



Sunday October 30, 21st 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.

This Sunday is our Contemporary Service and we welcome Rev Derek Krunys, who will be leading our worship. Rev Sturtevant is in Grand Falls at St. Matthew's.

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 30

When the war in Ukraine started, Irina's family was torn apart. Her husband joined the territorial defence force to serve his country, while Irina and their two children sought refuge at her parents' house. The sound of bombs exploding nearby made it clear that the situation was still unsafe, and Irina determined to find a safer place for her family. On their way to the evacuation point, bombs started falling on the settlement. Irina was fortunate to see a convoy of cars passing by, which her family hastily joined. Eventually, they were able to catch a train to western Lviv, where they found safe shelter at a refugee centre run by Hungarian Interchurch Aid through the ACT Alliance, supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.

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

Lord, we thank you for the work of ACT Alliance that allows for comprehensive and co-ordinated responses in the aftermath of disasters. AMEN.

Prayer No. 60 – 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 30 We pray for peace, and we give thanks for the life-saving support Presbyterian World Service & Development partners are providing to families suffering the terrifying consequences of war in Ukraine.

Monday, October 31 (Reformation Day) Strengthen our hearts, O God; make them eager to serve you and your purposes. Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and awaken us to the greatness of your glory and the breadth of your grace.

Tuesday, November 1 (All Saints Day) We thank God for knitting us into one fellowship; for the people who have gone ahead of us in the faith and who loved us, formed our faith and served God with joy and grace.

Wednesday, November 2 We pray for the people of the Vindhya-Satpura region in India—known as the Bhil Field—who will be celebrating a 125-year relationship with the PCC, and we ask for God’s blessing on Pauline Brown as she continues to live in India and serve the people she calls her family in Christ.

Thursday, November 3 We pray for the members of the Committee on Education and Reception as they meet this week with candidates and ministers who have applied to be received into The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Friday, November 4 As the days grow shorter and colder, we pray for the homeless and underhoused and give thanks for those who provide shelter, food and friendship.

Saturday, November 5 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Winnipeg Inner City Missions in Manitoba, and we give thanks for their ministry

Minister's Message

This Monday will be Hallowe'en, and many young children in our community will be out and about knocking on doors and hoping for chocolate and treats from their neighbours.

Hallowe'en is a conflicted celebration for some Christians, as we try to balance our call to be messengers of the Gospel with the celebrations of this holiday. For my part, I am happy to have my kids participate in trick-or-treating and dressing up. I think the connection it builds between neighbours is important and in line with Jesus' call for us to connect with those around us and share love (and a little chocolate) with them as well.

For those of you thinking of carving pumpkins in the coming days, I offer this little story I heard years ago that turns carving a Jack-o-lantern into a time for teaching the Good News. Through the cleaning, carving and shining of the Jack-o-lantern we can remember our own calling to shine as the light of Christ in the world. In Jesus Christ, scary things are undone, evil is defeated, and fearful symbols (like the cross, or perhaps the Jack-o-Lantern) can be transformed into symbols of God's love. What Good News that is!

Being a Christian is like being a Jack O Lantern.
God picks you from the patch, brings you in,
and washes all the dirt off of you.
Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff.
He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed.
Then He carves you a new smiling face
and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see.

May you recognize that no matter how out dated, small or underpowered you feel, you have unique gifts that God can use. They may not be the same as the gifts of those around you, but not every plane needs to be a 747. God has made you and equipped you for your own path. What Good News that is.



Information from the Treasurer

Fiscal Updates

For 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. Last week the first article was on the church's heating and the price of oil.

This week, the spotlight is on the church's snow clearing. The current snow clearing contract runs from November 1st to April 30th, a six month time period. Both the parking lot and the drive in the front of the church are plowed and salted. We are on year three of a three-year contract and have been paying \$1,552.50 per month.

This year I proposed to Session the reduction of this contract to a four month one running from the first of December to the last of March. This means that if we have a major snowstorm or freezing causing an icy parking lot in either November or April we could be in trouble for a short period of time. The only drawback is for our renters who may face a snowy or icy entrance to the parking lot.

Session, in turn, also suggested another option is to also NOT plow the front of the church, we would have to use the narthex entrance for the duration.

What are the implications? Generally they are few, since in November and April the temperatures rise and if the sun is out, thawing solves any snow or ice problems. Because another possible implication is if someone slips and falls during a period when we are not plowing or salting the lot, opening us to problems with our insurance. If that is the case we should have salt on hand and someone to spread it if the occasion arises.

What are the savings? Last year we paid \$1,552.50 per month or \$9,370 for the season. By moving to a four-month coverage, the price would drop to \$6,210, a savings of \$3,160. If you have any thoughts or comments on the snow-clearing and salting of the lot and driveway, please contact the office or email me.

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.

The October 30th Sunday's service will be rebroadcast on VOWR that evening.

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.

Sunday School

In person Sunday school has resumed with classes during the 11:00am service.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have helped with the children's program for the past few 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.

So with that in mind, please sign up for November and December on the roster - which can be found on the bulletin board opposite the church office. It would be most appreciated if you would do this at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

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 at [gmail.com](mailto:ernstrollmann12@gmail.com). New folks are always welcome!

Bible Study has returned!

Our long standing Bible Study has started again. Under the guidance of Sheena Findlay, the study group meets every Wednesday morning in the Armour Room from 10:30am to 12:00 noon.

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!

Women's Bible Study

A new Bible Study program being offered by Christina Shalaby, will be offered this Sunday, October 30rd, following Sunday worship in the Armour Room.

This Bible study will be based on the study book called "Rooted". It 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.

Christina's contact information is as follows:

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

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.

AMS met Sunday, October 23 after worship in the Armour Room. We watched an excellent presentation about Presbyterian World Service and Development, which is marking its 75th anniversary in 2022. If you would like to view the presentation, please contact the church office for information.

The Presbyterian Message subscriptions are up for renewal in November. The cost is \$15.00/annually for either electronic or paper versions. Please contact Kathy McKay (circulation manager) or the church office to renew or start a subscription. Thank you.

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy Birthday to Emily Hancock who will be celebrating her birthday on October 31st with family and friends. Emily is the daughter of Roxanne and David Hancock and the grand-daughter of Evelyn and Nowell Melendy. We hope you have a wonderful birthday – and best wishes from everyone here at St. David's Emily!

Happy Birthday greetings to Eleanor Bonnell who will be celebrating her birthday on October 31st. Eleanor will be celebrating her big day with husband, Aubrey, and (from afar) two sons, Scott and Stephen (currently living in the US with their families), other family members and many friends. Eleanor is a valued and long-standing member of our St. David's family. She is an elder, an active and supportive member of the WA and a devoted Bridges to Hope volunteer. From everyone here at St. David's, Eleanor, best wishes for a wonderful birthday – and may there be many more!

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Steeley Ellis who will be celebrating her birthday on November 1st with family and friends. Steeley is the daughter of Neil Ellis and grand-daughter of Barbara Ellis. Best wishes Steeley from your St. David's family and we hope you have a great day!

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Sophie Bailey who will be celebrating her 13th birthday on November 3rd. Sophie is the daughter of Catherine and Richard Bailey and grand-daughter of Judy and Dave Bonnell. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a great day Sophie with your family and friends! Enjoy!

Happy Wedding Anniversary to Janet and Paul Aitken who will be celebrating their 51st wedding anniversary on November 6th! Janet and Paul were married here at St. David's by Rev. Armour. Congratulations to you both from all your friends here at St. David's and may there be many more wonderful years ahead to celebrate!

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

The Good Companions group are wondering if there might be a few people interested in getting together on Thursday afternoons to play Bridge. If you would like to, please call Heather in the office at 722-2382 and she will put you in touch with the organizers.

The Prayer Shawl Knitters will meet Tuesday, November 1st at 10:00am in the Armour Room. Hope to see you there!

The W.A. Lunch & Bridge went so well in October that we are planning another for November! Here are the details:

Location: St. David's Presbyterian Church,
98 Elizabeth Avenue

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 23, 2022
Lunch at 12:30pm with Bridge to follow

Menu: Choice of (1) Pea soup (2) Turkey soup or
(3) "Specialty soup", Rolls, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Reservations: Tables of four (4) must be booked in advance!
(maximum 20 tables)

To reserve a table, please call Lillian at 754-2362 or Heather at the Church Office (722-2382).

On-going Activities

Bridges to Hope

Jody Williams, Executive Director at Bridges To Hope, has given the Board of Directors a list of items that are always in short supply and which should be considered 'staples' in our hampers.

The Board has decided to designate the *first Sunday of each month* when a special appeal will be sent to participating churches to ask their congregations to provide these items – **a different item each month**. The hope is that a unified appeal from our two Presbyterian and seven United churches will supply many hampers. These items may be brought to the churches or to Bridges to Hope.

The first Sunday of November is designated as "**Peanut Butter Sunday**". Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Weekly "Specials"

October 27 – November 2, 2022

Good Suggestions for the Food Trolley

Colemans	Primo Pasta	\$0.99
	Heinz Tomato Soup	\$0.99
Dominion	Graves Apple Juice	\$0.99
Shoppers Drug Mart	No Name Peanut Butter	\$2.99
	Colgate Toothpaste	\$0.88
Walmart	Kraft Dinner	\$0.97
No Frills	Clover Leaf Tuna	\$0.99 **
	Mario's Corned Beef	\$2.50 **
	Quaker Instant Oatmeal	\$2.99

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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.

Outside Announcements and Activities

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.

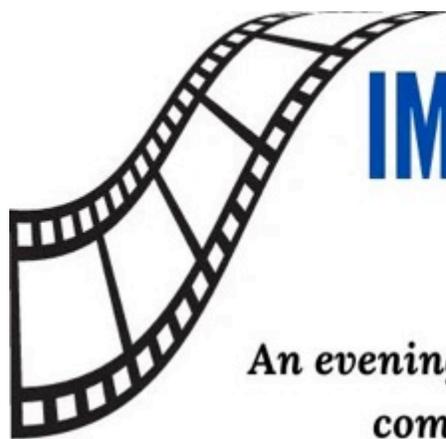
Entrance to the event is by donation (\$5 suggested) or pay what you are able. All donations go to support the ministry and outreach of the Cathedral Parish.

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

Coastal Sounds Choir Association will be holding rehearsals for our Upcoming Christmas Cantata. The rehearsals dates are Nov 5.12.19. 26 and Dec 3 and 10. Cost \$25. Rehearsals will be held at Topsail United Church. from 2 until 4 P.M.

Please register on our Facebook

page <https://www.facebook.com/CoastalSoundsChoir>



L'ARCHE AVALON PRESENTS

IMAGINE THE WORLD DIFFERENTLY

*An evening of short films on disability,
community, and inclusion.*

**Friday, November 4th
7-8:30pm
MUN Med School
Room 1M101**

Featuring:

- *Variety of short films on disability
- *Q&A with documentary filmmaker
Michael McDonald
- *Information on L'Arche Avalon
- *Light refreshments

**FREE ADMISSION
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

For more information contact
office@larcheavalon.ca



A very special event ...

Join us for *The 18: A Come Home Year Concert of Remembrance*.

Friday, November 11, 2:00 p.m. at The Basilica of St. John the Baptist.

On Remembrance Day, Friday, November 11, choirs and performers come together for a powerful musical event at the Basilica. One of the many highlights is a newly created narrative, *THE 18*, celebrating the children of London's Beatrix Potter School, who uplift and illuminate the memory of 18 Newfoundlanders laid to rest far from home during WW1. This musical event will also feature The Ennis Sisters, Petrina Bromley, The Royal Newfoundland Regiment Band and several incredible choirs and performers, including Mason Dicker & Annabelle Ramsay, Lakecrest Chamber Choir, Lady Cove Women's Choir, La Rose des vents, Newman Sound Men's Choir, The NL Deaf Choir, Silvern Voices from Corner Brook and The Singing Legionnaires.

FREE ADMISSION – general seating. Remembrance Day, Nov. 11, 2:00 p.m.
The Basilica.

From The Archives

This week, I wanted to share with you a picture from the Telegram from December 28, 2000. It was the time the Millennium Quilting Exhibit came to St. David's with an exhibit of more than 40 quilts from across Canada. The year 2000, was also the 125th anniversary of the four branches of Presbyterianism joining to form the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The subject matter of each quilt in the Millennium Quilting Exhibit could capture any aspect of the history of the church, either from an historical or national point of view or from a more personal association with a particular congregation. The quilt featured in the Telegram was titled "From Sea to Sea". It was stitched by Judie Coleman, Ruth Grant, Pam Livingstone, Jean MacDonald, Pat Pollard and Isabelle Yeo of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Calgary.

As always, thanks to Pam for taking care of all these great pictures and articles from our past!



Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

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

The answer is: The Rev. Frederick Sass arrived at the Queen's Road Church in 1944. He found that the church was carrying a large debt of some \$15,000. He was a popular minister within the congregation and with other ministers in the city. With hard work by everyone, within 4 years the debt was paid. To celebrate this a Thanksgiving ceremony was held with ministers from the city's United churches, Gower, Cochrane and George Street and representatives from other churches. The oldest member of the church burned the mortgage.

This week the question is: Who was the minister who served the shortest time in the church's history?

Recent History:

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

The answer is: The church approaches the Presbyterian Church in Canada for a loan. Most are for a period of fifteen years and if the loan is paid off in full at the end of that term, the interest paid on the loan is returned to the church.

This week the question is: What were the last two projects that used this method of obtaining funds?

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

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	

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