

Sunday October 16, 19th Sunday after Pentecost

The service is at 11 am and we are grateful to be meeting 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 16

In Pakistan, after repeated and prolonged droughts, Rano and her husband, Jeevo, were left with land that was unable to produce a harvest. As they were contending with worries about how they would feed their family, the situation turned worse when Jeevo's mother died, and they had to take on significant debt in order to pay for the funeral expenses. Jeevo went to Karachi to work, while Rano purchased food and necessities for the family on credit. Unfortunately, Jeevo's earnings were only enough to pay their debt and nothing else. Things finally improved when Rano and Jeevo's family were selected to be part of a Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) food assistance project, where they received food packages of oil, wheat, rice, sugar, tea and salt. **As a church, our Christian response to hunger is put into action through PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank.**

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

We are thankful for the support and blessings of all those who have helped us in our most challenging times this last year and before. We ask your blessing on all those who have lost their homes, their livelihoods, their security and their hope in the times of recurrent disasters in Pakistan. Help us to respond with generosity in prayer, in assistance, in aid to the best of our abilities.

Prayer No. 43 – 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 16 (Students and Colleges Sunday) We give thanks to God for our three theological colleges—The Presbyterian College (Montreal, Quebec), Knox College (Toronto, Ontario) and St. Andrew’s Hall/Vancouver School of Theology (British Columbia)—and we pray for the students as they prepare for ministry.

Monday, October 17 (International Day for the Eradication of Poverty) We pray for an end to poverty, as well as for guidance and strength for those who are working to eliminate poverty and helping meet the needs of all who are experiencing it.

Tuesday, October 18 We pray for guidance and creativity for the Women’s Missionary Society Council Executive and the 2024 Planning Team as they meet at the national office of the PCC from October 17–19.

Wednesday, October 19 We pray for the members and work of the Life and Mission Agency Committee.

Thursday, October 20 We pray for the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan and for Nancy Lin, Ecumenical Relations Program Secretary, as she recovers from a medical condition.

Friday, October 21 We give thanks and pray for those working in nursing and long-term care homes and hospitals as they provide care to people, often in understaffed facilities.

Saturday, October 22 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Edmonton Urban Native Ministry in Alberta, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Minister's Message



Oliver at the McDonalds Play Place. Can you find him?

Hint: all you can see is part of his leg, with a black sock on his foot.

(Mark 6:30-32) "The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place."

This week, I gave Michelle a break one morning and took the boys to McDonalds all by myself for breakfast. Of course, I ended up sitting by myself eating my sandwich and drinking my coffee, because as soon as they saw the tubes and tunnels in the play room, they were suddenly not hungry anymore. There was no-one else in there, so I had a very pleasant morning enjoying a leisurely meal while I kept an ear open for cries of trouble that never came. With such active kids, rest is a precious and rare commodity. It can be easy for us to forget the importance of rest. Far too often, we buy into the modern idea that rest is, at best, an inconvenience we must endure when we've reached our limits. But that isn't the picture that scripture paints! It's not an accident that the creation story in Genesis 1 has God Almighty rest on the seventh day of creation. It isn't weakness that leads Jesus away from the crowds to pray! Rest helps us gain perspective, energize, connect with God, give thanks, notice our blessings and grow wise to the temptations we face.

May you set aside time to find rest this week. Whether it is an evening with a good book and a cup of tea, a morning coffee on a park bench, or a walk around the pond, may you make time to get out of your head, set your worries aside for a moment, and rest. It's in those moments of rest that we are most open to being warmed by God's love, and that Good News is always worth a few minutes of your day.

Information from the Treasurer

Fiscal Updates

Over the next couple of weeks, you'll read some of the challenges this church now faces and some of the things we can all do to help.

If you look at this week's trivia questions and wait a week for the answers, you'll see how we fared with money management projects in the past.

You have all heard the quickly changing price of gas and in our case the cost of heating oil. St. David's has a flat rate monthly charge based on our previous usage history. That works out well, because on the first of November each year I get solid information for the budget. Last year that cost was set at \$1,535 per month. This year while we burned about the same amount of oil, the price moved up and down through the year. If, at the end of the year we burned more than was expected or the prices rose higher than expected, we must cover the difference. This year that will be around \$3,450.

Several years ago we were paying \$1,830 a month. So we did something. We set the thermostats to only come on when that space was being used. By the end of the year we were under budget and our monthly price dropped for the following year.

There's not much we can do about the price of oil, we can control how we use it. And that's what we've been doing.

My Thanks

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, contact 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. We accept donations through Canada Helps, via Canada Post, or you may 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 . It is linked to our bank account and automatically accepts all donations.

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.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada's seasonal newspaper "**Presbyterian Connection**" **Fall 2022** has arrived. You will find copies just outside the church office. Please help yourself.

St. David's Church Announcements

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.

In-Person Sunday School

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

Thank you to the Volunteers who have helped with our children's program for the past two weeks. We do need more volunteer assistants to consistently offer a program, and ask for a time commitment of one Sunday per month, ideally with two or more volunteers per week.

We look forward to welcoming more children and would appreciate extra hands to help them enjoy the activities planned for them! We will provide a Lectionary based curriculum for school-aged children. And we have lots of supplies on site waiting for use.

If you would like to find out what is involved please contact Heather at the church office or Sue Templeton anytime ... Or, please join us one Sunday as our guest to observe the children's program in action!

Food For Thought (from Ernst Rollmann)

The Food for Thought fellowship, prayer, and discussion group for young adults met weekly this year on Zoom from January 18 through August 8. After a short summer break, we started meeting again on September 29. The meeting time, Zoom link, and discussion topic or Bible passage is sent out in a weekly email. We are currently meeting on Thursdays at 7pm. We are discussing the Pastoral Epistles (1 & 2 Timothy, Titus). Anyone interested in participating should email me at ernstrollmann12@gmail.com. New folks are always welcome!

Women's Bible Study

Starting this Saturday, October 15th at 7:00pm, a new Bible Study program will be offered by Christina Shalaby.

The Bible study will be based on the study book called "Rooted" and will cover the foundations of Christianity, how we become rooted in our relationship with God through Jesus Christ and how we can live, support and serve as Christians in community together based on biblical truths. Women of all ages are welcome and Christina will provide an e-version of the book for anyone who would like to join. She asks that everyone bring a mobile device (ipad/laptop) to access their book along with a Bible.

The meeting will take place at 16 Caldwell Place ~ Christina's contact info is as follows:

Phone: 709-770-0217 and email: christinashalaby@outlook.com

Transportation can be arranged.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Time really seems to fly and we are already looking ahead to our next project –

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2022

We are hoping to do at least forty-five (45) hampers, or more, this year!

The proposed delivery date is Saturday, December 17, 2022.

More information/details will come later but we are starting to stockpile some of the non-perishable items **now** so that there will be less to purchase when December arrives. Here's how you can help!

From the list below, select one or more items and donate it, placing it on the Food Trolley on Sunday or dropping it off at the Office during the week (Hours 9 AM – 1 PM daily).

Watch the Flyer “specials” to get the best deals possible!

Thank you for your support!

Non-perishable food items we generally need to purchase:

Sugar	Flour	Tuna
Green peas	Corn	Evaporated milk
Cheese Whiz	Peanut butter	Juice (1 L)
Cereal (box)	Teabags	Coffee (Instant)
Crackers	Cookies	Beans (tin)

P. S. Monetary donations or gift cards are always helpful and appreciated!

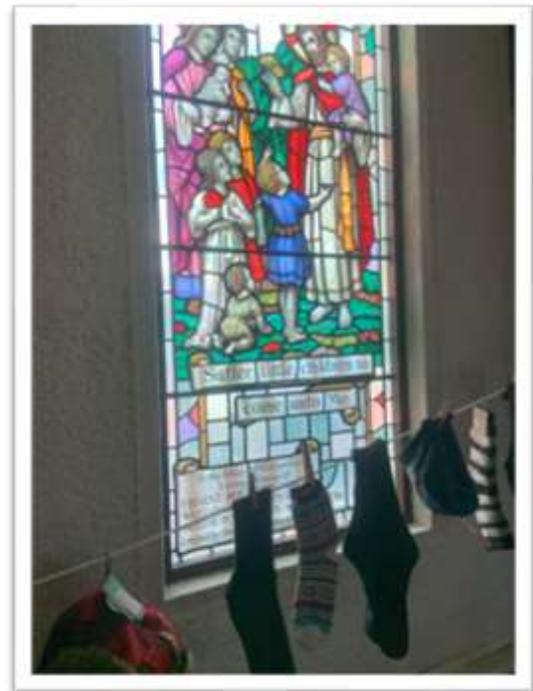
From the A.M.S. ...

At the beginning of the month we announced the start our annual “Socktober” where we hope to fill the clothesline around the Sanctuary with socks, mittens and personal care items.

What a great response from the congregation!! As you can see our lines are filling to overflowing!!! These items are gathered to help the most vulnerable in our community.

As a reminder, 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.



Also from the A.M.S.

AMS will be **meeting October 23 after worship**. All are welcome to join us in Armour Room. We plan to watch a presentation about Presbyterian World Service and Development.



Many of you have vegetable gardens and would likely all agree that it was an incredible growing season. These beauties (pictured above) are the result of Janet Calver & Brian Gamberg's hard work. And I can attest, they were as tasty as they are beautiful! Yum!!

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations (October 17th-23rd)

Happy Birthday to Jean Patey who will be celebrating her birthday with family and friends on October 22nd. Jean is the daughter of Heather and Bob Patey and the granddaughter of Sylvia and Bob Taylor. From all the folks here at St. David's, we wish you a very Happy Birthday Jean! We hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Emily Critch who will be celebrating her birthday on October 18th. Emily is the daughter of Jennifer and Paul Critch and the granddaughter of Jean and Clayton Collins. With lots of family and friends, near and far to help you celebrate, we know it will be a wonderful day. Best wishes Emily from everyone here at St. David's!

Birthday greetings go out to Timothy Bassler who will be celebrating his birthday on October 21st. Timothy will be celebrating his special day with his mom and dad, Sarah and Paul Bassler, his siblings, Julia and Alexander, his grandfather, Gerhard Bassler and of course all his aunts and uncles and cousins, near and far. Happy Birthday Timothy from your St. David's family! We hope you have a great birthday!

Happy Birthday greetings to Matthew Hudson who will be celebrating his birthday on October 22nd. Matthew is the son of Michele and Geoffrey Hudson and grandson of Sylvia and Dave Hudson. Best wishes Matthew from your St. David's family!

Happy Anniversary to Meghan and David Mochulski who will be celebrating their 4th anniversary on October 18th! Meghan is the daughter of Olive and Charlie Goobie. Congratulations and best wishes on your anniversary from all the folks here at St. David's!

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.

Thanksgiving Feast – Rollman's

We had a great note from Marcella Rollman this week with news about her gardening endeavours this past summer. It culminated in a wonderful Thanksgiving Feast as you'll see from the picture below. It's always great to hear from the Marcella because she is so keen about her garden and everything she grows. Her enthusiasm is encouraging for all the gardeners out there! Here is some of her letter...

We enjoyed daily green salads, tomatoes, and cucumbers for months. We still have peppers. We planted potatoes and carrots in containers on grow tables. Will still be harvesting those for a while. Both have a much better taste than any from the store. We enjoyed many zucchinis grown in containers in the garden. We set up a portable screen house to protect cabbages planted in containers. They are doing well. The in-ground garden is always a struggle. We need to build up the soil better. Ernst has beets, turnips, radishes, and onions in the ground. We have been using from the onions. Next big project will be to harvest the crab apples. Good crop this year. I was waiting for them to fall, but they seem to have no intention of that. So we may be climbing and picking. We also had success increasing the size of the strawberry bed outside planted from streamers from the ever-bearing that we have had for years in the greenhouse. Some of the tomato, pepper, and cucumber plants were grown from seeds I saved from last year, so that was a first.

We try to serve for Thanksgiving only what we have grown, caught (capelin), or foraged (blueberries, chanterelles). Attached is a photo. The Thanksgiving menu consisted of veggie boil-up, pan-fried capelin, and blueberry cobbler.

Give our best wishes to everyone.

Marcella



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

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

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.

Bridges to Hope

Here are some "specials" from the weekly flyers which are always useful for Bridges To Hope and can be added to our Food Trolley:

Weekly "Specials"

October 13 - 19, 2022

Good Suggestions for the Food Trolley

Walmart	Campbell's Soup	\$0.67
	Cloverleaf Tuna	\$0.97*
Lawtons	Heinz Tomato Soup	2/\$1.20

*Also good item for Christmas Hamper

Outside Announcements and Activities

St. John's Choir Card Game

The St. John's Choir will host a card game (bridge or 120's) on Wednesday, Oct. 26 at Wesley United Church Hall starting at 7:00pm with dessert served with tea or coffee. Admission is \$15.00, bring your own cards and snacks. Call Helen at 682-4982 or Carolyn at 690-6329.

Topsail United Church

Annual On-Line Harvest Auction will take place from Tuesday, Oct.4 at 8 A.M and will close on Thursday, October 27 at 11 P.M. Please visit <https://www.charityauctionstoday.com> to register to bid. For More information, please contact the church Office at 834-4567. Thank You.

Quilts @ The Cathedral

Come join us and view this magnificent display and read the stories of the Quilts. Quilts @ The Cathedral takes place Friday, October 28th from 12 noon to 7 p.m. and Saturday, October 29th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Quiet Hour from 10 to 11 a.m.) Music will be offered at regular times during the exhibit.

Tea/Coffee and sweets will be available in the Cathedral Crypt on Saturday, for \$5 per person.

Entrance to the event is by donation (\$5 suggested) or pay what you are able. All donations go to support the ministry and outreach of the Cathedral Parish.

Would you like to be part of the Quilts @ The Cathedral Show? For more information visit: <https://ourcathedral.ca/quilts/>

From The Archives

This week, I came across an award presented to the St. David's Junior Choir in 1981. Apparently, they participated in the Kiwanis Music Festival - Class #39, Entry #1, Church Choirs - and they won first place with a mark of 89!!

Some of the comments from the adjudicator included "... I like the way the voices are kept free. It is also good to have uniform vocal colour." and "Very lovely soloist. Upper part of voice used very naturally."

Anyway, it was a great accomplishment for our Junior Choir. Does anyone remember this event? We'd love to hear from you if you do.....

As always, thanks to Pam for taking care of these little treasures from our past.



Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: Who was the only member of the Canadian military to serve as our minister?

The answer is: During World War II, John F. Nute became our minister from 1941 to 1943. He resigned from the church to become a Chaplain in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Rev. Nute was born in New Jersey in 1907 and attended the Wheaton and Westminster Seminary. In 1936 when he married Marjory Cox he was living in Nova Scotia and serving as a Presbyterian Minister. The family eventually moved to Maple Ridge BC, where John died on Oct 29, 1986. His wife died in 1997 and is buried beside her husband.

This week the question is: Who was the minister who came to the Queen's Road Church, discovered a \$15,000 debt and worked diligently with the congregation to pay off the mortgage? And for an extra question, that was done during a Thanksgiving ceremony in which year?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What do the initials C.G.I.T. stand for and when did this group close at St. David's?

The answer is: The C.G.I.T. stands for Canadian Girls in Training. This group was active in during the 1960's and wound down in the early 1970's.

This week the question is: What does St. David's generally do now to obtain money for large projects?

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

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

Prayer Shawl (Knitters) – Bouwina Fogwill

Food For Thought – Ernst Rollmann

Women's Bible Study – Christina Shalaby

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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