



Sunday October 10th 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 October 10, 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:

Joel 2:21-27; Matthew 6:25-33

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, October 10 (Harvest Sunday) We pray for farmers and farm workers as they steward the soil and work to grow and harvest food.

Monday, October 11 (Thanksgiving Day) We give thanks to God for the earth and all its beauty and resources, and we pray for a more just care of the earth and its resources.

Tuesday, October 12 We thank God for the water that sustains us and all other living things in creation, and we pray for the will to protect this precious gift through prayer and advocacy.

Wednesday, October 13 We pray for the house churches in the Cariboo region of British Columbia, and that they grow in outreach to their neighbours with the love of Jesus to transform lives.

Thursday, October 14 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Essex-Kent in Ontario.

Friday, October 15 We pray for the people of Guatemala and the staff at the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America as they continue to struggle with the effects of the pandemic and natural disasters.

Saturday, October 16 (World Food Day) We pray for smallholder farmers who are suffering the effects of climate change, and we give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development partners that are striving to end hunger.

Message from the Minister



A little earlier this week, my family and I went down to Quidi Vidi lake for the morning. Something I have learned with my boys is that there really isn't any need to come up with a more complicated plan for the morning than that; they will find something to do once you are there whether you plan it or not. They played on one of the docks near the boathouse, throwing sticks out into the lake, they walked up and down the shore saying hello to the people walking their dogs, but the real highlight was when a gentleman who showed up with a few bags of bird seed offered half a bag to us so we could feed the ducks and the pigeons.

Clearly, the birds down at the lake are pretty used to being fed. As you can see, we were even able to have some of them eat right from our hands! The ducks were savages, greedily pushing their way forward and scattering the feed with their big bills, but the pigeons were surprisingly gentle. We were

all laughing and having a great time while the birds milled about our feet or cautiously flapped up onto our hands.

In his first letter to the Thessalonians, chapter five, Paul writes: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." These are bold words, coming from a man who spent a good deal of his ministry in Roman prisons for his beliefs, let alone enduring the hardships that were commonplace two thousand years ago with no power, no plumbing, no phones or internet, and so on.

This Thanksgiving, may we celebrate what we have. There is much to be thankful for even in the simple things: a half-bag of birdseed, the plumage of a common pigeon, the warm sunshine and the pleasure of sitting on a park bench as you take it all in. More than being a time to cook a turkey and a pot of Jigg's, Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate all of the things that we too often forget to give thanks for.

So may you look around you today and recognize the blessings to your left and right. May you find joy in the simple things of your life. May God's creation be a blessing to you, and if you find yourself in need of a smile, or something simple to be thankful for, just grab a bag of bird seed and head on down to the lake to enjoy the pigeons. I'm sure they're still hungry.

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 Oct 10th 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.

SOCKTOBER is Here!

AMS news "SOCKTOBER!!!! Is here!! During this 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.

Bridges to Hope

TOMORROW RAIN OR SHINE!

Thanksgiving Food Drive

St. David's Parking Lot

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

Support Bridges To Hope

Food Aid Centre*

*** the largest food bank in St. John's!**

Help us respond to the growing need!

Specials This Week (Oct 7 – 13) – Good buys for Food Trolley or Food Drive!

Colemans – Kraft Dinner - \$0.99

Sobeys – Ritz Crackers/Christie Cookies - \$1.88

Betty Crocker Cake Mix – 4/\$5

Lawtons – Heinz Beans or Pasta - \$0.99

Heinz Canned Gravy - \$0.69

Walmart – Dairy Isle Evaporated Milk - \$0.97

Dominion – Graves or Fairlee

Apple or Orange Juice - \$0.99

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy Birthday to Clayton Collins who will be celebrating his birthday on October 14th with family and friends including his wife, Jean, and daughters Jacqueline, Jennifer and Janet and their families. Best wishes Clayton from your St. David's family! We hope you have a great day and may there be many more birthdays to come!

Happy Birthday to Margo Noseworthy who will be celebrating 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 will be in St. John's visiting with Elizabeth and other family over the Thanksgiving weekend. Best wishes Margo from everyone here at St. David's! (Just a little note that Margo's first child, David, was born on her birthday – a fine gift indeed!)

Happy Birthday wishes to Matthew St. Croix who will be celebrating his birthday October 11th. He will be celebrating with his family including his mom and dad, Susan and Frank St. Croix, siblings, Samantha, Luke and Ashley, and of course, proud grandmother, Barbara Ellis, and many friends. Your St. David's family wishes you a very Happy Birthday!

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

Update on Sheena

As some of you may know already, Sheena had to return to the hospital due to an infection in her incision. This, after going through a successful hip replacement. We are delighted to tell you that Sheena is now home again and doing very well thanks to her medical team and the support and prayers of all her friends and neighbours. Everyone here at St. David's is thinking of you Sheena and wishing you a speedy recovery!

Visit with Betty

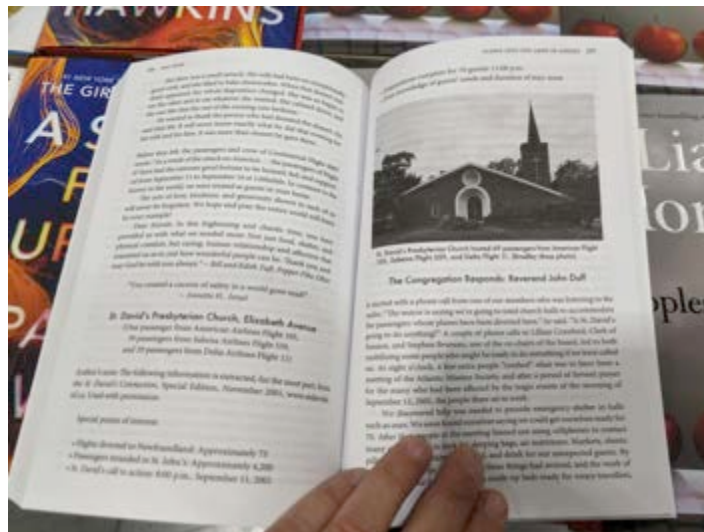
I dropped by Cambridge last week and had a wonderful little visit with Betty. She is doing really well and looks great. We got caught up on all the news and it was good to hear that her daughter, Cathy, made it down for a visit over the summer. Betty and Cathy drove to Swift Current and had a chance to see Effie, Betty's sister-in-law, who is now living in Arnold's Cove.

Betty was looking forward to the "Prom Night" event that was being put off at Cambridge for all the residents (October 7th). She told me that when she graduated from high school, there was no prom and there was only herself and another girl that graduated that year! We went through her closet and picked out several outfits that she could wear and finally decided that "sparkly" was the winner! All reports are that Prom Night was a great success!

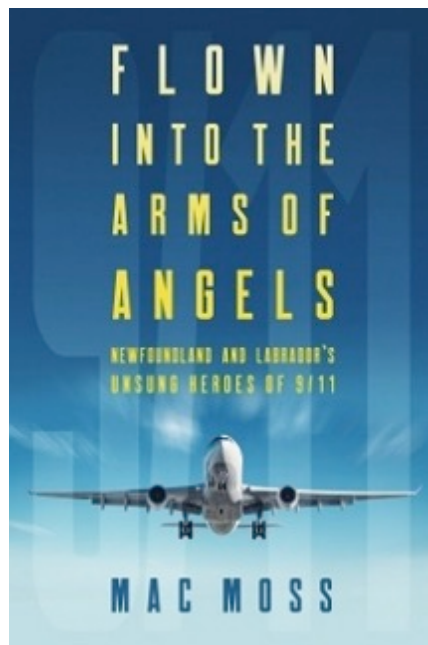
Betty sends her love. She misses coming to Church and she misses everyone. She is looking forward to the day when she can return.

Book of Interest

Steve Bruneau sent along a little note saying that some time ago he had spoken with Mac Moss and told him about St. David's experience with 9/11. It turns out that Mac has written a book titled "Flown Into the Arms of Angels"! You may want to check it out. (Apparently, it is available at Costco.)



Section About St. David's Part



Book Cover

Knitter's Group

This past Tuesday, the St. David's knitting group met for the first time since the summer break. Everyone was delighted to be able to get together and catch up on the news. Kay Scott and Bouwina Fogwill provided some delicious snacks – thank-you Kay and Bouwina! Oh yes, we did get some knitting done as well! We were pleased to welcome Darlene Thompson – Darlene and Ted are visiting with family here in St. John's and will be staying over the Thanksgiving weekend - and Mary Valencic - Mary was a former Good Companion and a good friend to many here at St. David's. (She's a pretty great knitter as well!) Here are just a few pictures from Tuesday. Please consider joining us next month – we'd love to see you! (Thanks Monica for these pictures!)



Starts Out Like This...



Finishes Like This



Friends Together



Michelle, Orson and Ozzie



Bouwina, Kay and Orson –
A Future Knitter



Energy for the Knitters



Lillian and Darlene

Joss Wood and Constable William Moss (Part I)

Many of you have probably heard the name Constable William Moss but you may not know that this Royal Newfoundland Constabulary officer and his legacy have played an important role in the life of our own Joss Wood. Over the next couple of weeks, we'll hear that story.

Constable William Moss – His History

William Moss was born March 3, 1935. As a young man, he joined the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (RNC) and became a Constable in St. John's.

The Newfoundland Logger's Strike began on December 31, 1958 when hundreds of loggers employed by the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company (A.N.D. Co.) at Grand Falls refused to work until they saw an increase in wages, and better working and living conditions at the wood camps. The A.N.D. Company and the logger's union, the International Woodworkers Association (IWA), did not come to any agreement and after six weeks on February 12, 1959, the provincial government, under Premier Joey Smallwood, passed a law in the legislature stripping the IWA of its legal bargaining rights.

By early March, additional officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and the RNC, including Constable Moss, were stationed at Grand Falls to monitor the situation. On Tuesday, March 10, 1959, a contingent of officers was sent to the town of Badger to keep the peace. That evening, 66 RNC and RCMP officers were ordered to march through the community where approximately 250 IWA workers were gathered. The two sides clashed and before the incident was over, Constable Moss was on the ground after suffering a blow to the head from a piece of wood. Constable Moss was taken to hospital in Grand Falls, and died from his injuries two days later on Thursday, March 12, 1959, becoming the first RNC officer to

die in the line of duty. His body was returned to Port Blandford where he was buried.

Smallwood replaced the IWA with the government sponsored Newfoundland Brotherhood of Wood Workers. The loggers quickly signed a contract with the A.N.D Co. and ended the strike. The Newfoundland government subsequently set up a Royal Commission into the logging industry and it was recommended that camps be supplied with electricity, piped water, hand basins, heating stoves, and proper food.

HISTORY

Constable William Moss's Death:

Constable Moss, on the threshold of his career as a police officer, died as a consequence of a clash between police officers (both Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Constabulary) and loggers on strike lawfully. The two groups encountered each other at Badger on 10 March, 1959. The men who were on strike believed that they were exercising their rights in a free and democratic society, while the police officers were using standard and accepted tactics of the day to carry out proper orders given to them by their lawful superiors. In so many words, tempers flared and harsh words led to physical violence. William Moss died as a result.

Constable Moss is the first member of the Newfoundland Constabulary to have died from injuries sustained in the course of duty since Confederation. His life should be celebrated, and his devotion to duty acknowledged and remembered. The Memorial is an entirely appropriate and fitting way to do so.



Constable William Moss



RNC Officers in Central Newfoundland, 1959

Next week, we hear more about the actual softball tournament and how Joss Wood was involved.

Archival Moment

Last week, we had a great picture of the WA Christmas Luncheon at Edith Peach's home. Here it is again.



WA Christmas (2006?) Luncheon at Edith Peach's Home

Who did you recognize? Here are the names...

Back Row left to right:

Marjorie Pike, Millie Hammond, Edit Peach, Elisabeth Berghuis, Patsy Carmichael, Betty Chancey, Elizabeth Thistle, Cathy Komarony (Chancey),

Front Row left to right:

Betty Wood, Hazel Gamble, Bouwina Fogwill, Lillian Crawford, Gracie Wood, Jean Hibbs.

This week we have another picture from Gracie Wood of the same event. It may look the same, but there is one person who is in this picture that is not in the one above. Can you find her? What is her name?



WA Christmas (2006?) Luncheon at Edith Peach's Home

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: In the winter of 1775, a new member joined the little Society, one who would become its first elder. Who was it, where did he come from and what was his occupation?

The answer is: Mr. Nathan Parker, a New Englander and a glazier of the town. He would become the society's first elder.

This week the question is: In August 1788, what happened? Hint: it involved British Army manoeuvres.

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What happened on May 6, 1973?

The answer is: On May 6, 1973, Rev. Jim Goldsmith and Mr. James Steele burnt the mortgage on the church.

This week the question is: When did St. David's purchase the home next door (96 Elizabeth Ave.)?

Still outstanding: Two weeks ago the question was: At the back of the church in the gallery, is a model of the current church. Who made it?

The answer may be: I still don't know for sure, but Lew Pike was one name suggested. So, if someone out there has any idea, please get in touch with Monica at 722-2382.

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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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

Session: the elders are:

Lillian Crawford Jim Steele Ken Templeton

Sue Templeton Janet Calver Kathy McKay

Penny Gillies Steve Bruneau Ian Bruneau

Aubrey Bonnell Eleanor Bonnell Jenny Griffioen

Jennifer Waterman Ed Vanderkloet Tanya Shalaby

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