



Sunday November 20th, 24th 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 20th

Through Presbyterians Sharing, many people share their gifts to support the mission and ministry of the PCC. Congregations and individuals use their time and skills to develop educational resources, lead conferences and webinars, and provide coaching and mentoring. Teachers are preparing leaders to serve the church, leaders are helping renew and grow ministries, and mission staff are accompanying and encouraging international partners. Volunteers are ensuring that programs run smoothly by guiding study groups, sharing their experiences and insights and much more! Generous gifts of time, talent and treasure allow us to continue Christ's ministry, in Canada and around the world.

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

We join our voices and pray with the psalmist (Psalm 86: 10-11):

You are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach us your ways, O Lord, that we may walk in your truth; give us undivided hearts to revere your name. Amen.

Prayer No. 9– 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 20 (Reign of Christ) Almighty and everlasting God, wrapped in glory; as you are compassionate, make us like you; as you are just, make us doers of justice; as you are one, unite us in the name of Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Monday, November 21 We give thanks and pray for the members of the Assembly Council who are meeting at Crieff Hills Retreat and Conference Centre in Puslinch, Ontario, from November 20–22.

Tuesday, November 22 (National Housing Day) We give thanks and pray for those who work to provide food, shelter and housing for people in need.

Wednesday, November 23 We give thanks and pray for congregations as they continue to faithfully support the ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada through generous gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.

Thursday, November 24 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Northern Saskatchewan, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Friday, November 25 On the **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**, we pray for all women who are survivors of violence and for those who have lost loved ones to gender-based violence. We pray that we, as a society, commit to working toward achieving safety for all women and an end to misogyny.

Saturday, November 26 We pray for the members and work of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.

Minister's Message



Well, this week I have some new to share that is big news for me and my family: We have officially purchased our first home! A bonus is that the home in question is the one we've been renting for years, so no move is required. A downside is that since this was a private sale with no realtor, we didn't get a "sold" sign for the front lawn to celebrate, so I've found this one from Google to stick in the bulletin instead of my lawn.

This is a blessing for us that has been made possible by the generosity of others. We have received financial help from family towards making a down payment, and as a minister, I celebrate the continuing generosity of this congregation that provides my daily bread (and mortgage payments)!

As I consider this experience from a Christian perspective, I want to encourage us all to remember the fundamentally biblical value of caring for the "least of these", and considering how the modern housing market fails to do that. In order to buy our house, I needed, among other things, over \$20,000 of available cash in the bank. For many, many people who are working full time and renting, saving that kind of money is a nearly impossible obstacle. Nearly every homeowner my age that I know has a story just like mine: gifts from family opened the door to home ownership. I celebrate that generosity and blessing, but I don't want to sugarcoat the reality that as a Christian I have great concern over a housing system that ensures children of families with wealth to share can buy homes and build equity and children of families with no wealth will pay other people's mortgages. I have no easy answer to how to fix this, but I feel bound to mention it. Affordable housing is important, and it frustrates me to read stories of people trying to build "tiny homes" for an affordable place to live being denied permission by their municipalities (such as this story from 2020 in Pouch Cove: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/tiny-home-big-problems-pouch-cove-couple-1.5468181>) As I live in my home, I need to keep thinking about those who are not homeowners, and how I can build a society that will help those less fortunate than myself experience the same blessing I have received.

On a less theological note, I am looking to learn how to do house stuff now. I can paint walls confidently thanks to a summer painting job, but new homeowners have big dreams and I'd love to learn as much as I can. If you've got a project that could use an extra set of hands and would help me learn the basics of drywall, plumbing, household electrical, etc, let me know!

Information from the Treasurer

My thanks to the Rollmann Family

The Rollmanns were on the Board of Managers (BOM) for several years. One project they took the lead on was the 2015 Church Member Directory, a 240th anniversary project. That booklet is one that I still keep next to my phone! They were one of the first “family” members on the Board, where an entire family joined and took part in meetings, committees, and the on-duty Sunday activities. They were heavily involved with the technical side including our audio recordings and the VOWR broadcasts.

On leaving the BOM at the end of their term, they continued helping out operating many behind the scenes technical aspects: being the administrators of our Canada Helps site, recording the audio and VOWR services, and updating the church’s website (bulletins, orders of service, calendar and events – everything website). With the arrival of Covid, we all evolved. The audio service morphed into the audio-visual service along with an expanded bulletin. The Rollmanns took the service, as recorded by David, and uploaded the information onto our website. They continued using the audio portion of the service for VOWR broadcasts. They have been our website gurus for nine years and I’d like to extend my sincere thanks for all the work they’ve done over the years. Thank you!

Yesterday, I had a chat with Marcella, Hans and Peter. Their garden has had and is still having, a very successful year. They are still getting a strawberry a day. (For you gardeners out there, this would be the everbearing plant variety.) The whole family asked me to pass along their warmest greetings to you all!

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 week I'm taking a look at the 2023 budget and trying to come up with a "first look". All I can say for certainty right now is that many expense items have increased while our income has not kept pace.

Currently we have a problem with the heating system, localized to the stage, which our heating company is investigating.

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

Our long standing Bible Study, under the guidance of Sheena Findlay, 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 8:30pm 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

A.M.S.

AMS will meet following this Sunday's service, 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!

Weekly “Specials”

November 17– November 23, 2022

Good Suggestions for the Food Trolley

Colemans	Duncan Hines Chocolate Cake Mix	\$0.99
Sobeys	Kraft Dinner	\$0.97
	Hunt’s Pasta Sauce	\$0.99
	Catelli Pasta	\$0.99
Shoppers Drug Mart	Colgate or Crest Toothpaste	\$0.88
Lawtons	Graves Apple Juice	4/\$5.00
	Heinz Tomato Soup	2/\$1.20

Good Companions

Last week, we were delighted to start the carpet bowling activity with our Good Companions Group! Now, the numbers may not have been what they were in 2020, but the enthusiasm was definitely there and it seems like the bowling technique was still of a very high calibre! It was a great bit of fun and we hope to see more people show up over the coming weeks once word gets out. Also enjoying the afternoon, were the bridge players who are always up for a friendly game. Would anyone be interested in playing some board games perhaps? Maybe Scrabble? Or Crib? Just let us know, or better yet, get in touch with Heather at the Church Office. Hope to see you on Thursday afternoons 2:00 - 4:00!

Rev. Sturtevant had a great picture of Bouwina as part of his message last week. Here are some other pictures from our time together. Hope you enjoy...







Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Distant greetings to Dini den Otter, formerly of St. David's, who will be celebrating her 80th birthday on Nov. 24! Dini is currently living in Edmonton, but continues to stay in touch with St. David's folks through a Zoom book club and the weekly bulletin. All of Dini's siblings, children and grandchildren, plus some long time friends, will be in Edmonton to make merry with her. Dini, your St. David's family wishes you the happiest of birthdays!!!

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Nicole Myles who will be celebrating her birthday on November 25th with family and friends. Nicole is the daughter of Joan and Wayne Myles. Best wishes Nicole from your St. David's family and we hope you have a great day!

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Dave Hudson who will be celebrating his birthday on November 21st! Dave will be celebrating with his wife, Sylvia, their children and families, and many good friends near and far. Best wishes on your birthday Dave from everyone here at St. David's and may there be many more birthdays to come!

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Rev. Ian Wishart who will be celebrating his 92nd birthday on November 26th! Rev. Wishart is a great friend to many here at St. David's and has always been very supportive of our Church. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a wonderful day, Ian, spent with family and friends – near and far! Enjoy!

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!

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 to 10:00pm. 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!

News from the Pews...

Our very own Barbara Ellis is making news again!! This time it is a feature interview of Barbara and her students at the YMCA Aquafit class. This is a MUST see read!!! Congratulations Barbara, we are delighted that you are being recognized for your community contributions. You are inspiration to all of us.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/seniors-aquafit-class-ymca-swim-family-1.6644724>

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!



Laurier's Melody Morton
Ninomiya named Canada
Research Chair in Community-
Driven Knowledge Mobilization
and Pathways to Wellness

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WATERLOO – Melody Morton Ninomiya has been named the Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Community-Driven Knowledge Mobilization and Pathways to Wellness. An assistant professor in Wilfrid Laurier University’s Department of Health Sciences, [Morton Ninomiya](#) works with First Nations, communities and organizations to co-develop research projects centred around local knowledge systems, protocols and priorities.

The prestigious CRC program aims to attract and retain some of the world’s most accomplished and promising minds. Morton Ninomiya will receive research funding for a five-year term, including support for Laurier student researchers.

To read the full article, here is the link;

https://www.wlu.ca/news/news-releases/2022/nov/lauriers-melody-morton-ninomiya-named-canada-research-chair-in-community-driven-knowledge-mobilization-and-pathways-to-wellness.html?fbclid=IwAR2V0FuK-AHv3PjnM8_iGhFOgVn08PmkhGusmqY2XwzWBEsEaeLKKnL0fdc

From The Archives

Over the past couple of weeks, I've been sharing some of the beautiful quilts that were on display here at St. David's Church as part of the Millennium Quilting Exhibit back in 2000. There are lots more pictures from this show and I'll continue to share them with you over the weeks to come, but this week I wanted to change things up slightly with a picture from our not-to-distant-past, March 12, 2020, to be exact. This was the last Good Companions afternoon before COVID shut things down. When we were setting things up for the carpet bowling last week, we came across the old score sheet. It just brought back some good memories. As you can see, the Black Team may have won the game, but we were all winners!!

CARPET BOWLING SCORE CARD

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TEAM / NAMES

TEAM B & NAMES

Brown		Black	
NO. #1	Patsy	NO. #1	Bowling
NO. #2	Jean	NO. #2	Kay
NO. #3	Betty	NO. #3	Bernard
NO. #4	Linda Carol	NO. #4	Spare Dave C
NO. #5	Jim	NO. #5	Charlie
NO. #6		NO. #6	

SCORE:

TEAM A

TEAM B

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TOTAL SCORE

WINNERS

TEAM A

TEAM B

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: Where does his portrait hang and why?

The answer is: The Rev. Hugh Pedley's portrait hangs in the national offices of the United Church in Canada. He wrote a book on Church Unity and was head of the Congregational Congress when the Congregationalists, Methodists, and Wesleyans merged. He is called one of the three founding fathers of the United Church in Canada.

This week the question is: Who was the minister who served the second shortest time in our history?

Recent History:

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

The answer is: Confusion reigned. The source was the 1975 history on the church's 150th anniversary. They were right, 11 men died from the Royal Newfoundland Regiment (RNR) and two others listed on the plaque belonged to other regiments. One member of the RNR died after the war in 1924 from wounds suffered in the war.

This week the question is: What happens when you work very hard at creating a vegetable garden?

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

How to reach us:

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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	

Treasurer: Anne Calver

Envelope Secretary: Ian Bruneau