



Sunday November 13th, 23rd 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, November 13th

Village Safe Motherhood Committees are a vital part of Presbyterian World Service & Development's maternal, newborn and child health programming in Malawi. The people who run the committees work tirelessly to ensure that pregnant women and their partners are informed about the community services available to them before, during and after the birth of their child—and why these services are so important. Committee staff advise women to attend check-ups and deliver at a health-care facility, as well as encourage partner participation. They also educate parents about the importance of vaccination and proper nutrition. This is life-saving work for many pregnant women and infants in Malawi.

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

God, we share in the prayer of CARD, a PWS&D partner in Malawi, who prays, "Thank God for resources available to us that have helped many people improve their livelihoods." Amen.

Prayer No. 68 – 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, November 13 We give thanks and pray for caregivers in Malawi who work to ensure that children have a safe environment to live, play and learn, as well as access to vital health-care services.

Monday, November 14 We pray for the members and work of the Committee on Church Doctrine.

Tuesday, November 15 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Wednesday, November 16 We pray for members of the church who work to preserve the history of their congregations.

Thursday, November 17 We pray for the house church ministry of Two Rivers Church in Guelph, Ontario, as the congregation grows in outreach to their neighbours with the transforming love of Christ.

Friday, November 18 We give thanks for the Rev. Martin Kalimbe, outgoing Executive Director of Theological Education by Extension in Malawi, and we pray for his successor.

Saturday, November 19 We remember those who have died because of transphobic violence. We lament the church's role in contributing to prejudice and hatred of transgender people; and we commit to working for a future where transgender people can flourish.

Minister's Message



This week, I got to take part in the re-opening of our Good Companions group, a weekly social gathering for Seniors on Thursday afternoons here at St. David's. It's been a few years since we last met, since the pandemic restrictions and concern for the health of our most vulnerable put the group on pause in 2020, but it was sorely missed! We got right back into the swing of things, with some carpet bowling, some bridge playing, tea and snacks, and most importantly conversation with friends both old and new.

It would not have been possible without the hard work of the volunteers who put it on, and if you would like to help or participate (no skill at cards or bowling required) please reach out to let us know! But I realized we have more thanks to give: we would not be here without the tireless work of medical staff, giving vaccines and treating the sick. We would not be able to gather without the manufacturers who made the millions and millions of masks and bottles of sanitizer that have gone into our pandemic response. The leaders who did the unthinkable and shut everything down, workplaces who decided to allow workers to work from home, teachers leading classes over Zoom...

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies." (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

May we always remember to be grateful for all the ways others have blessed our lives through their sacrifices. This month we remember the veterans who went off to war, many never to return, and we give thanks for their willingness to sacrifice for our future. But our thankfulness can hardly stop there! As we begin to return to lives that feel more free, more "normal", and more connected, may we always remember that this life is made possible by the hard work of so many, and may we treat it as the blessing it is. Hallelujah, and Amen.

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.

This past week I received the church's allocation for the 2023 pension plan congregational assessment rate from the PCC. The amount we pay each year is based on two things – the percent rate set at the PCC Annual General Assembly and the base dollar amount donated to us two years previously.

In 2022 we are paying \$ 713.76 per month, or \$8,565.17 per year, based on a rate of 4.5% and a 2020-dollar base of \$190,337. For 2023 the annual amount will be \$5,398.84 or \$449.90 per month, based on a rate of 4.0% (Recommendation PAB-003 reduced the rate to 4.0% from 4.5%) and our 2021-dollar base of \$134,971.

The rate dropped by 0.5%, one half of the equation, while our dollar base dropped significantly from \$190,337 to \$134,971 between 2020 and 2021.

This week, I received the Irving oil overage invoice for the actual cost of the oil. On Tuesday I wrote out a cheque for \$3,781.33 to cover the overage cost. For the past year our normal monthly charge was \$1,535. At this time, I do not know what Irving will be charging us at the end of this month for our new monthly charge.

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.

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.

Coffee Hour Volunteers needed...

We are looking for volunteers to:

- * make coffee & tea
- * do set up and clean up
- * set table and lay out plates of cookies, biscuits, etc (this will be provided)

There is a sign up sheet on the kitchen door OR you can call Heather in the office. Your help would be appreciated. Thank you ever so much!

Sunday School

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 to assist with Sunday School, 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

This Bible Study program is being offered by Christina Shalaby on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 9:00pm in the Armour Room.

The 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

From the A.M.S. ...

The next AMS Meeting will be held Sunday, November 20th, in the Armour Room following the service.

Andem Effiong will be speaking at the meeting. His topic is on positive Religiosity, Negative, Religiosity, and mental health. The aim of the talk is to destigmatize, raise awareness, and start more meaningful conversations in the local context regarding mental health, mental illness, religion, spirituality, and overall wellbeing. Scripture reading is Psalm 42:6-7.

All are welcome!

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.

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!

Might anyone in the congregation know of someone selling a used car???

Many of you have met Nneena and her daughters in Church and at coffee hour. Well, Nneena has taken her driver's test and now has her licence with the hope that she will be able to purchase a used car. Life for her and her daughters would be a lot more independent if they had their own transportation.

Nneena has asked if members of our congregation might know of someone who would be interested in selling her a used car. If you know of anyone, please reach out to Nnenna or give Heather in the office a call.

Thank you very much!

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Blake Rudofsky who will be celebrating his birthday on November 18th with family and friends. Blake is the son of Judy and Dave Rudofsky. Best wishes Blake from your St. David's family and we hope you have a great day!

Happy Birthday wishes to Jane Lowery who will be celebrating her birthday on November 19th. Jane is the daughter of Susan and Travis Lowery who currently live in Turnwater, Washington and the grand-daughter of Lillian and Harry Crawford. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a great day, Jane, with your family and friends – near and far! Enjoy!

Happy Birthday wishes to Karen Bonnell who will be celebrating her birthday on November 19th! Karen will be celebrating her big day with her family, including her mom and dad, Judy and Dave Bonnell, her sister, Catherine and her family, and her many aunts, uncles and cousins, near and far. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a great day, Karen! All the best!

Happy Birthday greetings to Doug Barnes who will be celebrating his birthday on November 16th! Doug is currently living in England but continues to stay in touch with St. David's through our weekly bulletin. Doug's sister is Janet Aitkin and their parents were Effie and Cyril Barnes, longtime members of St. David's. Best wishes, Doug, for a great day and for the coming year!

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 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

The Good Companions group are meeting again!!!

If you would like to try your hand at carpet-bowling, join a game of Bridge or 120's, maybe a friendly game of scrabble ... please join us on Thursday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00pm in the Church Hall and Armour Room. Call Heather in the office at 722-2382 and she will put you on the list of attendees ~ we look forward to welcoming you back!

Bridges to Hope

Such a good response to our "Peanut Butter Sunday"! Thirty-one (31) jars of peanut butter were contributed to the Food Trolley this past week. What will our next item be – for the first Sunday in December? We don't know yet, so stay tuned – we will pass the information on as soon as it is available.

Obviously, you can still contribute peanut butter, and/or other non-perishable food items to the Food Trolley each week! Food items can also be dropped off at the Church during its office hours – 9 am to 1 pm Monday to Friday.

Your support of Bridges To Hope goes a long way to helping those in need and is sincerely appreciated.

Weekly "Specials"

November 10 – November 16, 2022

Good Suggestions for the Food Trolley

Colemans	Kellogg's Corn Flakes	\$2.99
Dominion	Campbell's Soups	\$0.79
Pipers	Heinz Gravy	\$0.97
Walmart	Catelli Garden Select Pasta Sauce	\$1.27
Sobeys	Compliments Skipjack Tuna	\$0.99
	Ben's Original Fast and Fancy Rice	\$0.99
	Dawn Dishwashing Soap	\$1.88
Shoppers Drug Mart	Colgate or Crest Toothpaste	\$0.88
Lawtons	Graves Apple Juice	4/\$5.00
	Heinz Beans or Pasta	4/\$5.00

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

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>

Topsail United Church will be hosting a Fall and Christmas bake sale on November 19 from 10 until 2 P.M., in the church Hall. All are Welcome.

Topsail United Church "Men's Club will be holding a takeout Flipper Dinner on Monday November 21, pick up from 4:30 until 6 P.M. Cost \$25. To reserve please call the church Office. Only 100 Tickets available.

The Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist has got your Christmas covered with two great fundraisers!

Cookies: The Cathedral has partnered with Chatman's Bakery for a delicious fundraiser featuring over a dozen different cookie flavours. Choose a variety pack or pick your favourite cookie with varieties including peanut butter balls, brownies, date squares and more (pricing \$10 for a 16 piece pack).

Flowers: Get ready for the Christmas season and beautify your home with poinsettias supplied by Rise & Shine Nursery! The poinsettias are 6" potted plants, and sell for \$25 each.

For more information or to place your order contact the Cathedral office: 726-5677 or office@ourcathedral.ca. Deadline to order is November 25.

Jellybean Row Girl Guides District

As many of you know the Girl Guides have been meeting in our hall for decades!! For years they have held a lovely Christmas Sale and Tea in our hall ... but it has been postponed during Covid until now...

We are delighted to announce that Jellybean Row Girl Guides District will be holding their Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 3rd!!

Please see poster for details.

JELLYBEAN ROW DISTRICT



Take a Break Sale

Bazaar for handmade products and
baked goods featuring performances
from our District Girl Guides!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3
10 AM TO 12 PM
ST. DAVID'S CHURCH
98 ELIZABETH AVE.**



\$2 Single Admission or \$5 per Family
Masks are mandatory for this event
Morning coffee will not be served this year.

Come help us support our Unit Meeting Locations!

From The Archives

Here is another quilt from the Millennium Quilting Exhibit in 2000. It was an exhibit of more than 40 quilts crafted by talented Presbyterians right across the country.

This week, we have the quilt from St. Lambert, Quebec, titled "Rejoice with the Angels and their Music". It was crafted by Adaire Chown Schlatter. Hope you enjoy!

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: What did he accomplish in that short time?

The answer is: The Rev. Hugh Pedley's most memorable service was held on July 4, 1920 with the dedication of the World War I Memorial. It was attended by the Governor, Sir Charles Alexander Harris, who unveiled the memorial. Rev Pedley's sermon was printed the following day in the Evening Telegram and made moving reading. It was based on Hebrews 11:40.

This week the question is: Where does his portrait hang and why?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: What are the rules for the federal government's CEBA loan of \$40,000 which we accepted during Covid?

The answer is: The \$40,000 has to be repaid by the end of December 2023. If we prepay the first \$30,000, the federal government will designate the remainder a grant. If we do not pay it, it becomes a bank loan that we have to pay off within a certain period of time, plus interest.

This week the question is: This is a question: back in 1920 with the dedication of the memorial it was said that 30 members of the congregation joined the Newfoundland Regiment and twelve died. Last Sunday eleven names were read out. Does anyone know who the twelfth was?

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) – call Heather in the office

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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