



Sunday October 31st 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 31, 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:

Revelation 21:1-6, John 11:32-44

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 31 (Reformation Sunday) Strengthen our hearts, O God; make them eager to serve you and your purposes. Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and waken us to the greatness of your glory and the breadth of your grace.

Monday, November 1 (All Saints Day) We thank God for knitting us into one common fellowship; for the people who have gone ahead of us in the faith and who loved us, formed our faith and served God with joy and grace.

Tuesday, November 2 We remember in prayer the Rev. Dr. Daniel D. Scott, Moderator of the 2021 General Assembly, as he connects with people and ministries of the church.

Wednesday, November 3 We pray for those who are mentors to candidates preparing to serve ministries within The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Thursday, November 4 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Quebec.

Friday, November 5 We thank God for protecting and encouraging the staff and volunteers at Edmonton Urban Native Ministries in Alberta and pray that all those involved in this beautiful ministry stay safe and healthy in the love of Christ who never fails us.

Saturday, November 6 We pray for the Women's Missionary Society Council Executive as they discuss plans for 2022.

Message from the Minister



Hallowe'en is a favorite celebration at our home. The fall colours, the spooky atmosphere, the chocolate, the late night for kids, there is a lot to enjoy about our cultural celebration. Of course, Hallowe'en has its roots in Christian tradition; "All Hallow's evening" was the night before All Saints (or *Hallows*) Day, November 1st. The tradition of All Hallow's Evening as a scary time may have come from an old superstition that hallows who were waiting to depart the earth on All Saints day would take this one last night for vengeance on those who had wronged them in life. Hallowe'en has long been associated with the demonic, the devilish, and the occult.

That being said, modern hallowe'en celebrations have precious little to do with demonic temptation or black magic. The above picture of Oliver and Michelle a few hallowe'ens ago shows what it's more about these days: cute

kids, face paint, and getting candy. (The picture was taken by a neighbour who, in addition to candy, handed out polaroid photos of those who came to the door. What a treat!) I remember when I was a child, my neighbour would always have a free BBQ for the street on Hallowe'en, and it was a chance to get outside and meet those who lived so close to you.

This Sunday we'll hear a story that is a little spooky: a corpse will be raised, and emerge from his tomb wrapped in burial cloths to the shock of the spooked onlookers. But it isn't a scary story, it is joyful! And really, that is the Good News we can celebrate this Hallowe'en: in God, the things that once scared us aren't scary any more.

So may you have a happy Hallowe'en this year. Ghosts cannot scare us, because death has been defeated. The monsters in the street are only made of rubber and paper mache, evil will not have the victory. Those same things that were once supposed to be scary are transformed into costumes for candy. When we trust in God, we never need to be afraid. That is Good News for us!

Rev. David Sturtevant

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

Can We Help?

Do you need help getting your QR code or getting it in the format you want (on your phone, a paper copy, a wallet-size copy)? Do you need help with any small jobs around the house or garden such as raking leaves or preparing your garden for the winter? Do you need help getting groceries perhaps? Or maybe you would just like to have a chat with the minister or an elder? If so, give the Church a call at 722-2382 or email us at stdavids@nfld.com and we'll see what we can do to help you out. And remember, 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.

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 31st 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.

Treasurer’s Report and Board of Managers (BoM) Update

The Church is still chilly! We are still waiting for two remaining items: a new chimney liner which is on the way from New Hampshire and once that is installed, a final inspection from Service NL. Are we thinking about our furnace? Yes, indeed! We are starting to look at several available options to replace our sixty-year-old furnace.

If the weather co-operates Saturday October 30th, members of the BoM and some helpers will be fixing the eavestrough over the hall entrance, repairing the soffit torn off the building by Hurricane Larry, and putting up heater wire to stop the ice buildup over the hall entrance. There will also be a group checking the roof for loose shingles and gumming those in place. If you like to help, please give Steve Bruneau a call (722-6542), a text or Email him at sbruneau@mun.ca

Sunday October 24th was our first Sunday checking vaccination status at the door. We checked twenty-five people and they have all allowed us to keep track of their names so they will not have to be validated each week. This went relatively smoothly and next week, the process should not take as long. We learned several things, including how best to hold our new tablet and the importance of good lighting!

In case some are wondering how our \$55,000 budget deficit is doing, it is still on or exceeding expectations. The “however” factor is that last year (2020) we did not spend a lot of money on oil, salaries, and operating expenses as we were closed for six months. We also received an infusion of cash from the federal government and the St. Aiden’s Fund, so at the end of 2020 we actually had money in the bank. Our spending has increased to more normal levels in 2021 and our deficit budget is still on target.

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.

Communion This Sunday we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will be holding its monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 2 at 10 in the Armour Room.

Bridges to Hope

The Food Pantry at Bridges To Hope is open and staffed by volunteers.

Donations for Bridges to Hope are always welcomed! At the Sunday worship services, a trolley will be available for your donations. If you are not able to make it on Sunday, you can always drop off food items at the Church Office and they will be included with that week's food collection, normally delivered to "Bridges" on Thursdays. ***As always, cash or gift cards are helpful and greatly appreciated.*** These monetary gifts allow Bridges To Hope to purchase perishable items required, such as, margarine, fresh fruit & vegetables, etc.

Below is a list of some weekly specials that you may want to consider as a possible donation.

Weekly Specials October 27 – November 3, 2021

Good Buys for Food Trolley

STORE	ITEM	PRICE
Colemans	Jacob's Cream Crackers	5/\$5.00
Dominion	Graves or Fairlee Juice	\$0.99
Shoppers Drug Mart	Colgate Toothpaste	\$0.88
Lawtons	Dainty Rice	\$0.99
Pipers	Clark Beans	\$1.00
	Jade Canned Fruit	\$1.00
Sobeys	Sugar	\$1.88
Marie's Mini Mart (Oct 26-Nov 1)	Campbell's Soups	\$0.69
Walmart	Quaker Hot Cereal	2/\$5.00
No Frills	Cloverleaf Tuna	\$0.97

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Belated birthday wishes to Evelyn Melendy who celebrated her birthday on October 22nd! We know Evelyn celebrated her big day in fine style with her husband, Nowell, and children, Roxanne and Sheldon and their families, along with other close family and friends. All the folks here at St. David's hope you had a great day Evelyn and all the best in the year ahead!

Belated Happy Birthday greetings to Ethan Quinton who celebrated his big #2 birthday on October 24th! Ethan is the son of Melissa Smallwood and Josh Quinton and grandson of Becky and Leith Quinton. All the folks here at St. David's hope you had a great birthday Ethan and may there be many, many more to come!

Belated Happy Birthday to Penny Stansbury who celebrated her 1st birthday on October 24th! Penny is the daughter of Phoebe and Nick Stansbury, grand-daughter of Lori and Fuat Sezer and the great-grand-daughter of Edith Peach! The Stansbury and Sezer families live in Texas. Best wishes Penny from everyone here at St. David's. We know you had a very special birthday!

Happy Birthday to Emily Hancock who will be celebrating her birthday on October 31st with family and friends. Emily is the daughter of Roxanne and David Hancock and the grand-daughter of Evelyn and Nowell Melendy. We hope you have a wonderful birthday – and best wishes from everyone here at St. David's Emily!

Happy Birthday greetings to Eleanor Bonnell who will be celebrating her birthday on October 31st. Eleanor will be celebrating her big day with husband, Aubrey, and (from afar) two sons, Scott and Stephen (currently

living in the US with their families), other family members and many friends. Eleanor is a valued and long-standing member of our St. David's family. She is an elder, an active member of the WA, a great supporter and volunteer with our Good Companions group, an enthusiastic Bridges to Hope volunteer and an overall inspiration to all. From everyone here at St. David's, Eleanor, best wishes for a wonderful birthday – and may there be many more!

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Steeley Ellis who will be celebrating her birthday on November 1st with family and friends. Steeley is the daughter of Neil Ellis and grand-daughter of Barbara Ellis. Best wishes Steeley from your St. David's family and we hope you have a great day!

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Sophie Bailey who will be celebrating her 12th birthday on November 3rd. Sophie is the daughter of Catherine and Richard Bailey and grand-daughter of Judy and Dave Bonnell. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a great day Sophie with your family and friends! Enjoy!

Happy Golden Wedding Anniversary greetings go out to Janet and Paul Aitken who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, November 6th! Janet and Paul were married here at St. David's by Rev. Armour. Congratulations to you both from all your friends here at St. David's and may there be many more wonderful years ahead to celebrate!

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

A Great Birthday

Last Sunday, Shemsadin Hamid celebrated his 8th birthday! Rukiya sent along a little note saying that he had a great birthday and that's easy to see from the picture. Rukiya also sent along a picture of Shemsadin, who, with a friend, proudly displays his latest school project – an ozobot haunted village! Wow! Thanks Rukiya! Everyone sends their love!



Shemsadin on His 8th Birthday with (Brother) Solomon, (Dad) Thomas and (Sister) Beli



Shemsadin Proudly Presents His School Project

Reflections from Eric Cumby

We all enjoy hearing from Eric and his writings are so enjoyable and thought-provoking. This week, Eric sent along a little poem that we wanted to share with you as we welcome in November.

November, come she will

I see you lurking there, great nasty brute of a thing
Waiting impatiently for your turn at the wheel

We bid you adieu, sweet October
You've pleased us mightily with your soft and sunny days,
your visual feast of God's colourful kaleidoscope,
the comforting smell of wood smoke on crisp evening air
God speed October, as you journey all the way around the sun
Faith now surely we will embrace in one short year

As for you cruel November bring your worst
Your shortened days and stormy gusts, your cold driving rain
You bully boy purveyor of darkness
Small blessing then that you're granted 30 days only,
of time's precious allotment

You're no better than March, you know
Have at it then have your way with us
We will prevail

Eric

AMS Update

Last Sunday, after the Church service, the AMS met at Kathy McKay's home for lunch and a meeting. There was lots of conversation and laughter and it was so good just to be together. Kathy, Penny, Sheena (looking great by the way!), Barbara, Lillian and I made the most of Kathy's homemade soups and the yummy cakes and cookies. Our time together was not all about food however. There was also great discussion about the "Piggy Project", "Socktober", and the "Classroom for Every Child" initiative sponsored by the Presbyterian World Services & Development – Education. Lillian sent along some information and we'd like to share this with you.

"Mission Moment" - An Education for Robina



Robina lives with her mother, father and five siblings in a make-shift house in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan. Both of her parents are unemployed. Right now, Robina is the only member of her family in school—but it's not just because of COVID-19.

In Afghanistan, 62 percent of children don't attend school. Poverty is one of the main causes; often, families with many children can't afford uniforms and school supplies for each child. Girls are affected inequitably because of a common cultural belief that if girls study, they bring shame on their families. Only one in five students in Afghan schools are female, and only about one in ten adult women are literate.

A Mother's Wish

Robina's mother wishes that all her children could go to school. As someone who did not have this opportunity herself, she knows education is important for each one of them to build a sustainable future. "If I had gotten an education, I wouldn't be in this situation today; I would be able to take care of my children. Even if my husband didn't have work, my life would still be okay."

PWS&D is passionate about bringing about a world in which all children have access to quality education. Starting at the community level, Community World Service Asia (PWS&D's local partner in Afghanistan) helps parents and religious leaders understand girls' rights—most importantly, the right to education. Further, a heavy focus is placed on ensuring high quality education for girls by training teachers and improving facilities. Since 2017, this project has benefitted 24 girls' schools.

COVID-19 Complications

These days, there's an extra hurdle to education around the world: COVID-19. In Afghanistan, schools are being equipped with access to water and sanitation services and hygiene supplies. Special effort is being made to help teachers develop and share safeguards against the virus with their students. Teachers are also being empowered with the skills to provide remote learning services to students as situations allow.

This is one of the projects helped by PWEDU01 – A Classroom for Every Child – St. David's AMS Piggy Project do you have your Piggy Bank yet?

Contact the Office or any AMS member for more information.



Autumn in Lady Cove

It's harvest time in Lady Cove, Random Island and Anne, our Treasurer, is having a grand time picking apples and grapes! Below are just a few pictures. Note the "apple-picker" – made by Barry, the "Red Green" of Lady Cove!



Red Maple Tree in Anne's Yard



Apple tree loaded with Apples



Just Some of the Delicious Apple



Apple Picker with Net



Is That Duct Tape?

Archival Moment

This week, thanks to Pam Bruce and the archival collection, we have a great picture of this house taken around 1966. Do you know who lived here?



The Armour House, 1966

It was the manse and the Armour family lived here. The house is on Bideford Street, St. John's. I believe the house is still there, although it might not look quite the same today!

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: Back then, what did a Sunday look like?

The answer is: In the 1780's Sundays were very different from today. There were normally three services: morning, afternoon and night. They consisted mainly of prayers and sermons. Services lasted anywhere from two to three hours and there was a "long prayer" that lasted twenty minutes or more.

This week the question is: Back then, what were the differences between the Anglican and Puritan services?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What group provide music for our services normally twice a year?

The answer is: The Tenacious String Orchestra (TSO) would provide the music for us around Easter or perhaps, June and again at Christmas time. The TSO meet at St. David's on Wednesday nights.

This week the question is: What kind of trees are on the church's western boundary (the side between us and Elizabeth Towers)?

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 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

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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