the name of John Ellis. John was from Pinicuk just outside of Edinburgh. His father worked in a paper mill and his mother worked in a cashmere factory. John had 1 sister, Catherine, who is still alive today (in her 90's) and is living in Ohio.

Barbara and John knew right from the start that they were destined to be together and they decided on that trip that they would marry. John made 2 more trips across the Atlantic and then decided to emigrate.

By the time Barbara returned home to St. John's, her family had moved to Grand-Falls. Barbara stayed with Mrs. Oke. (For many of you who knew Karen Moores (Oke), Mrs. Oke was her grandmother.) John meanwhile, stayed with Ethyl and Jack Cahill (Edith Peach's parents).

Barbara and John got married on October 5, 1963 at St. Matthews Church in Grand Falls with Rev. Moncrieff presiding. Mrs. Murdoch made the wedding cake and Ethyl Cahill – well known as an expert seamstress – made Barbara's wedding dress. Barbara's sisters – Gail and Janet were her bridesmaids. As you can see from the pictures, it was a beautiful day in many ways!

Barbara and John, October 5, 1963



The Newlyweds



Three Sisters



Cutting the Cake



Off in the Austin Mini

John, meanwhile, looked for work on land. Barbara told how after they got married; he worked as the night watchman at Bally Haly for a while. It was a chance encounter there with Ernie Boone, which landed him a job with the Boone Company. John started off in Sales but ended up doing a lot of their design work.

It wasn't long before they started their family – 3 daughters and 1 son – Lynn, Susan, Fiona and Neil. (Today, Lynn, Susan and Fiona all live in St. John's or close by while Neil has made his home in Ontario.)

Barbara is close to all her children and grand-children and they share many great times together even during COVID-19 times.

In 1991, Barbara decided to enhance her education and off she went to Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia where she got her Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy. When she returned, she continued her work as a physiotherapist. Her professionalism, skill and work ethic were well known to many in this Province.

It was during her early career that she met another physiotherapist – Margaret Armour. She got to know Margaret and her husband, J. S. S. Armour. Their friendship was instrumental in the Ellis' decision to move to St. David's.

Throughout it all, Barbara has worked tirelessly for her Church. Her involvement with different groups and activities continues to this day. Over the years, Barbara has taught Sunday School, and has been involved with the Brownies, Girl Guides, Pathfinders, Rangers, CGIT, the WMS/AMS, the

WA, Good Companions, Bible Study and the Board of Managers. That involvement also extends internationally. Barbara and John spent many years in Florida, specifically Gulfport. In 2002 Barbara was ordained as an elder in the Gulfport Presbyterian Church. She continues to support this Church today - even from a distance! Barbara's zest for life and her dedication to her Church have made a great impact on our lives as well. Thank-you for all you have done and continue to do Barbara!

A picture to share:

Another interesting picture from Barbara's photo album was the picture of this partridge. It turns out this was the logo that Browning Harvey used on their sweet biscuit and hard bread boxes during the late 1940's and early 1950's. It was Jim Murdoch senior who designed the partridge logo for Browning Harvey. Barbara says that she can remember having a big wooden box of sweet biscuits in their pantry, post war, and the partridge was on it!



Browning Harvey Logo

An Archival Moment

Thanks to Pam Bruce we have another wonderful picture from our archives. This time, it's another great picture of a Church picnic. With temperatures below zero right now, those warm, summer days look pretty good!

Church Picnic



See if you can find the following people: Florence McNeily, Bob McNeily, Ada Barnes, Jim Steele, Andy den Otter, Tinus Laaning, Frances Steele, Michael den Otter. Recognize anyone else?

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

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

The answer is: Rev. John F. Nute 1941-1943

This week the question is: What was the name of the location of the church's mission's cemetery on Random Island?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: 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?

The answer is: Four rows of seats were removed and stored on the stage.

This week the question is: During last week's Communion how did David pass out the bread?

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

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