



Sunday November 21st 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 November 21 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:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, John 18:33-37

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, November 21 (Reign of Christ) Sovereign God, who rules all creation, you sent Jesus to testify to your truth. Help us to hear Christ's voice so that we can teach and work for his politics of justice, grace, peace and love.

Monday, November 22 (National Housing Day) We pray for all who are without homes. May they find shelter and God's love and peace.

Tuesday, November 23 Creator, we pray for guidance as Winnipeg Inner City Missions in Manitoba begins the discernment process for improving its programs and buildings. Bring peace and blessing to the decisions that will be made.

Wednesday, November 24 We pray that all homes are free of domestic violence and unfair gender differences in the division of labour.

Thursday, November 25 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) We pray for women and girls who feel powerless, alone, hurt or unsafe as a result of witnessing or experiencing violence and trauma. We pray for an end to all forms of gender-based violence and oppression.

Friday, November 26 We pray for the Presbytery of Assiniboia's Ministry Committee. May they feel a strong sense of God's presence to strengthen, focus and lead their discernment.

Saturday, November 27 We give thanks for programs the church supports through Presbyterian World Service & Development that empower girls to rise above disadvantage and discrimination to pursue their goals.

Message From the Minister

This week, I happened to be driving down Harbour drive when the sun had just broken out after some showers. I glanced out eastward at the narrows and saw this beautiful rainbow touching down right there, so I pulled my car over and took a quick picture. The photo really never does it justice though, the colours were so vibrant and bright it looked positively magical.

Of course, the boats coming in through the narrows wouldn't see the rainbow, they wouldn't actually be sailing in through the display of dazzling colours, it would look just like the rest of that wall of cloud just out past the hills to them. Rainbows are an optical illusion as the light of the sun bounces and refracts off water droplets in the air, and how they appear is very specific and tied to where I was when I took the picture, and where the sun was in relation to me.

Mathematically, if you drew a line from the sun, through me, and continuing on to some point below the horizon, any rainbow I see would be part of a circle around that distant point with a radius of 42 degrees. There's mathematical precision to how rainbows form! But most importantly, I realized, this means the only way you will ever see a rainbow is when you are standing with the sun at your back.

Sometimes, we are blind to something until we look back on it. When we are sailing around in the fog, in the cold and the damp, we will never see the rainbow. When we are trying to find our way out, we will never see it. It's only once we're safe in the harbour and turn to look back at what we came through, when we look back with the sun shining on us, that we will see a rainbow.

Scripture tells us that God chose the rainbow as a symbol of his faithfulness, a promise to Noah that he would never again destroy all humanity with a flood. How fitting it is that sometimes that sign of faithfulness is hard to see except when we're looking back for it.

May you reflect on the times when God has been faithful to you, even when you couldn't see it at the time, and may you have faith that God is with you now, even if it doesn't feel like it. The clouds will not last forever, and when you look back on them, you just might see a rainbow.



From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person Church Services

St. David's would like to welcome you back to our in-person church service. For the past month we have used the QR code to verify vaccination status and each week we do better at this new process. We still ask for your assessment status as we have since we started in-person services.

Our morning worship is at 11 am. We also live-stream the service, or you can access it later. Please wear your masks especially during singing and respect social distancing norms.

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. 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'd certainly 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 Nov 21st 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.

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 or 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 winter? Do you need any 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. 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, Session and Board of Managers (BoM) Update

The Financial Reports for 2020 were sent out with last week's bulletins and copies are also available through the office. A short meeting after church some Sunday to review and approve the reports is being planned. Copies may be picked up or sent to you. Please call the office.

The Christmas Hamper project is a go and we have already lucked in to some great deals. Anne Calver is keeping track of the list of the food items and the tasks required to gather, prepare, and distribute the hampers. We need twenty (20) drivers this year, two deliveries per driver, and remember it's always good to have a helper because some of the boxes are heavy! Monica will have a list of prospective drivers, please consider adding your name to that list.

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

Weekly Specials

November 18-24, 2021

Good Buys for Food Trolley

STORE	ITEM	PRICE
Colemans	Holiday Luncheon Meat	2/\$4
Pipers	Italpasta Macaroni & Spaghetti	\$0.99
	Miracle Whip Salad Dressing	\$1.99
Shoppers Drug Mart	No Name Evaporated Milk	\$0.99
Sobeys	Betty Crocker Cake Mix	\$1.50
Walmart	Palmolive Dish Detergent	\$1.76
	Quaker Hot Cereal	2/\$5
Lawton's	Heinz Tomato Soup	2/\$1.20

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

YES, we're getting an early start this year for Christmas Hampers at St David's!

WE WILL NEED HELP and here are some ways you may choose to do so:

- 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 ... **NEED 15-20 DELIVERY PEOPLE THIS YEAR!**

DELIVERY DATE: DECEMBER 18, 2021

What does each Hamper contain?

<i>Turkey (10-12 lb.)</i>	<i>Vegetables - Cabbage, Carrot, Turnip, Potatoes</i>	
<i>Flour (2.5 kg)</i>	<i>Sugar (2 kg)</i>	<i>Onions (2-3 lb.)</i>
<i>Oranges (3-5 lb.)</i>	<i>Apples (3-5 lb.)</i>	<i>Tuna (170 g tin)</i>
<i>Green Peas (tin)</i>	<i>Corn (tin)</i>	<i>Evaporated Milk (tin)</i>
<i>Cheese Whiz</i>	<i>Peanut Butter</i>	<i>Juice (1 Litre)</i>
<i>Milk (2L 2%)</i>	<i>Cranberry sauce (tin)</i>	<i>Cereal (Box)</i>
<i>Teabags (72/144)</i>	<i>Coffee (Instant)</i>	<i>Margarine (454 g)</i>
<i>Eggs (1 dozen)</i>	<i>Bread (1 loaf white)</i>	<i>Bread (1 loaf w/wheat)</i>
<i>Bread Crumbs (1 pkg.)</i>	<i>Savoury (18 g)</i>	<i>Cheese (block)</i>
<i>Crackers</i>	<i>Cookies</i>	<i>Beans (tin)</i>

NOTES: Two persons required for each delivery - Hampers are heavy!

Covid-19 protocol is still in effect and 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: Lillian Crawford (754-2362/691-3057)

Anne Calver (682-4329) Church Office (722-2382)

Condolences

The sympathy and prayers of the entire congregation go out to the Clouston family – Pearl, Peter and Cindy – on the passing of Donald Clouston last Sunday. Donald's funeral was held on Thursday past at Barrett's funeral home. (See below)



Passed peacefully away in the presence of his loving wife and family at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital on Sunday, November 14, 2021, Donald Raymond Clouston, age 63 years.

Predeceased by grandparents Donald & Margaret Clouston and Raymond & Violet Gosse.

Leaving to mourn with fond and loving memories his wife Violet (Squires); parents Peter & Pearl Clouston; sister Cindy Clouston; daughters Renee (Patrick) Byrne, Carol Fowler (John Butler); grandchildren Nicole, Monica, Ryan, Mike and Marcus; great-grandchildren Taylor, Kyleigh, Jackson & Owen; brother-in-law Gary (Louise) Squires; as well as a large circle of relatives and friends.

As an expression of sympathy, flowers are gratefully accepted or donations in Don's memory may be made to Heavenly Creatures.

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 greetings go out to Dave Hudson who will be celebrating his birthday on November 21st! Dave will be celebrating with his wife, Sylvia, their children and families, and many good friends near and far. Best wishes on your birthday Dave from everyone here at St. David's and may there be many more birthdays to come!

Happy Birthday (belated) greetings to Doug Barnes who celebrated his birthday on November 16th! Doug is currently living in England but continues to stay in touch with St. David's through our weekly bulletin. Doug's sister is Janet Aitkin and their parents were Effie and Cyril Barnes, longtime members of St. David's. Best wishes on the year ahead Doug from everyone here at St. David's.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Rev. Ian Wishart who will be celebrating his 91st 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

Announcements

The donations from the Associates members of the AMS from both the larger piggies and smaller piggies are now due. Any member of the AMS will gladly accept them!

News from the Pews

Muffin Making

Muffins galore! This past week, a small group of enthusiastic bakers came together under the guidance and supervision of Monica McNeill, our Church Administrator, to produce 18 dozen muffins – chocolate chip and blueberry – for Bridges to Hope. Monica’s helpers were Janet Aitken, her good friend, Dorothy French, and Lillian Crawford. And let’s not forget Sam Johnson who acts as the muffins’ private “uber driver” and ensures they are safely delivered to Bridges to Hope. Many thanks to all!



Muffins as Far as the Eye Can See



Muffins packed and ready to go to BTH

If you are interested in helping out any time, contact Monica at the Church (722-2382) and just let her know.

Willing Hands

We are always thankful that St. David's has such great people looking after it and it does not go unnoticed! We received this little note and some pictures of a team of worker-bees in action. Thank-you for taking care of our Church!

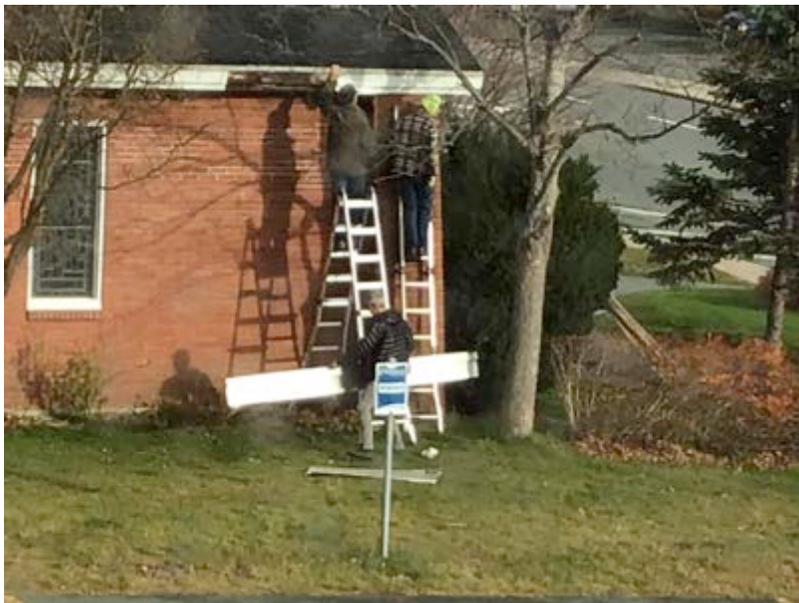
Here's the note:

Recently Hurricane Larry had his way with some of the panelling covering the fascia on the west side of the Church.

On Monday, a few of St. David's faithful carried out the difficult and precarious job of replacing the missing piece.

The Church is fortunate to have so many unsung folks who work behind the scene to keep St. David's vibrant and relevant. In those days of dwindling congregations it is even more important that our Churches maintain a beating heart of people who give unselfishly of their time, their talents, and their means.

We are blessed.



Getting Organized



St. David's Stalwarts



Oh, Oh.... Unexpected Problems



All Done... Repairs Complete



Good as new!

The Duley Family - Part II

Last week, we learned about Tryphena and Thomas Duley. This week, we get to know the Duley children, especially Margaret Duley, and the legacy they left behind. We found a series of clippings in our archives including several articles written by Bert Riggs, an archivist with the Centre for Newfoundland Studies at MUN. (The particular clipping referenced this week was from an Evening Telegram article, A Backward Glance, March 22, 2004.)

Tryphena and Thomas had five children, three sons and two daughters. As we mentioned a couple of weeks ago, Lionel Duley was killed at Kieberg Ridge on September 29, 1918. His brother, Cyril, was also a member of the Newfoundland Regiment and he got severely wounded at the Battle of the Somme in 1916. Cyril eventually returned to Newfoundland and retired from the Regiment on April 30, 1919. The other son, Nelson, tried to enlist but was rejected due to medical grounds. Gladys Duley left Newfoundland during the war (1916) after marrying an American, Jefferson Courtney. Margaret Duley was affected by the war in a different way. Jack Cliff, who some said was the love of her life, died in 1920 as a result of kidney damage from war injuries. Margaret would never marry but she went on to become an internationally acclaimed writer.

Margaret's story is quite remarkable. She was educated at the Methodist College in St. John's, graduating in 1910. The next year, she and her sister, Gladys, travelled to England with their father for their aunt's marriage. Margaret stayed in England for a few years after her aunt's marriage, enrolling in the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts.

By the early 1920's, Margaret was back in Newfoundland and became a very influential member of the women's suffrage movement. In addition to her

social endeavours, Margaret was an avid reader and prolific writer. She published her first book, "The Eyes of the Gull" in 1936. It had positive reviews in Britain – not so much here in Newfoundland. She persevered however, and in 1939, she published her second novel, "Cold Pastoral", followed by "Highway to Valour" in 1941 and "Novelty on Earth" in 1942. Margaret did write a fifth book, titled, "Octaves of Dawn". It was never published. Some said that the editor wanted to make some changes that Margaret was not prepared to make, so she destroyed the manuscript. This seemed to be the end of Margaret's writing career although she did go on to write one more book in the late 1940's titled, "The Caribou Hut" (the story of the hostel established at the King George V Institute in St. John's).

In addition to her writing, Margaret volunteered quite a lot - perhaps taking after her mother? She was involved in the St. John Ambulance Corp, the Tuberculosis Sanatorium library in St. John's and served as vice-president of ZONTA, a professional women's organization. She also worked part time in the early 1950's as a public relations officer with the Red Cross.

Margaret was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1955. She lived on her own for a few years but moved in with her sister-in-law, Florence (Cyril's wife) and her daughter, Margot. When her health further deteriorated, she moved to St. Luke's home and died there on March 22, 1968.

In Margaret's honour Memorial University of Newfoundland, erected a large plaque honouring the life and times of Margaret Duley. Has anyone seen it? I'm still searching for it. It's somewhere on the University's grounds. Once I find it, I'll let you know!

Archival Moment

This week, thanks to Pam Bruce and the archival collection, we have a great picture of St. David's under construction in 1958. The picture was actually taken by Jim Steele. No sign of Elizabeth Towers!



St. David's Under Construction – 1958

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: After John Jones death on March 1, 1800 who provided over his burial service?

The answer is: The Anglican minister.

This week the question is: There was some bad and some good interaction between the little church and its Anglican neighbours over the years. Where did the Anglicans worship while their own church worship while their own church was under construction?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What cemetery group are we part of and what does it do?

The answer is: There is a group that manages all the Protestant cemeteries in the St. John's area and it is called the General Protestant Cemetery Committee. This group uses money donated through each church to maintain and groom the eight cemeteries used by all these churches.

This week the question is: Where did the pews in the gallery come from?

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

Board of Managers: the members of the Board are:

Ken Templeton	Ed Vanderkloet	Steve Bruneau
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Treasurer: Anne Calver

Envelope Secretary: Ian Bruneau