

Sunday October 9, 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Holy Communion will be celebrated at this Thanksgiving Service

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.

A special thank you to Jenny Griffioen for leading the music this Sunday.

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 9

While God’s message of love, hope and faith stays the same, ways of engaging in ministry are continually changing. Recognizing that God was calling them to do something new, Erskine Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, Ontario, engaged in a process of discernment where they revealed a vision of being “a healthy, loving family for each and every neighbour.” This vision was put into action by rallying together with community groups to provide care and support in practical ways, such as creating a food pantry to provide food and essential items to their community. **Presbyterians Sharing helps congregations engage in intentional renewal.**

Mission Prayer

God, we thank you for your harvest which feeds us so many times each day.

We are nourished with your forgiveness and hope.

We are sustained with your strength and patience.

We are filled with your grace and compassion.

God, we thank you for feeding us with a harvest of plenty.

We are restored through your generosity and healing.

We are replenished with your abundance and joy.

We are reminded of your selfless abandon. 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 9 (Harvest Sunday) We give thanks to God for the earth and all its beauty and resources, and we pray for a more just care of the earth and its resources.

Monday, October 10 (Thanksgiving Day) We give thanks and pray for ministries that operate food banks and community pantries, providing food, toiletries and other essential items to those in need.

Tuesday, October 11 We give thanks to God for challenging us to discover and participate in God's mission each day with neighbours through our words and deeds.

Wednesday, October 12 We pray for the staff and volunteers of Living Waters Mission in Peterborough, Ontario, who share God's love and acceptance for people who struggle with isolation, addiction and mental health.

Thursday, October 13 The church has confessed to the harm caused when we exclude and ostracize LGBTQI people. We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as we work to repair damaged relationships and contribute to healing.

Friday, October 14 We pray for the Rev. Dr. Ernest van Eck, the new principal of Knox College in Toronto, Ontario.

Saturday, October 15 As we mark **World Food Day** tomorrow, we pray for the millions of people suffering the effects of climate change and conflict-induced hunger, and give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development partners who are striving to end hunger.

Minister's Message

This past week, we made a family trip to Lester's farm for some entertainment. They have a corn maze, a slide, wagon rides, animals to look at and feed, the whole fall experience. But truly, their hope is that beyond even the admission fee, you will also take the time to purchase some of their produce or one of the thousands of pumpkins arranged everywhere, standing in orange lines along the sides of every path and around every field. As the kids ran and climbed and played, I took some time to inspect the options. Pumpkins come in every size and shape, but naturally, when I found the one in this picture I had a bit of a chuckle! As my kids pointed out, it "looks like a butt", and I hope that everyone of every age can giggle a bit at this unwittingly scandalous vegetable.

If thanksgiving can remind us of something, surely it is to slow down and appreciate the good things all around us. Too often we are in a rush, hurrying down the path without pausing to appreciate the good things lining it. We rush by and forget to smile, to enjoy, and to laugh.

May you take some time this holiday weekend to appreciate what God has given you, even if it makes you laugh. If your life is blessed, like a healthy pumpkin plump with abundance and shiny with success, may you celebrate. But even if things are turning out different than you expected, and if your life has an unexpected crack down the middle you'd rather not show off, I hope you can still find in this pumpkin I found a reason to smile, to laugh, and give thanks. For although God's creations may not always be perfect, they are always loved and called good by their Creator. That's Good News for us today!



Information from the Treasurer

Update on the Projects

The 2022 Beautification Project has the gear it needs to get going: containers for Green Depot recycling, the paper/ cardboard and containers. The City has provided information on what is to go where, so when recycling please follow the instructions! Remember, Timmies cups are NOT recyclable, so please toss out any remaining dregs before putting them in the garbage.

The Choir or Music Project which started with comments from Lillian and members of the congregation is slowly coming along. All we need are some willing singers.

The most recent quest was to see more people in church on Sundays and **the numbers continue to grow!** We have welcomed several new people and visitors, whom we invite to Coffee Hour for a chance to have a chat and get to know one another. An outcome of increased numbers is that the Coffee Hour has moved from the Armour Room to the hall.

Sunday School started last week with three teachers and four students and was described as fun. I'm just not sure who had the most fun, the teachers or the students.

Treasurer's 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 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.

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.

On a personal note ...

I wanted to take a moment in this season of Thanksgiving, to thank all of you for your heartfelt words, cards, emails and calls at the time of my/our Dad, James Steele's passing this summer. I know he meant a lot to all of you too and I'm so grateful for the stories and memories you had of him and for taking the time to share them with us.

I also want to offer our gratitude for your significant donations in memoriam to St. David's. As you all know, Dad was devoted to supporting the church and its ministries. Your kind gestures will be gratefully remembered.

Not a day goes by that I don't miss him, but I am thankful for all he taught me ~ how he lived by example ~ the lessons learned and the opportunity to try again everyday to live a life that matters ... to do my best.

If you will indulge me, there is a poem that I believe captures how he would want me/us to live our lives and in doing so remember him ...

Turn Again To Life

“If I should die and leave you here a while,
be not like others sore undone,
who keep long vigils by the silent dust, and weep.
For my sake, turn again to life and smile,
nerving thy heart and trembling hand to do
something to comfort weaker hearts than thine.
Complete these dear unfinished tasks of mine
And I, perchance may therein comfort you.”

By Mary Lee Hall

With sincere appreciation from the family,
Heather Steele Morrissey

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 has begun !!!

- **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 or children.

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

Thank you and we look forward to welcoming you!!

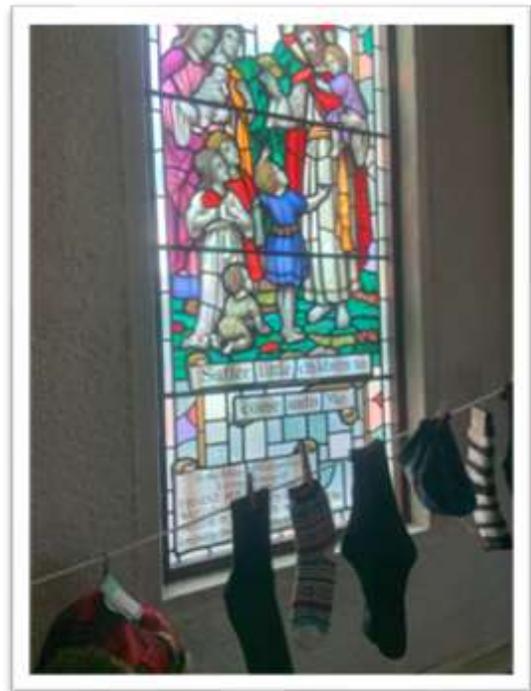
From the A.M.S. ...

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.



Prayer Shawl Group

The Prayer Shawl (Knitter's) Group met on Tuesday morning past for the first time since our summer break. As always, it was so good to get together again and get caught up on all the news. There were obviously many hands that were busy with the knitting needles over the summer (see the picture below) and Bouwina was delighted to display all the beautifully knitted goods that will find a good home later in the Fall and Winter.



We are always happy to welcome experienced and "how-do-you-cast-on-stitches?" knitters to our group. Our next get-together is in November. Contact Heather, in the Office, or Bouwina Fogwill, to find out more information. Hope to see you there!

Below, Mary is busily working on a new scarf...



Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy Birthday to Clayton Collins who will be celebrating his birthday on October 14th with family and friends including his wife, Jean, and daughters Jacqueline, Jennifer and Janet and their families. Best wishes Clayton from your St. David's family! We hope you have a great day and may there be many more birthdays to come!

Happy Birthday to Margo Noseworthy who will be celebrating her birthday on October 15th! Margo is the daughter of Elizabeth (and the late David) Thistle. Margo currently lives in Corner Brook with her family, including her mom, Elizabeth (now living in Mountain View Retirement Home). Best wishes Margo from everyone here at St. David's!

Happy Birthday wishes to Matthew St. Croix who will be celebrating his birthday October 11th. He will be celebrating with his family including his mom and dad, Susan and Frank St. Croix, siblings, Samantha, Luke and Ashley, and of course, proud grandmother, Barbara Ellis, and many friends. Your St. David's family wishes you a very Happy Birthday!

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

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!

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

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:

Dominion	Graves Apple Juice - \$0.99
Sobeys	Green Giant vegetables - \$0.99
	Sugar - \$1.88
Walmart	Lancia Pasta - \$0.97

Outside Announcements and Activities

BRIDGES TO HOPE

On Saturday, October 8th First United Church is having a Thanksgiving Drive Food Drive in support of Bridges to Hope. It will be held in the church parking lot at 221 Park Avenue in Mount Pearl from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.

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.

The ANC Farmer – Update

St. David's good friend and avid farmer/gardener, Emad, has had a truly outstanding year growing zucchini! As many of you know, Emad has taken over the east and north banks of our property and has turned it into a thriving vegetable garden. All his hard work resulted in bumper crops. Rather than see the remaining zucchini go to waste, Emad decided to share his good fortune with the folks in the neighbourhood. Last Friday, Emad hosted a "zucchini give-away". According to Steve Bruneau (and thanks for the picture Steve!) Emad's gesture was a great success and he even ended up with some funds from appreciative people that will go towards next year's manure fund! With two greenhouses now on the go as well, we can't wait to see what delights Emad produces next year! Happy Farming!



From The Archives

This week we have another gem from Jim Steele's papers. Thanks Heather for being willing to share this with us! As many of you know, Jim Steele was a member of this Congregation for many years, starting with the old Congregational Church on Queen's Road. Jim Steele wrote this letter to members of the Queen's Road Presbyterian Church in November, 1951. At that time, Jim was the Secretary of the Board of Managers. Many of the issues and concerns facing that congregation in 1951 are similar to those we are currently dealing with in 2022. Note the very last line from the letter.... Well said Jim!

Thanks Heather for this snapshot from our history!

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Queen's Road Presbyterian Church,
ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

November, 1951

Dear Friend,—

The Board of Managers solicits the wholehearted support of the Congregation in the Annual Thank Offering Collection which is to be taken on Sunday, November 4th. The Annual Thank Offering constitutes a substantial portion of the revenue for the fiscal year, and to meet the continuing rising costs of operation it is most desirous that a generous response is made to this appeal in keeping with and, if possible, exceeding that of other years.

To-day the work of many Churches in Canada is hampered because of insufficient funds, and as a result Canadians are paying more in taxes for the up-keep of prison reformatories, mental hospitals and social welfare budgets. Queen's Road Church is to-day meeting its responsibilities and playing its part well in this community as it has done in the past, but the future of our church depends upon the moral and financial support of every member and adherent. Let us pledge our mutual assistance so that we may all play our part in carrying out the work that is set before us.

Enclosed are thank-offering envelopes in which you may put your offering; please bring it to Church on Sunday and place it on the offering plate. If you cannot attend our Thanksgiving Service please send your offering to the treasurer, Mr. E. H. Thomas.

Yours very truly,

J. H. Steele, Secretary,
Board of Managers.

YOU NEED THE CHURCH--SUPPORT IT!

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: 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?

The answer is: Rev. Thackery served the congregation for two periods, once from 1897 to 1912 and again from 1932 to 1937. A painting of him was prominently displayed on the wall of the Armour Room for many years. However, the canvas received a small tear and the archivist, Pam Bruce priced a cost to repair the painting. It is now awaiting repairs in the safety of the Archives.

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

Recent History:

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

The answer is: We believe the scouts started in the 1970's and ran for ten or more years. We have pictures but no dates! So, if you can identify either the start or stop dates, please contact the office.

This week the question is: What do the initials C.G.I.T. stand for and when did this group wind down at St. David's?

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

Church email: stdavids@nfld.com

Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/stdavidsstjohns>

Groups:

Women's Auxiliary – Lillian Crawford

Good Companions (Seniors) – Kay Scott

Bible Study Group – Sheena Findlay

Atlantic Mission Society – Kathy McKay

Session – Lillian Crawford

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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Treasurer: Anne Calver

Envelope Secretary: Ian Bruneau