



Sunday September 18, 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Our normal 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@nfd.com.

Mission Moment – Sunday, September 18

Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) works to improve the quality of life for people living with disabilities. John, who had a limb amputated when he was younger, is a participant in a livelihoods program at the Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation Centre. As a participant, John was able to attend a workshop on vegetable production. **“I can’t thank the program and their partners, like PWS&D, enough.** I can produce enough food now to feed myself and my family because of the training and the seed that I received from the program. Thankfully, the training and the seed I received came at the right time and has proven to be the game-changer. Thank you so much for the timely intervention,” shared John. This livelihoods program with the Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation Centre is supported by PWS&D through the Presbyterian Church of Ghana.

From St. David's Auxiliary (Atlantic Mission Society)

We pray for people living with disabilities around the world, especially those who are finding practical support, love and a sense of community at the PWS&D-supported Garu Community-based Rehabilitation Centre in Ghana. Amen.

Prayer No. 33 – 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, September 18 We pray for people living with disabilities in Ghana and give thanks for the education that they receive through the Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation Program to improve their quality of life.

Monday, September 19 We pray for Sylvia Haddad, Director of the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service in Beirut, Lebanon. May God grant her strength and wisdom as she and the Committee share God's love and hope with Palestinian and Syrian refugees.

Tuesday, September 20 We pray for the members and work of the International Affairs Committee.

Wednesday, September 21 (International Day of Prayer for Peace) We pray for the power to devote our thought and energy to the task of making peace in the world, in our communities, in our churches and in our homes.

Thursday, September 22 We pray for clerks of Session as they work with ministers and elders to provide leadership and pastoral care to congregations across Canada.

Friday, September 23 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Pictou in Nova Scotia.

Saturday, September 24 We pray for the members and work of the Assembly Council.

Minister's Message...

This week we arrived back from our time in Ontario where we attended Michelle's sister Christine's wedding.

Here are two pictures from the time there ~ with many more to share in the coming weeks.



Trying on suits.



Amateur wedding photo of Christine (the Bride) and Michelle dancing up a storm at the reception.

Financial Update as of September 14 2022 – Looking towards fall and winter

Earlier this year, on June 17th we received \$42,000 from the St. Aiden's Fund (SAFUND). Those monies allowed me to do several things: \$9,202.84 was used to pay off monies due to the PCC for roughly a half year's worth of medical insurance, pension and congregational assessment. A similar amount is and will be wending its way to the PCC over the next couple of months. Our Line of Credit (LOC) had reached its limit (\$10,000) at the end of March, so a further \$10,000 was used to pay off the LOC. We had received our auditor's invoice so that \$3,450 cheque was issued and finally the last \$3,000 "borrowed" from the sinking fund was returned to it. This used \$25,654.84 of the monies received from the SAFUND. At that time there was \$16,345.16 left from the original \$42,000.

A sinking fund was set-up to try to save some money to pay off the \$30,000 federal government loan. That currently stands at \$12,051.40, no new monies have been able to be placed in it since last year. It was used seven (7) times between January 14th to May 30th to allow cheques to be written for salaries, invoices, and various payments which are taken automatically from our account throughout the month. With the receipt of the SAFUND, the last \$3,000 was moved back into the sinking fund. Re-payment of the \$30,000 is to be made by December 31, 2022. If not repaid in full, it becomes a loan at current interest rates from our bank, RBC.

Today our chequing account balance is \$14,267.08. So, you can see that the remaining money from the SAFUND have taken the place of the sinking fund and strictly speaking, that \$14,267.08 is now all that's left from the St. Aiden's Fund monies. Other income trends: PAD donations have dropped from a high of \$7,149 in May to \$6,832 in August, e-transfers remain stable, Presbyterian Sharing is down, and Sunday collections are down. All current invoices are paid. Some monthly payments come out of our account automatically: our insurance (\$692.88), Workers Comp (\$42.40), banking charges (\$77.70 + LOC interest – if any), and Irving oil (\$1,535). I have

ignored PCC requests to automatically take funds from our account. And I certainly won't write out a cheque if there is no money in the bank.

The cost of fuel will have the greatest impact on our budget as we head towards winter. At the last report from Irving Oil (Sept 1st) we will still owe some \$1,464.74 at the end of our 12-month equal payment plan **provided we got no more oil deliveries after August 13, 2022**. We have received one delivery since then, so based on previous year's usage I'm calculating an amount due of approximately \$3,798 – worst case scenario. That would mean for 2021-2022 our monthly price would be \$1,800. If oil prices rise this winter, and they probably will, then our monthly payments will rise to approximately \$2,400 per month (worst case scenario based on 33% increase due to world-wide supply problems).

But we do have bright spots.

St David's is renown for our music AND Brian Way does a great job. We would like and hope to have the choir, the choral scholars and contemporary music back later this month. There are costs associated with this return - the choral scholars (\$2,500 per term) and the contemporary service (\$535 for CCLI charges). When the Choral Scholar program started it was funded in part with directed donations for this program. Currently, it is funded solely through our current account. I would encourage people to make directed donations for our choral scholars.

We have other directed programs. The Wheels to Worship have been well used in previous years. We now have some new people coming to church who have starting using it. We may also avail of Wheels to Worship if we can get our Senior's Group up and running again. Other directed donations include the Cemetery Fund (a \$1,000 invoice) and the popular Christmas Hamper project. If you are interested, please consider directed donations to a specific program.

Fall outlook: We need more people coming to the Sunday services and filling up the collection plat. Meanwhile e-transfers should remain stable,

PAD donations have decreased, and Presbyterian Sharing donations are also down. Rentals are starting to climb. We have just finished a three-week kitchen rental for food preparation for a film production company. The Shallaway choir starts up this week, and our regular renters are coming back. We still get weekend rentals for Fridays and Saturdays. We have revised our price list up a bit, it still has three categories (congregation use, program and not-for-profit use, and commercial use). Heather's calendar for rentals looks busy.

Winter outlook: 1) Snow clearing. We have a six-month contract (\$1,552 per month) starting November 1st each year and finishing on April 30th. Possible changes – have the contract start in December and finish the end of March. 2) Oil process. There's not a lot we can do but use the heat wisely, only turning it up in time to heat the sanctuary and rental locations when needed.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments about the items discussed above OR if you have some ideas about our finances, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Anne Calver

Treasurer, St. David's

Information from the Treasurer

As treasurer I'd certainly like to thank everyone who continues to donate to St. David's through your envelopes on Sunday mornings, by e-transfers, or through your monthly PAD contributions. If you would like to donate monthly by PAD, 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.

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 accept all donations.

Request for Help

We have a new problem! So, what can that be? A helium balloon escaped and managed to wind itself around one of the fans in the hall ceiling. So along with the other items listed below, we now need someone to get out our 16-foot ladder and rescue the balloon.

Meanwhile, if you've been in the church lately, you will notice that Heather has been sprucing up the lobby. Some of our other areas are due to get a facelift as well. This includes the Tower Room used for the Archives and to a lesser extent the Clouston and Armour Rooms.

Which brings us to ...

We are looking for two to three sets of strong arms AND one tall person with a head for heights to tackle these tasks:

- the old computer desk and old filing cabinets in the Tower may eventually find a home closer to the sea (Robin Hood Bay)
- a bookcase and a filing cabinet will be moving to the Tower Room
- some furniture will be leaving the Clouston Room to be replaced by other furniture now scattered throughout the building
- and I'm sure we will come up with other items which would, or would not, like to have a moving experience!

We think this activity should take two to three hours and we can offer tea, coffee and perhaps some homemade goodies just to keep people's strength up.

Please contact the office if you're interested in helping with the 2022 Beautification Project.

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.

St. David's Church Announcements

The service this Sunday, September 18th, will be broadcast on VOWR

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

At Last ...

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) by September 25th.

Volunteers! Please call or email Heather at the Church office to offer assistance in the Creche or in Sunday School activities. Lectionary based curriculum will be provided for school-aged children.

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 have lots of supplies on site waiting for use.

We look forward to greeting you all very soon!

Please watch for updates from the Session in the Church Bulletin during the month of September!

Violet Clouston – Condolences

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Pearl and Cindy Clouston on the passing of Violet Clouston, on September 8, 2022. Violet was the widow of Donald Clouston (d. November 14, 2021), Pearl's daughter-in-law and Cindy's sister-in-law. The funeral service was held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at Barrett's Funeral Home with interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The thoughts and prayers of everyone at St. David's are with Pearl and Cindy.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday wishes to Karen Froude who will be celebrating with her family and friends on September 21st. Karen is the daughter of Sue and Ken Templeton and proud mom of Madelyn, Drayton and Jayce. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a very Happy Birthday, Karen, and may there be many more!

Also celebrating her birthday on September 21st, is Helen (Bruce) Reddick. Helen is the daughter of Pam Bruce. Your St. David's family is thinking of you Helen and sending along our best wishes. Hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy 6th Anniversary to Sarah Learmonth and David Corkey! Sarah and David were married here at St. David's on September 19, 2016. Congratulations from your St. David's family and we hope there are many years of happiness in your future! (Sarah is the daughter of Mary and Barry Learmonth.)

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.

Congregational Help....

Car for Monica Mayen

Sue Templeton sent along a note regarding Monica Mayen. Many of you have met Monica and her family in Church and at coffee time. Well, it seems that Monica has been doing her driver training and will be taking her test in the near future with the hopes of getting her driver's licence very soon! Having their own transportation would be a big step towards her family becoming more independent and give them more options for work. To that end, her next step will be to get a car!

She has asked if members of our congregation might know of someone who would be interested in selling her a car. If you know of someone she would appreciate a call. Could you please keep your ears open and if you hear of something hopeful please let her know? Or give Sue or Ken or St. David's a call.

Please keep Monica and her children in your thoughts and prayers. Still no word on progress of her husband's immigration status. The Association of New Canadians (ANC) and Ken continue to support this process.

Please note that the Atlantic Missionary Society "picnic lunch meeting" scheduled for this Sunday, September 18th at 12:30pm, must be postponed. We hope to announce the new date very soon.

Stay tuned ...

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

St. David’s Women’s Auxiliary (W. A.) will hold its first Fall meeting on **Tuesday, September 20, 2022**, at 12 Noon. A light Lunch will be provided!

Please join us as we talk about some plans for the coming year and any new ideas you may have!

We look forward to seeing you and welcome an opportunity to catch up on happenings in your world over the past two years when getting together has not been possible!

For further information, you may contact one of the following: Lillian Crawford (754-2362), Janet Calver (745-1343), Janet Aitken (726-1916) or Heather in the Church Office (722-2382).

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 will be arriving 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.

Dear members of St. David's congregation:

I hope you are doing well today!

September is Hunger Action Month and I know that food security is an important issue for you. I won't sugarcoat things: August was our busiest month so far this year as thousands of people in the metro region have been profoundly impacted by the soaring cost of rent and food prices--and people haven't even turned their heat on yet. This will spike another increase in demand from those living on a limited income, like our most vulnerable: seniors.

It has been a tough few years for so many of us, but we must not give up, as most of us are only a paycheque or two from having to use a food bank ourselves.

I can't help but feel even more determined during these unprecedented times to help those who are suffering from hunger. As the Executive Director I have seen firsthand, again and again, how people like YOU step up and refuse to accept that our neighbours go hungry.

Personally, I have been doing my best to see these challenges as opportunities to help more people. One of the questions I often reflect on is, "How do we make the most impact to those who are food insecure? And are we being inclusive and accessible to those people?"

So, in October we will be increasing our hours of operation and opening on Wednesday evenings for the first time to help address the increased demand, especially for people who work during the day but can no longer make ends meet.

Will you take action this month and help us meet these challenges?

Here are some ways that you can help:

- Have a Food Drive at your workplace or Community Group.
- Advocate and Educate – Follow us on Facebook and Instagram and share our posts.
- Donate Recyclables.
- Host a Fundraiser at your work or challenge your friends.
- Donate – No amount is too small!

For more information or to donate check out our NEW WEBSITE –
www.bridgestohope.ca

Thank you for your continued support,

Jody Williams

Executive Director

Bridges to Hope

Outside Announcements and Activities

Cochrane Street United Church FALL PLANT AND HARVEST SALE is Saturday, October 1, from 11:00am–2:00pm. Come visit us on the patio at 81 Cochrane Street to see our indoor & outdoor plants, chutneys, relishes, jams and marmalades! If you have any questions, please contact the church office by Tuesday, September 27, at info@cochranestreetuc.com or 722-3023

From the Archives

As we try to resume more “normal” Church services, we look forward to having the choir back along with the choral scholars! Won’t it be great to hear their voices again! This week, the picture from the archives shows our choir from a few years back. Does anyone want to take a guess at the date? I’d love to know as there was no date on the back of the picture.

Back Row: (left to right) Heather Patey, Mitchell Spencer, Don McKay, Angus Bruneau, John Duff, Jonathan Dent, Lori Kim denOtter, Viola Duff.

Front Row: (left to right) Kirsten McKay, Marikje denOtter, Elena Hannah, Sarah Small, Jean Bruneau, Sue Crichton, Claire Martin, Elizabeth Thistle, Leslie Stuckless

Thanks Pam for the pictures!



Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: Were there any special celebrations at the 100th anniversary of the church?

The answer is: Not really. Rev Thomas Hall was a missionary at heart and in 1875 did visit the “Western shore” reporting that there was greater destitution there than in the North (which he visited in 1872). What may have put a damper on any celebration: on Sunday November 8, 1874, there was a fire in the church’s furnaces and classrooms. They had to buy a new furnace only partially covered by insurance.

This week the question is: What was the name of the vessel built at Shoal Harbour for use in Trinity Bay?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: For the start to the Sunday school year, can you name the recent leader(s)?

The answer is: I may be wrong, but from most recent backwards: Sue Templeton, Diana Wamsteeker, and Amy Palmer.

This week the question is: When did we start the Choral Scholar program?

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

Music Director: Brian Way

Church Administrator: Heather Steele Morrissey

Church Office: (709) 722-2382 ~ Monday – Friday 9:00 to 1:00

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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

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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