

Sunday October 2nd, 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Our Sunday service is at 11 am and we meet in person. While you are not required to wear masks we respectfully ask that you continue to wear your masks while in our building. The service is available on Zoom in real time and is also available via YouTube.

Church Office Hours: The church office is open from 9 am to 1 pm weekdays with the exception of statutory holidays.

For pastoral care or to contact the Minister, please phone 699-3661. You can always leave a message on the church's phone number (722-2382) or email us at stdavids@nfld.com.

Mission Moment – Sunday, October 2

After Mikabens's first birthday in Haiti, his health began to deteriorate rapidly, showing signs of severe malnutrition. His parents brought him to the hospital, where he was diagnosed with severe acute malnutrition and consequently admitted for therapeutic nutrition treatment. Mikabens has since gained close to two kilograms and will shortly be able to return home. Presbyterian World Service & Development's partnership with Zanmi Lasante (Partners in Health) and Canadian Foodgrains Bank is helping many young children in Haiti overcome critical malnutrition.

Mission Prayer

God, we thank you for feeding us with the bread of heaven.
Your gift of Christ sustains our lives,
Restores the promise of your love
And fills our hearts with your everlasting light.

God, we thank you too for filling us with the water of life.
May we drink deeply that our thirst may be quenched.
May your river continue to flow over. AMEN.

From Canadian Foods grains Bank's World Food Day resource "So That All May Flourish." Adapted from a prayer written by Christine Sine.

Prayer No. 4 – Taken from OVERFLOWING - Prayers for a More Sustainable, Compassionate and Just World, published in recognition of PWS&D's 75th anniversary!

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 2 We give thanks for all those who gather around the Lord's table on this **World Communion Sunday**. In this act of unity, we share in the body of Christ.

Monday, October 3 We pray for dedicated health-care workers in Haiti who are helping malnourished children regain their strength with support from the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Tuesday, October 4 On the **National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls**, we pray that those missing will be found, families and communities will find comfort and healing, and that society will recognize and challenge structures and practices that have enabled violence against Indigenous women, girls and gender-diverse people.

Wednesday, October 5 We pray for our Jewish neighbours observing **Yom Kippur**.

Thursday, October 6 We give thanks and pray for the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia and Bishop Sándor Zán-Fábián as the church provides physical and spiritual support to internally displaced people in Ukraine.

Friday, October 7 We pray for the members of the Special Committee on Petitions 1 and 2, 2021, as they continue to listen to stories of marginalization and discrimination in the church and work to design a statement of apology.

Saturday, October 8 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Cedar Tree Ministries on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Minister's Message



This past Friday marked the national "Day for Truth and Reconciliation", a day when we reflect back on the painful history of mistreatment that our Indigenous brothers and sisters have suffered at the hands of those who came from away. In my limited research into my family name, it appears that despite my obviously European ancestry, the Sturtevants have lived in North America for centuries. My family history, it would seem, is as colonizers.

Days like this always remind me of something important about Sin, something that Newfoundlanders understand better than most. There's a saying here, when something goes wrong, someone is suffering bad luck or injustice at the hands of another, we might shake our heads sadly and say "What a sin...". When I first came here it was a surprise, but it quickly became one of my favorite Newfoundland expressions because of how theologically astute it is!

You see, "sin" isn't just about malice. Sin is, in the simplest sense, something that isn't going according to God's good plans. We live in a sinful world,

because we can see things in the world that aren't the way we know God would want them. The poor suffer, the weak are abandoned, selfishness and cruelty thrive. It's a sin!

*"Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me." Psalm 51:5*

Sin marks our life on this earth. We live in an unjust world, and we have benefited and suffered unjustly while living in it. In a sense, not even a baby can be free of sin because their hunger, their pain, and their loneliness are not what God truly desires for them.

As we remember the Day for Truth and Reconciliation, we remember the sin that our indigenous brothers and sisters have suffered from, and in many cases continue to suffer from. May we work together to fight against every sin in our world today, to raise this world heavenward and bring hope, peace, joy and love to every human heart. And when our earthly work is done, we will find rest in God's kingdom where no-one will ever have cause to say "What a sin" ever again. What Good News that is!

Information from the Treasurer

Update on the Request for Help and my newest and earlier Quests

We have had a bunch of people offer to help us out with those little difficulties we seem to attract. People have volunteered to retrieve that balloon and a couple of other things. The 2022 Beautification Project is starting perhaps as early as next (this) week. We do have a big garbage can, like yours at home, kindly given to us by the City. Heather must have some pull, they wouldn't give me one! She's working on using the city's own promotional information for us and for our regular renters. We are going to start re-cycling (cardboard and paper versus containers) in addition to our normal re-cycling donations to the church via the Green Depot.

October and Thanksgiving

We are into October and next week is Thanksgiving. We do have a lot to be thankful for, we are progressing slowly but we're getting there. People are starting to come back to church and each week we see another few people come through the doors.

My latest and newest quest is to see even more people come back to church on a regular basis. We welcome all those who come! Coffee Time has been on the go for some time and as of last week we may have outgrown the Armour Room. This week Sunday School starts, we have high hopes for it. People are signing up as teachers, perhaps for a one week a month and some more often. The church is gathering both the Presbyterian Leading with Care and the RNC forms from our volunteers. Normally the RNC charges \$20 however since all forms come from the church, it is free. Please get your forms from Heather and drop them back to her!

My initial quest was and is to have a choir and/or some great music every week. Brian Way and I had a long chat over a week ago, Lillian and I had a discussion, and people have asked "When is the choir coming back?". We'd all like to have a choir and perhaps later the Choral Scholars program.

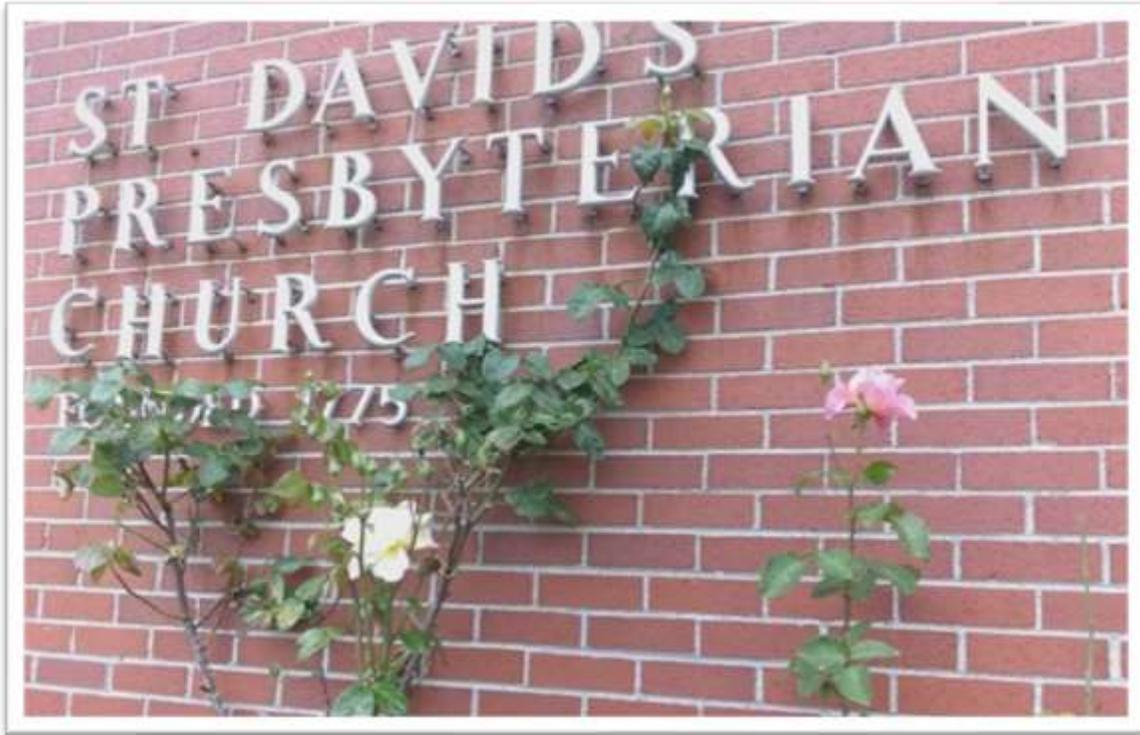
Last week we welcomed back the contemporary service, Brian Way and Jennifer Waterman/Flemming gave us some great music. So, the first quest - the choir - is coming along, albeit it slowly. We do need a choir for the choral scholars to join. We have some people interested. What we need is six to eight people, hopefully more, to get us going. We all like to listen to the choir, last week the music was great, so please consider joining our choir. Have a chat with Brian or leave a note at the office and Heather will get back to you. I am surely not alone in hoping that we are able to get the choir up and singing again.

As treasurer I'd certainly like to thank everyone who continues to donate to St. David's through your envelopes on Sunday mornings, by your e-transfers, through your monthly PAD contributions, by envelopes collected by our elders, or through Canada Helps. Each one of you makes a difference when you contribute to St. David's. You can also identify a specific program to which you'd like to have your donation assigned.

The sole email address we are using to accept donations is through stdavidsnfld@gmail.com and it is linked to our bank account and it automatically accepts all donations and again you can give to a specific program using the bank's comments section.

From the Church Office

If you have any announcements for the weekly bulletin, please reach out to me either by phone or email before noon on Thursdays. I will do my very best to get your announcement in the bulletin for the Friday email distribution.



Thank you to Brian Gamberg for these great pictures of our beautiful roses in the beds at the front of the church.

St. David's Church Announcements

Please be advised that Holy Communion will be celebrated during The Thanksgiving Service, Sunday, October 9th, 2022

In-Person Sunday School will begin again this Autumn!!!

- **When: Sunday mornings 11:00 October to June**
- **Where: Sanctuary, Creche, Church Hall**
- **Who: Infants and children to age 12**

RSVP: Please call or email Heather at the Church Office to register your child(ren).

Thank you to the Volunteers who have signed up and to anyone who wishes to add your name to the list - it is not too late!!

Please call or email Heather at the Church office to offer assistance in the Creche or in Sunday School activities.

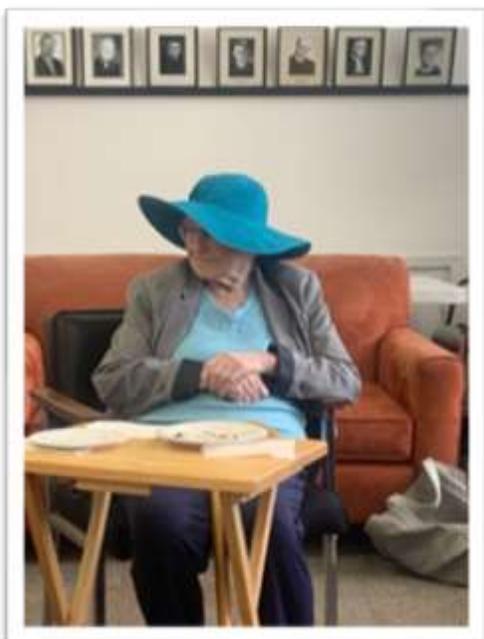
We will provide a Lectionary based curriculum for school-aged children. And we have lots of supplies on site waiting for use.

Many hands make "labour" light!! If you could offer your help one Sunday a month, for one month of Sundays, or anything in between, please let us know!

We look forward to greeting you all very soon!

A.M.S.

The A.M.S. held their first meeting of the new season last Sunday. The theme was “A Picnic Lunch/Meeting” . . . complete with picnic fare, sunhat and optional sunscreen!!!



Also from the A.M.S. ...

Beginning the first of the month we will start our annual “Sock-tober” where we hope to fill the clothesline around the Sanctuary with socks, mittens and personal care items. These items are gathered to help the most vulnerable in our community.

Items may include: toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, body-wash, shampoo, deodorant, underwear, etc. For all people of all ages.

Donations may be dropped off at the church office Monday thru Friday between 9:00am – 1:00pm ~ as well as Sundays.

Prayer Shawl Knitters will start a new season with a meeting on Tuesday, October 4th at 10:00am in the Armour Room.

If you can knit, please join us - if you don't know how, we will teach you.

Just bring your knitting needles. We hope to see you at the meeting.

Bible Study is coming back!

We hope to start on Wednesday, October 12th at 10:30am to 12:00noon in the Armour Room - in October and November for roughly six sessions.

The topic, “Money – having it and not having it. What it means to Christians.” We will look mainly at the gospels for what Jesus said and the implications for ourselves.

All are welcome!

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy birthday wishes to Jacqueline Brockerville who will be celebrating her birthday on Wednesday, October 5th. She will be celebrating with her family including her mom and dad, Jean and Clayton Collins, and her sisters, Jennifer and Janet (long-distance) and of course their families. Your St. David's family wishes you a very Happy Birthday – and many more!

Happy Birthday to Julie Gill. Julie will be celebrating her birthday with family and friends on October 5th as well. Julie is the daughter of Shelley Gill. Best wishes Julie from everyone here at St. David's. We hope you have a great day!

Happy Birthday to Pam Bruce who will be celebrating a very special birthday on October 4th! Pam will be celebrating the day with her family, including daughter, Helen, and son, Peter, and their families, along with many good friends. Pam is a long-time member and supporter of St. David's. She has given countless hours to our Church archives and has documented and catalogued thousands of documents and pictures over the years. (Our little snippets from the archives that are presented in the weekly bulletin, are thanks to Pam.) Pam is a great gardener - she and Penny continue to give careful attention to our flowers and bushes around the church - and Pam is always there at Christmas time to help create our beautiful Advent Wreath. Pam is a dear friend to many here at St. David's and an inspiration to all. Happy Birthday, Pam from your St. David's family! All our love and we hope you have a wonderful birthday!

Happy Anniversary to Mildred and Darrin Greeley who will be celebrating their 33rd wedding anniversary on October 6! Mildred and Darrin were married by Rev. Ted Thompson. Congratulations and best wishes on your anniversary from everyone here at St. David's! (Mildred is the daughter of the late Ralph and Olive Melendy.)

Happy Anniversary to Monica and Michael McNeill who will be celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary on October 5th! Monica was Church Administrator for many years and she is still a great friend to many here at St. David's. Best wishes, Monica and Mike on this special occasion. We hope you enjoy the day with family and friends and may there be many more years of happiness for you both!

And Happy Anniversary to Michelle and David Sturtevant who will be celebrating their 9th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, October 5th! Michelle and David will be sharing their special day with their two little boys, Oliver and Orson, along with family and friends in Ontario, not to mention their St. David's family! Our best wishes to you both and may there be many more wonderful years yet to come!

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.

Upcoming Activities

Mark Your Calendar!!

We're getting back into the swing of things and have a few things planned for the Fall and wanted to let you know in advance! Coming up

Thursday, October 13, 2022 – 12 Noon --- Seniors Luncheon & Social

Lunch Menu – Soup (choice of Pea or Turkey Soup), fresh rolls, homemade dessert, tea/coffee. No charge! Transportation can be arranged!

Depending on interest, After Lunch socializing could be carpet bowling, Bridge or other card games (Cribbage, 120's, Scat, etc.), Scrabble or other board games, knitting and/or just chatting with friends, longtime or new.

We'd love to see you, however, we need to know how many people to expect. If you need more information, have questions, or to confirm your attendance, you may contact :

Heather (Church Office 722-2382)

Janet Calver

745-1343

Lillian Crawford (754-2362)

Janet Aitken

726-1916

Tuesday, October 18, 2022 – 12:30 P. M. – Lunch With Bridge

It's been a long time and this will be our first foray into an organized Bridge Party.

The Lunch menu will consist of a choice of two soups, fresh rolls, homemade dessert, tea/coffee. Cost is \$15.00 per person. The meal will be "served" to make it as "contactless" as possible.

Tables of four (4) must be booked in advance!

Starting small, we are **limiting attendance** to fifteen (15) tables (about 50% of hall capacity).

We expect this event to sell out quickly, so book early! This is a “pilot project” which, if successful, and we have not doubt that it will, may lead to a regular event, perhaps on a monthly or semi-monthly basis.

If you have any questions, need further information, or to confirm your table of four (4), please contact:

Heather (Church Office – 722-2382) Lillian Crawford – 754-2362

Updates from the Women's Auxiliary (W.A.)

We are very pleased to report that the proceeds from our "Bake-less Bake Sale" are \$1,428.70 to date. Thank you to all for making it so successful!

This was a new project for us as a way to replace some of the more traditional fundraising events which were not possible because of Covid-19 restrictions.

Kitchen Project...

After two years of not using our kitchens a whole lot, we spent time with them. It took lots of elbow grease on the part of Janet Aitken, Heather Morrissey, Lillian Crawford and Janet Calver to bring back the polish and shine. We also spent some of the money from the Bake-less Bake Sale to purchase new filters, stove burn drip pans, door stops and other bits and pieces. Our stoves and fridge shine.

Also, we'd like to thank Kay Scott for her generous donation in memory of Eric Cumby. We have purchased a new fridge for the back kitchen and it arrived on Tuesday.

On-going Activities

Re-cycling

Reduce Reuse Recycle! Yes, St. David's still has an account with Evergreen Recycling! If you would like to donate the proceeds of your recyclables, just enter the Church phone number 722-2382 when you are making a drop-off. Our account will automatically be credited.

Church Service and Coffee Hour

We'd like to welcome everyone back to church and to the Sunday Coffee Hour after church. The services will continue to be streamed live over Zoom and placed on YouTube for later viewing. We look forward to seeing those we haven't seen for a long time.



Muffin Monday ...

This past Monday found Lillian, Janet A. and Penny in the kitchen baking blueberry bran muffins for Bridges to Hope. Once the muffins arrive at B to H on Cookstown Road, packages of four are then added to hampers for distribution. The muffins are always gratefully received as a little something sweet (and healthy!). Thank you Ladies!!!

Outside Announcements and Activities

BRIDGES TO HOPE

Our friends from Go Getters NL are doing their Annual Food Drive on our behalf this Saturday (October 1, 2022) at Colemans Foods on Newfoundland Drive.

They could not have picked a better time with Thanksgiving being next weekend.

They will be there between 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.

We would love to see you there!

Here are a few items that are useful to Bridges To Hope that are on "special" this week at:

Walmart – Maxwell House Instant Coffee - \$2.47

Colemans – Primo Spaghetti or Macaroni – 5/\$5.00

Lawtons – Heinz Tomato Soup (\$2/\$1.20) and Clover Leaf Tuna (4/\$6.00)

Café of Memories



Music By: M.J. and The Masons

JOIN US AT LODGE WESTMOORLAND, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR, AS WE HOST AN AFTERNOON OF ENTERTAINMENT AND REFRESHMENTS FOR THOSE WITH DEMENTIA AND THEIR CAREGIVERS.

WHEN:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2022
2-4PM

WHERE:

FREEMASON'S HALL
115 MT. CARSON AVE, MOUNT PEARL
*REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, DUE TO LIMITED SPACE.
MASKS OPTIONAL

PLEASE REGISTER BY CALLING THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY:
(709) 576-0608 OR EMAIL
events@alzheimernl.ca

NEXT EVENTS: NOVEMBER 2 AND DECEMBER 6.
ALL EVENTS ARE FREE OF CHARGE!

Alzheimer Society
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From the Archives

One of the loveliest things to come out of the past two and a half years, (yes, there have been a quite a few!), is the weekly Bulletin. It has been a wonderful way for us all to stay connected when regular church attendance was not always possible. Thank yous must go to Pam Bruce, Janet Calver, Anne Calver, Lillian Crawford, Monica McNeill, Rev. David and leaders of the various church organizations as producers of this endeavour.

I know my Dad and I looked forward to receiving it every week ~ Dad especially enjoyed the “From the Archives” segment. A short while ago I received a sweet note and some pictures from Elena Hannah. She told me that she enjoys reading the Bulletin and has very fond memories of her many years with this warm and welcoming congregation, St. David’s!

As many of you may remember, Elena was a member of our Choir... might we persuade you to come back to sing with us, Elena? Even if it is only every once and awhile, you would always be most welcome!

And the pictures I mentioned... they are from a Church Picnic – June 14th, 1984...

Church Picnic Sunday, June 14th, 1984



Ted Thompson and Jane Green



Top row: Ted & Christopher Hannah and Kerry-Joy Kiefte

Bottom row: Dallas Frost, Anna Kiefte & Arianne Hannah



Katie, Christine & Roz Gray

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: In 1871 after Rev. Harrington arrived in Newfoundland, what kind of mission did he start?

The answer is: The minister, Rev. Harrington, started a mission on Random Island at Middle Lance Cove. It contained a small church, school and manse. He had church services weekly and preached around the island and the west side of Trinity Bay using the mission boat the Star. He also started a school for the local children. There are still the remains of the cemetery and across the road the garden where the church and school stood.

This week the question is: One of the longest serving ministers in our congregation was Rev. Thackery. When did he serve this congregation and what happened to the large painting of him in the Armour Room?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: When did the TSO start up and who was its first leader?

The answer is: The Tenacious String Orchestra (TSO) began here in 2010 and its first leader was Allison Black. TBD!!!!!!!

This week the question is: When was the last time we had the St. David's Scout Troop?

Do you have any ideas for some church trivia? Email or call the church.

How to reach us:

Minister: Rev. David Sturtevant – Cell phone: 699-3661

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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

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	Sue Templeton	
Janet Calver	Kathy McKay	Tanya Shalaby
Penny Gillies	Steve Bruneau	Ian Bruneau
Aubrey Bonnell	Eleanor Bonnell	Jenny Griffioen
Jennifer Waterman	Ed Vanderkloet	

Board of Managers: the members of the Board are:

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