



Sunday September 26th 2021

Our Sunday service is at 11 am with in-person worship, we also stream the service live and record it for later viewing. The recording of the service will be available on Sunday and can be found on our YouTube channel by typing "St. David's Presbyterian Message for September 26, 2021" into Google. Copies of the hymns and scripture readings are included in the email sent out each Friday. The scripture readings for this Sunday are:

Psalm 19; Mark 9:38-50

Church Office Hours: Rev. Sturtevant is in the office Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm. For pastoral care, please contact him at 699-3661. Monica McNeill, our Office Administrator, is in the office each weekday from 9 am to 1 pm, if you need to drop off or pick up something.

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, September 26 On **Presbyterians Sharing Sunday**, we give thanks for the faithful generosity of congregations across Canada as we share in mission and ministry together through Presbyterians Sharing.

Monday, September 27 We pray for stewardship committees planning fall stewardship campaigns.

Tuesday, September 28 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Brandon in Manitoba.

Wednesday, September 29 We give thanks and pray for those who are beginning a term as presbytery moderator. May they lead with hope and serve with kindness.

Thursday, September 30 We pray for the wisdom to see clearly the reality of racism and bigotry in the institutions of our country so that we may work to challenge and uproot these institutionalized concepts in ourselves, our churches and our society.

Friday, October 1 We pray for Indigenous children who are being removed and separated from their families and communities.

Saturday, October 2 We pray for Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and for all Survivors of Residential Schools.

Message From the Minister



This week, we had a national election. Michelle and I took the kids along (Oliver is showing his "V" for "voting" fingers in the picture outside our polling station), and cast our votes with the wonderful smug feeling of participating in something important: democracy! It was exciting for the kids to go somewhere new and try to understand what everyone there was doing; I tried to explain to Oliver that we were all saying who we thought should lead Canada, and he said he wanted to do it.

Unfortunately, the results of the election were much less exciting than the process of voting. Only a few seats even changed hands, and I don't think anyone involved felt like they accomplished something worth celebrating. Things are very rapidly just back to more of the same.

As Christians, we are called to persevere. As we try to follow Jesus Christ and do the right thing, we will face setbacks from time to time. Sometimes that will be hardship: something bad will happen to us or one we love and we will find ourselves in a time of crisis. But much more often, instead of

hardship, we find we have to persevere through the doldrums. Much of the time, we don't struggle with anything so obvious as evil or death, but rather boredom and ennui. Not every battle is grand, and not every Godly choice feels like a victory.

But as I look back on the time we spent getting everyone organized to go vote in what turned out to be a pointless election, I realize there was still value in it. My sons learned to value voting a little bit more, and Oliver had some of his earliest political thoughts of ruling the country. I fed a good habit, voting, and we are all a little more ready for the next vote, which is, I suppose, just a week or so away for us here in St. John's!

This week, may you persevere in Christian living. Not every good deed will feel like it accomplishes much, but sometimes seeds are planted when you least expect it, and will produce fruit only much later.

Rev. David Sturtevant

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person Church Services

St. David's has had in-person services each Sunday since September 2020 with a brief break from February to April 2021. Our morning worship is at 11 am. We also live-stream the service, or you can access it later. With the move to "Level 2 Re-opening", the number of people who can be in the sanctuary is increased provided we can maintain social distancing. For those members of St. David's unable to participate in virtual worship for one reason or another, we invite you to attend in person when you are comfortable doing so. Those of you who join us virtually via Zoom may certainly continue to follow us that way or if you are comfortable joining us in person, we welcome you back.

Getting the Service and Bulletin using our website

This bulletin is placed on our website as soon as the Rollmann family get Monica's email. 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 services are now live-streamed, the link is already posted so people can experience the Sunday service at home live beginning at 11 am on Sunday. If you click on Video Service for Sept 26th you will see the screen and the note: live in "a number" of hours. After the fact, you can see the YouTube 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.

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? You may call the church at 722-2382 or email us at stdavids@nfld.com and we'll see what we can do to help. Monica is at the church during regular office hours from 9 am to 1 pm each weekday, if you want to drop by for any reason.

Treasurer's Report

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

By the way, the sole 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

Bridges to Hope

Thanksgiving Food Drive Drive Through - Rain or Shine!

In support of

Bridges To Hope Food Aid Centre

St. David's Parking Lot, 98 Elizabeth Avenue

Saturday, October 9, 2021 - 10 A. M. - 2 P. M.

Some **suggested** items to contribute:

Canned milk, Canned beans, Soup, Dry Pasta/Rice, Canned pasta, Pasta sauce, Canned meat/fish, Crackers, Cereal, Canned vegetables, Kraft Dinner, Cookies/Snacks, Juice, Canned fruit, Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Peanut butter, Cheez Whiz, Jam, Pudding snacks ... the list goes on!

** Personal care items: Toilet tissue, tissues, shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene supplies, dishwashing detergent, laundry detergent, etc.

Monetary donations and gift cards are also acceptable.

For further information, call us at (709) 722-2382 or email us at stdavids@nfld.com

Specials This Week (Sept 23-29) – Good buys for Food Trolley or Food Drive!

Colemans – Hunt's Thick & Rich Pasta Sauce – 4/\$5.00

Shoppers Drug Mart – No Name Evaporated Milk - \$0.99

Knorr Sidekicks - \$0.99

Lipton Cup-a-Soup - \$0.99

Lawtons – Heinz Beans or Pasta - \$0.99

Walmart - Sugar - \$1.47

Speed Stick/Lady Speed Stick Deodorant - \$1.88

Pipers – Purity Cream Crisps - \$2

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

AMS (Atlantic Missionary Society)



Remember these little piggies with a purpose! Well, they now have a **Particular Purpose!** Proceeds from this Project will be directed to:

PWEDU01 - A Classroom for Every Child

Education is one of the most crucial tools in breaking cycles of poverty, but over 260 million children—the majority of whom are girls—don't have the opportunity to go to school. By opening classroom doors, providing necessary supplies and delivering training for teachers, your gifts will help children reach their full potential.

- \$27 provides a child with textbooks
- \$60 provides a teacher with training to ensure quality education
- \$100 supplies blackboards, flipcharts, markers and chalk for a school
- \$375 helps send a student to school for one year

Forgotten how the Project works here's a refresher!

- Purchase one (or more) of these cute piggy banks for \$5.00 each
- Fill it with coins - all denominations will fit (even bills if folded)
- When full, remove the snout and contribute the contents to St. David's AMS, for which you will receive a charitable donation receipt
- Replace the snout and **REPEAT** the process As many times as you wish
- Get your piggy **now** from the Church Office or any AMS member.

SOCKTOBER is Coming!

AMS news "SOCKTOBER!!!! is just around the corner! Beginning next month we hope that the congregation will donate lots of cozy socks for men, women and children, plus personal care items such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, and feminine hygiene products. Please help in this endeavour by either dropping off any of these items each Sunday in October or bringing them to the Church Office during the week. At the end of the month all donations will be distributed to local organizations who care for the vulnerable in our community.

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy belated birthday to Robert (Bob) Taylor, who celebrated his birthday on Monday, September 20th! We know it was a special time in many ways. Bob and his wife, Sylvia, have been great supporters of St. David's throughout the years and in pre-COVID-19 times, attended many of the functions and events held in our Church. Sylvia and their daughter, Heather Patey, were enthusiastic choir members for many years and even now, Sylvia and Bob are regular Zoom attendees on the Sunday morning service. From all your friends here at St. David's, Bob, we hope you had a great birthday celebration with your family!

Happy Birthday wishes to Patsy Carmichael who will be celebrating her birthday on September 30th! Patsy will be celebrating with family and friends near and far. As many of you know, Patsy is a long-time member and supporter of St. David's and is very active in the WA, the Quilter's Group and the Good Companions Group. Even though many of our groups have not

been able to meet regularly due to COVID-19, everyone here at St. David's will be thinking of you on Thursday! Enjoy your day!

Also celebrating a birthday on September 30th is Jim Mallowney. Jim will be celebrating his birthday with family and friends, including his mom and dad, Jean and Bob Mallowney, brothers, Robert Jr. and David and their families and his aunt and uncle, Patsy and Dave Carmichael. Best wishes Jim from your St. David's family and we hope you have a great birthday!

A very Happy Birthday to Annie Rae Crosbie who will be celebrating her 9th birthday on September 28th. Annie Rae will be celebrating with her mom and dad, Jill Slater and Tom Crosbie, her great-aunt, Andrea Crosbie, and all her little friends. Happy Birthday Annie Rae, from your St. David's family and we hope you have a wonderful 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.

News from the Pews

Getting to Know Our Farming Friends

Last week, we showed you some spectacular pictures of the "garden" that has sprung up on the east side of the Church. I have learned the names of our "farmers" – Emad Nahat and Khaid Ramadan. If you are ever going past the Church and see them working in the garden, stop and say Hello. They are always delighted to have a little chat and so proud to show you their garden!

The Last Rose of Summer?

Pam spotted this beautiful rose in front of the Church last week and it is worth taking a moment to enjoy.



Rose in Front of Church - September 2021

Note From Gerhard Bassler

Keeping with the garden theme, many of you know Gerhard has a beautiful “garden” around-the-bay and this time of year it’s always good to hear from him and get an update on how things are going with his vegetables. Here’s his note sent a few days after Hurricane Larry passed through. Thanks Gerhard!

Good to hear from you. I spent the last two days in my outport garden cleaning up after the hurricane and trying to keep on top of the abundant harvest we are having this year. The storm uprooted a 45 year old golden chain tree in front of our house and broke a lot of big tree branches off all over the place. Luckily none of them fell on my vegetable garden and we were also spared from flooding with salt water as happened to some unfortunate people in neighbouring communities like Admirals Beach whose house was close to the sea level

In the garden the top sections of some of my pole beans were shredded by the force of the winds and my two beautiful apple trees, that had more apples on them than I have ever seen before, had three quarters of them knocked to the ground. I filled three of Costco’s large banana boxes with them and took them to Christine who is processing them. Apart from the bounty of apples I am harvesting bumper crops of beans, snow peas, zucchini, blackberries, and tomatoes right now. Beans, zucchini, and blackberries will keep ripening as long as temperatures stay up and we have no frost. This year I started two long rows of leek, and for lack of suitable space, planted radicchio, some leaf lettuce, and a few beets between them. The result has been incredible: I have never been able to grow such beautiful radicchio before; none of it was attacked by slugs that are plentiful in my garden and the few beets grew larger than usual. The leek appears to

have promoted the growth of lettuce and beets, and also deterred the slugs. The leek grew to a larger than normal size despite being hemmed by lettuce on each side. Next year I am planning to resume this kind of “interplanting” on a larger scale.

My 25 tomato plants are all in the greenhouse, except for two. They are all doing extremely well and seem to be ripening all the tomatoes I am allowing them to grow on the vine before it gets too cold. This year I also planted four discard seedlings of the “Big Beef” variety for the first time to see what I would get. They produced as many tomatoes as my favourite Early Girl and Early Cascade varieties, some of them the size of a baby head. Raspberries, black currants, jostas, beans, and blackberries I put in the deep freeze right away. Last night I was up till past 2 am blanching beans and freezing blackberries. The garden is literally taking all my time and will continue to do so as long as the warm weather lasts. Then follows the cleanup—dismantling the bean trellises and digging/rototilling the ground to inhibit weed growth next year. There go my weekends until at least the end of October!

Take care,
Gerhard.

AMS September Meeting

On September 19 after Church, the AMS (Atlantic Missionary Society) met at Sheena Findlay’s house for a light lunch and meeting – and a chat of course! As many of you know, Sheena is recuperating from hip surgery, so we decided to “bring the meeting to her”! It was a lovely time of fellowship. Here are some pictures from Sheena’s garden and some of Sheena and a few friends



A Glimpse of Sheena's Garden



Standing Guard Over Sheena's Garden



Penny, Lillian Sheena, great friends!



Janet and Sheena Share a Laugh

Archival Moment

This week, I have another picture from Gracie Wood. It's a lovely picture of the Quilter's Group, with Patsy Carmichael, Betty Wood, Marjorie Pike and Gracie Wood, busy at work! The smiles say it all!



Four Good Friends

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: In the very early days where did John Jones also worship?

The answer is: John Jones and his friends attended the Church of England service on Sunday mornings.

This week the question is: In the very early days John Jones was upset by two things, what were they?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What things around the church and hall did Angus Bruneau create?

The answer is: I might miss one or two, but here goes:

The two crosses, one on the back wall of the church and the one in a movable stand;

The banner above the choir;

The Tree of Memory (designed and made by Angus);

The Archives Cabinet in the lobby;

The box which contains a window from the Queen's Road Church and the lovely plaque;

The audio visual cabinet (now near the choir) which was in the Armour Room for many years; and

The stands for the Christmas candles.

What have I missed?

This week the question is: At the back of the church in the gallery, is a model of the current church? Who made it?

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.

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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 now that things are starting to re-open. 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 over 600 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 – Ken Templeton (Session rep)

Prayer Shawl (Knitters) – Bouwina Fogwill

Willing Hands (Quilter Group) – Patsy Carmichael

Food For Thought (University and Early Career) – Ernst Rollmann

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