



## **Sunday November 28<sup>th</sup> 2021 – First Sunday of Advent**

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 28 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:

**Jeremiah 33:10-16, Luke 21:25-36**

**Church Office Hours:** Rev. Sturtevant is in the office Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm, if you need to drop off or pick up something. For pastoral care, please contact him at 699-3661. Monica McNeill, our Office Administrator, is working from home for the next two weeks and can be reached through the church's phone number (722-2382) or email at [stdavids@nfld.com](mailto:stdavids@nfld.com).

**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 28 (First Sunday of Advent)** We pray that our hope is nourished during Advent as we prepare to receive Christ among us again.

**Monday, November 29** We pray for congregations seeking God's direction In changing times, that they are steadfast in hope and learn to be patient and prayerful when times are challenging.

**Tuesday, November 30 (Feast Day of Andrew the Apostle)** Just as Andrew brought his brother Peter to Jesus, we pray for help and guidance to be like Andrew and introduce others to Jesus.

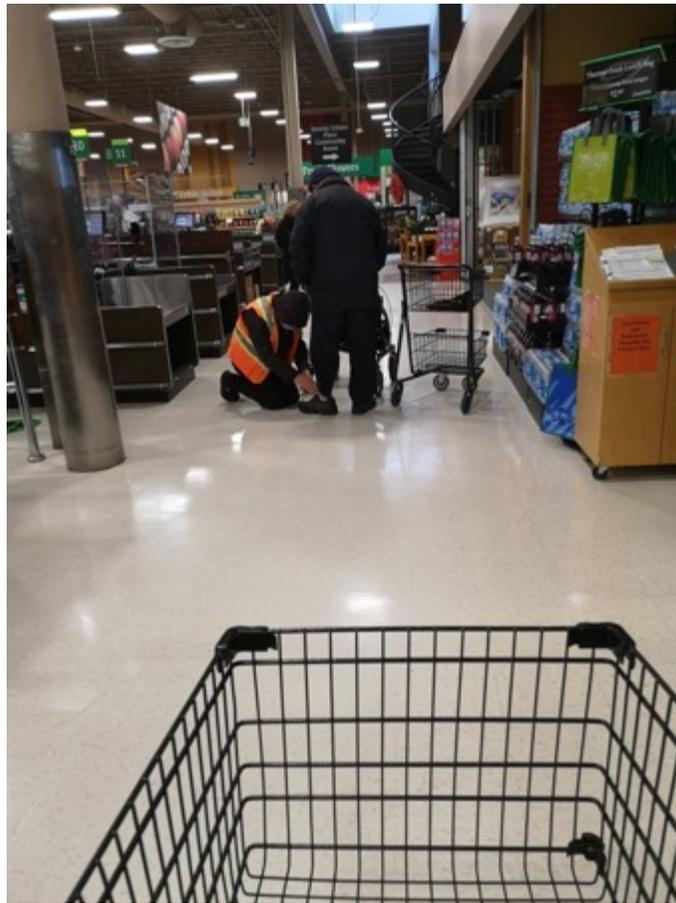
**Wednesday, December 1 (World AIDS Day)** We pray for all people affected by HIV and AIDS.

**Thursday, December 2** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Newfoundland.

**Friday, December 3 (International Day for Persons with Disabilities)** We pray for the Respite Ministry of St. Columba, a parish of the Presbyterian Church of Mauritius, that offers support to families caring for persons with learning disabilities.

**Saturday, December 4** We give thanks for the vital support the church is helping to provide to those with HIV through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

## Message from the Minister



*"We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently." (Romans 8:22-25)*

This Sunday, we are entering into the church season of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting, anticipating the arrival of Christ. This is the Sunday of Hope, the first of four Sundays leading up to Christmas. We are preparing for Jesus Christ to arrive in that Bethlehem manger, getting ready for the story of the God-baby coming to surprise us in weakness, waiting for Christ to come.

But as we remember the manger, we also remember that we are waiting for Christ to come again, to dry every tear and restore our world and bring to completion all of God's plans that we work for: healing, compassion, joy and peace.

Hope means thinking the future is worth waiting for. Hope restores our faith in the future, telling us that something good is ahead. That kind of attitude can be hard these days, but every now and then something will come along that will restore a little hope in you. For me this week, it happened in the grocery store: as I was pushing my cart back out the door, I saw an elderly gentleman whose shoe had come untied walking back to his car. An employee noticed his shoe, stopped him, and knelt down to tie it for him. I thought of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, and how tying shoes might be a modern version of that sign of subservience, but most of all I thought of how glad I was of the reminder that people still want to help each other. It can be easy to get discouraged, to feel like we are driven apart by the pandemic and our communities will not recover, but today I have Hope. In all of this, we are not defeated. After all of this, Love will triumph again. That is Good News.

## **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 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 25 – December 1, 2021

Good Buys for Food Trolley

STORE	ITEM	PRICE
Colemans	Aylmer Soups	\$0.99
Pipers	Kraft Dinner	\$1.00
	Dove Soap	\$0.99
Dominion	Graves Apple Juice	\$0.99
Sobeys	Compliments Canned To- matoes	\$0.99
Walmart	Redpath Sugar	\$1.97

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**Preparations** are well underway for Christmas Hampers . . but **help** is still needed!

**Here's how you can help:**

- 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!**

**Each Hamper has a value of \$75 - \$100 and contains . . . .**

<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>

**N.B. An item with a strikethrough indicates that we already have enough of that item for forty (40) hampers – our initial goal. We will do more if funds permit!**

**DELIVERY DATE: DECEMBER 18, 2021**

Two persons required for each delivery - Hampers are heavy!

**Further info/questions?**

Please contact: Lillian Crawford (754-2362/691-3057)

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

**Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations**

Happy Birthday to Josh Quinton who will be celebrating his birthday on November 28<sup>th</sup> with family and friends including his wife, Melissa Smallwood, son, Ethan, and parents, Becky and Leith Quinton, and siblings, Cassidy and Luke and their families. Best wishes Josh from your St. David's family and we hope you have a great day!

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Allison Crawford who will be celebrating her birthday on December 2<sup>nd</sup> with family and friends – near and far! Allison is the daughter of Lillian and Harry Crawford. All your friends here at St. David's wish you a wonderful birthday Allison, with many more to come!

Happy birthday to Drayton Froude who will be turning 11 years old on November 30<sup>th</sup>! Drayton will be celebrating his big day with his mom, Karen, siblings, Madelyn and Jayce, along with his proud grand-parents, Sue and Ken Templeton. From everyone here at St. David's, a big Happy Birthday wish Drayton! We hope you have a fun-filled day!

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Doug Hudson who has a birthday coming up on December 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Julia is the daughter of Michelle and Joseph Craig who always make her birthday a special day for her. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

**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**

Monica McNeill has written that she will be leaving us after thirteen years of being "The Face of St. David's". Way back when she first started out she asked "What do you mean the face of St. David's?" The answer: "Well, you're the first face people will see when they come into the church during the week, smiling at them and greeting them one and all." She has been that friendly face for our congregation, our renters, and really everyone who has walked through our door. But she has been so much more to us. We'd like to sincerely thank her for the work she's put in over the years. Her dedication, commitment, enthusiasm and understanding heart have been such a blessing to us all. We wish you well in your new job and every good fortune, but know that you will be missed terribly by everyone here at St. David's. Please stay in touch!

Monica will be working from home for the next two weeks due to COVID-19 restrictions, however, if you would like to get in touch with her to wish her well in her new job or to simply have a chat, she can be reached through the church's phone number (722-2382) or email at [stdavids@nfld.com](mailto:stdavids@nfld.com).

## **AMS Advent Meeting**

In preparation for Christmas, the AMS will be meeting after church on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> December. (This will be a combined meeting for November and December.). Donations will be for A Classroom for Every Child.

### **A Classroom for Every Child. (A Project of PWS&D)**

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

## **News from the Pews**

### **Successful Surgery**

Pearl Clouston has undergone her hip replacement surgery (Wednesday), is doing well and looking forward to returning home to continue her recuperation. We're thinking of you Pearl and sending our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

## **Advent Wreath**

Many thanks to Pam Bruce and her “elves” for once again providing us with a beautiful Advent Wreath that will be an important part of our services leading up to Christmas!

## **Out-and- About with Gerhard Bassler – Winterizing the Garden**

*Years ago, Brian and I would go crazy the latter part of November into December, “winterizing” the garden – tying up little bushes, covering other shrubs with burlap – until we noticed one winter that some of the bushes we never got to, survived the ravages of a Newfoundland winter just fine even though they were flattened to the ground with snow and sleet. Then I happened to hear an esteemed gardener say that “...any tree or bush that couldn’t survive one of our winters, didn’t deserve to be in our garden....” OK, a little harsh maybe especially when a bush or tree has great sentimental value for you or your family and you want to protect it from the ice and sleet storms. So I thought I would ask Gerhard Bassler what he does to winterize his garden. Never hurts to have a second opinion so here’s what Gerhard had to say....*

Experience has taught me that much of the winterizing I used to do is unnecessary. In Newfoundland with its maritime climate every winter, just like every summer, is different. Unlike in mainland areas with a continental climate, the ground here rarely freezes so hard for a long time that it kills the few garden plants you want to keep alive. In our climate, covering up plants too much for several months can be just as damaging as no cover. Most perennial plants and shrubs can tolerate a fair amount of freezing temperatures as long as they are not exposed to icy winds. Plastic and

cotton covers and wraps, in particular, tend to suffocate plants, especially when the sun shines on them, and enable pests and diseases to spread.

Evergreen bows from spruce, fir or pine trees have always offered a most effective winter protection for perennial garden plants, such strawberries and rhubarb. They facilitate air circulation and even enable some plants to keep growing in winter. Apart from some perennial flowers, I cover strawberry plants with bows to prevent them from being heaved up and their roots exposed when the ground freezes and thaws repeatedly. Rhubarb plants, if covered through the winter, and especially in the cold early spring months, have always rewarded me with an extra early crop of juicy stalks. And parsley can be harvested under bows through most winters. Blackberries canes carry more fruit if their soft wood is protected from severe frost and buried in a leaf or compost mulch up to one foot above the ground, or covered with bows.

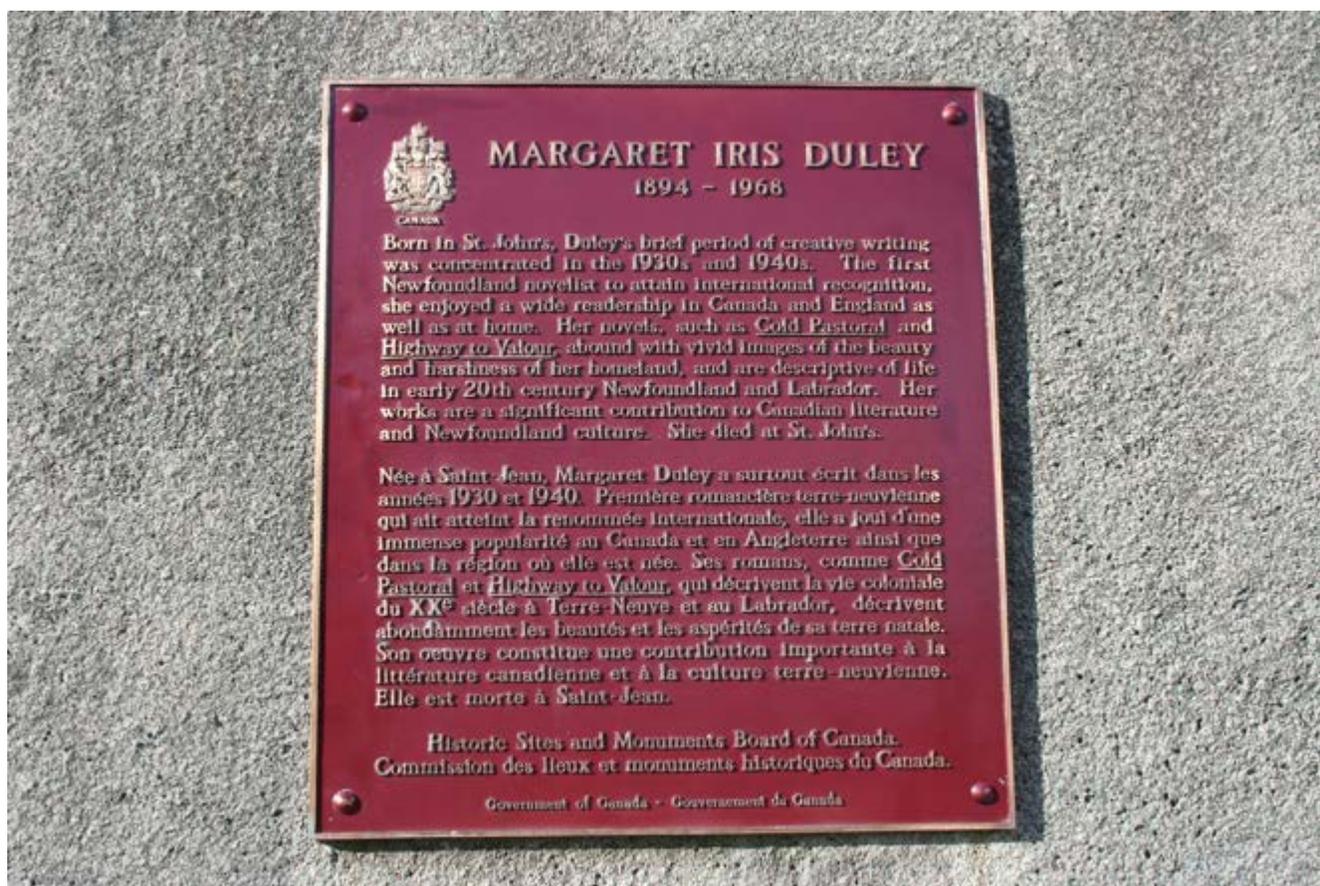
My most unpleasant chore before the onset of winter is to dig up and/or rototill the cultivated parts of vegetable garden, including the walkways, in order to cut down on weed growth the following year. It allows the frost to penetrate and destroy the root structures of the weeds and kill their sprouting seeds. I found that it really works, otherwise I wouldn't do it.

Cheers,

Gerhard

## Margaret Duley Plaque – Follow-up

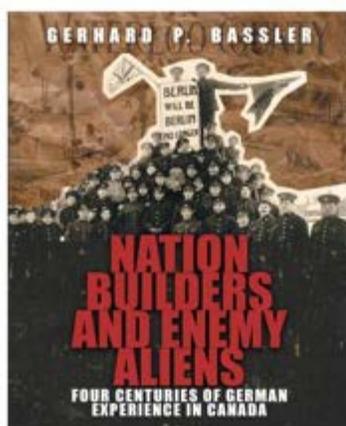
Last week, in the little story about Margaret Duley, I mentioned that I was still looking for the plaque dedicated to her memory. According to Bert Riggs, it was supposed to be near the entrance to the Queen Elizabeth II Library on MUN campus. I took that to mean it was in the entrance or foyer of the building but that turned out not to be the case. Instead it is proudly attached to the exterior of the building just to the west of the main entrance to the Library. Should you ever have the opportunity to visit the Library, take the time to have a quick look and think back to the link between the Duley Family and our Church.



Picture of Margaret Duley's Plaque

## Gerhard Bassler's New Book

Gerhard is a great gardener but he is also an accomplished writer. He has been very busy writing a new book, titled "Nation Builders and Enemy Aliens" which is now available for purchase through Friesen Press. Congratulations Gerhard on your new book!



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Gerhard's Book

## Archival Moment

For the next few weeks, we have a series of different pictures of the Good Companions at various Christmas Dinners. Years and venues may have changed but there were always smiles, laughter and fellowship. Thanks to Pam Bruce and Kay Scott for keeping these pictures safe and sound for us to share with you.



Good Companion Christmas Lunch in the Armour Room – 1985

## **Church Trivia Questions**

### **Way back when:**

**Last week the question was:** 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?

**The answer is:** The Anglicans used our little church for their 11 am Sunday service until their own church was completed. Their minister then stood in for the late John Jones for the remaining two services (afternoon and evening) each Sunday until a new minister was sent to St. John's.

This week the question is: The church had some rough times with the passing of John Jones. What happened to the little congregation over the next several years.

### **Recent History:**

**Last week the question was:** Where did the pews in the gallery come from?

**The answer is:** They came from St. Aiden's church. This was a little church held in an attic of a car parts dealership on Topsail Road at the top of Commonwealth Ave in Mount Pearl.

**This week the question is:** What Christmas service(s) are considered to be the best (ever)? There are several and you can pick your favourite.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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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**Facebook page:** <http://www.facebook.com/stdavidsstjohns>

## 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