



Sunday November 6th, 22nd 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, our service will begin with a celebration of Remembrance. We remember all of those who have lost their lives or the lives of loved ones due to armed conflict, particularly members of this congregation and family. In these days of division and political unrest, we do well to remember the great cost of war and the price that was paid so that we might live in peace. May we remember the pain of war and loss, and seek to live out the reconciling love of Jesus Christ in our world.

*"I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."
(Ephesians 4:1-3)*

We are pleased to have with us this Remembrance Day Sunday, Trumpeter, Jill Dawe. Welcome Jill, thank you for being with us.

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 6th

The Presbyterian Church in Canada has a long history of mission in nursing and health care in India. For over 150 years, over 250 missionaries have served in this work. **Today, the PCC partners with the Graduate School for Nurses (GSN), which is part of the Christian Medical Association of India (CMAI).** GSN offers hands-on education for nursing students that promotes and contributes to clinical and professional excellence. Shimy Mathew, Secretary of the Nurses League of CMAI, has asked for prayers and “for wisdom to discern God’s will for the institution” in light of the recent challenges the school is facing due to government regulations. We join Shimy in prayer and give thanks for her deep faith in Jesus and for her perseverance.

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 6 We pray for the Graduate School for Nurses in India facing challenges due to government regulations. May God's wisdom and discernment guide the school in reorganizing and looking for a way forward.

Monday, November 7 We give thanks for ecumenical councils that bring Christians from different denominations together to engage in fellowship, study and action.

Tuesday, November 8 We pray for students studying at Knox College in Toronto, Ontario. May God guide them in thinking deeply, living honestly, and leading courageously.

Wednesday, November 9 We pray for the members and work of the Committee on History.

Thursday, November 10 We pray for those who minister to soldiers, sailors and aircrews. May they be a constant reminder of God's presence, especially in times when people feel estranged from their homes and families.

Friday, November 11 (Remembrance Day) We pray for all who mourn or suffer as a result of conflict and war. We ask God to protect and guide peacekeepers and those who serve in the armed forces.

Saturday, November 12 We pray for the people who gather and serve at the Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry in Saskatchewan, and we give thanks for their ministry

Minister's Message



Why do we celebrate Remembrance day in church? Why not just support the official ceremony downtown on the 11th? Why is our church involved in these celebrations? There is always a question for churches and ministers of how far to allow the secular world into their worship space. This is something we saw reflected early in the COVID era, with churches grappling with government mandates and restrictions on gatherings while still wanting to stay true to the holiness and spiritual importance of worship. But before these restrictions were in place, Remembrance day was one of the few points of potential tension: after all, this is the day where Canadian flags and military members are often brought into sanctuaries and the national anthem is sung. Of course, we know all too well that nationalism and religion are dangerous bedfellows, so why include this kind of ceremony in a worship service?

Firstly, it is important to remember the fact that the world wars, and the first world war in particular, was enthusiastically supported by the churches (and society) of the time. It was seen as a war of good versus evil and framed in religious language from the pulpits. In part, we remember because this was our sin, our mistake. We demonized other people, put guns in the hands of our children, and sent them off to kill. We remember our loss, our foolishness, and the sacrifice of those who died.

The second reason is perhaps even more important. Although culture has made a lot of advances in the last hundred years, we are still just as capable of dehumanizing others, drawing battle lines, and going to war. The soul of humanity has not changed much in that time. We take the time to remember as a way to remind ourselves that all the righteous intentions in the world are not enough to save us from evil. The Pharisees were full of righteous intentions, and their righteous intentions drove Christ to the cross.

Remembrance day is an opportunity for us to pause and reflect on the impact our faith has on the world around us, to look for suffering and ask if we are contributing to it. It is a chance for us to treasure the lives of all God's children, and refuse to participate in wasting life in such a way again. May God continue to protect us from the horror of war, and may he protect us from the seeds of folly that lead us there. For our own sake, we remember.

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.

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.

Just a reminder, the clocks “Fall back” this Sunday, November 6th.

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 setup and clean up
- * set table and lay out plates of cookies, biscuits, etc (this will be provided)

There will be a roster in the kitchen to sign up 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 ~ Change of date...

The new Bible Study program being offered by Christina Shalaby, is changing to a new day of the week to work better with everyone's schedules. The new day is Friday, and the first Friday will be November 4th in the Armour Room from 6:30 to 9:00pm.

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

From the A.M.S. ...

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

Well... "Socktober" is over and what a great response! We gathered:

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| 30 pairs Children's socks | 100 pairs Women's socks |
| 121 pairs Men's socks | 14 Children's mitts/hats |
| 27 Adult hats/gloves | 3 Scarves |

Plus more than 200 personal care items – soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.

These items will now be distributed to various organizations that help people in need, such as Bridges To Hope, ANC, Stella Burry, and so on. A very sincere **Thank You** to everyone who contributed!

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.

Now that our “Socktober” project is over, we are switching our focus to:

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:

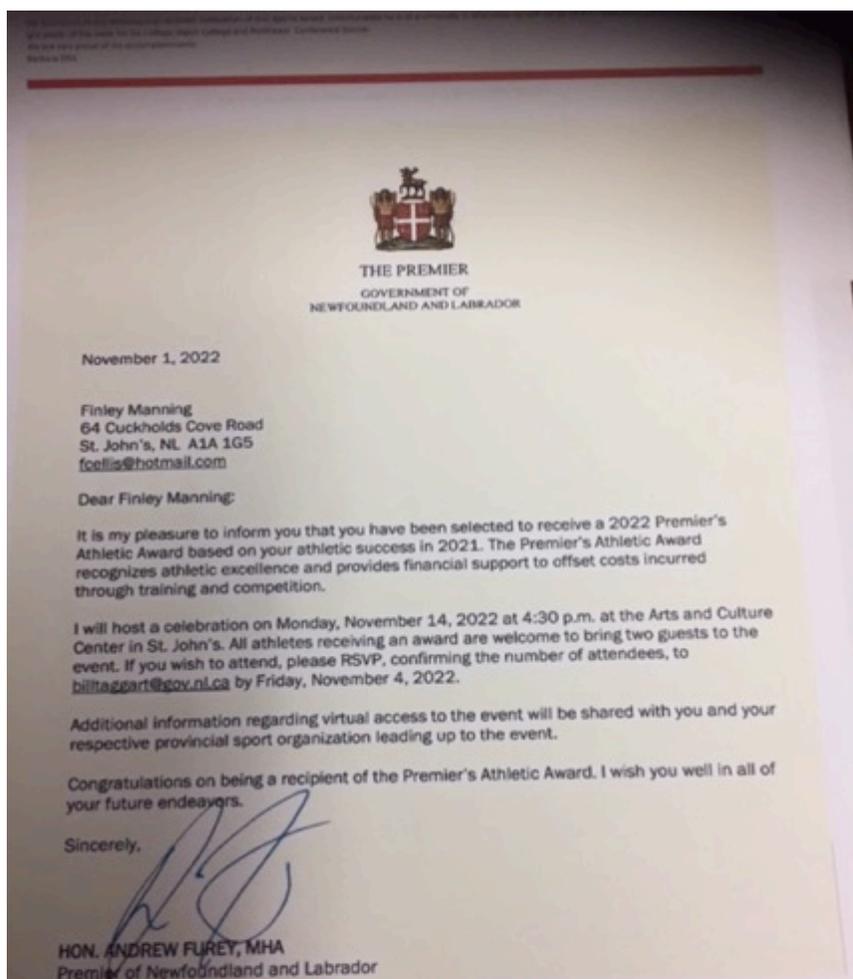
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| Sugar | Flour | Tuna |
| Green peas | Corn | Evaporated milk |
| Cheese Whiz | Peanut butter | Juice (1 L) |
| Cereal (box) | Teabags | Coffee (Instant) |
| Crackers | Cookies | Beans (tin) |

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

A Very Special Note from Barbara Ellis

“My Grandson, Finley Manning just received notification of this sports award. Unfortunately he is at a university in Wisconsin so will not be here to receive it in person. Two weeks ago he got player of the week for his college, Ripon College and Northeast Conference Soccer.”

Well done Finley, your friends at St. David’s wish you congratulations on this award and continued success.





On Saturday, October 29th, Jenny Griffioen, Kathy McKay and Stephen Bruneau generously donated their time to work on a few unfinished projects around the church. They cut down a “run-away” balloon from a ceiling fan in the hall, finished a kitchen project and installed safety markers around the edges of the drive-way in front of the church. Thank you so much for taking the time to help with these projects – it is appreciated. Indeed there are many volunteers that keep the church property running smoothly and looking its best. Thanks to all!!



Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy Birthday greetings to Samantha and Timothy Bruneau who will be celebrating their 16th birthday with family and friends on November 12th ! Helping to make their day really special will be their mom and dad, Jill and Ian Bruneau, their brother, Alexander, aunts and uncles (near and far) and special grand-mother, Jean Bruneau. Best wishes Samantha and Timothy from your St. David's family! We hope you have a great day!

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 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"

November 3 – November 9, 2022

Good Suggestions for the Food Trolley

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| Colemans | Hunt's Pasta Sauce | 2/\$3.00 |
| | Jello Jelly Powders | \$0.99 |
| Dominion | Cloverleaf Tuna | \$1.49 |
| | Unico Pasta Sauce | 4/\$5.00 |
| | Green Giant Vegetables | \$1.29 |
| Walmart | Colgate/Crest Toothpaste | \$0.88 |
| Lawtons | Graves Apple Juice | 4/\$5.00 |
| | Heinz Tomato Soup | 2/\$1.20 |

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>



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.

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.

In Remembrance – George Tremaine Cowan

November 11th is Remembrance Day – a day when we pause for a brief moment to remember all those who gave their lives so that we could have a safe, free country. At the front of the Church, there is a Memorial Plaque on the wall and it contains the names of those who lost their lives in the First World War, 1914-1918.



The Collections at The Rooms gives a bit more insight into one of these people whose name appears on the plaque – George T. Cowan.

George T. Cowan was 24 years old when he attested for general service with the 13th Battalion Canadians, Val Cartier, Quebec, on September 23, 1914. (Regiment # 24582). His papers show that he was a salesman and belonged to the Congregational Church, St. John's. His next of kin was his mother, Mrs. John Cowan, who lived at 37 Queen's Road, St. John's. He rose through the ranks from a Private, to Lance Corporal to Corporal. George was killed in action on June 27, 1916. He was awarded posthumously the Military Medal and the Military Medal for Bravery in the Field.



From The Archives

For the next few weeks, we'll be sharing with you some pictures from the Millennium Quilting Exhibit in 2000. It was an exhibit of more than 40 quilts crafted by talented Presbyterians right across the country.

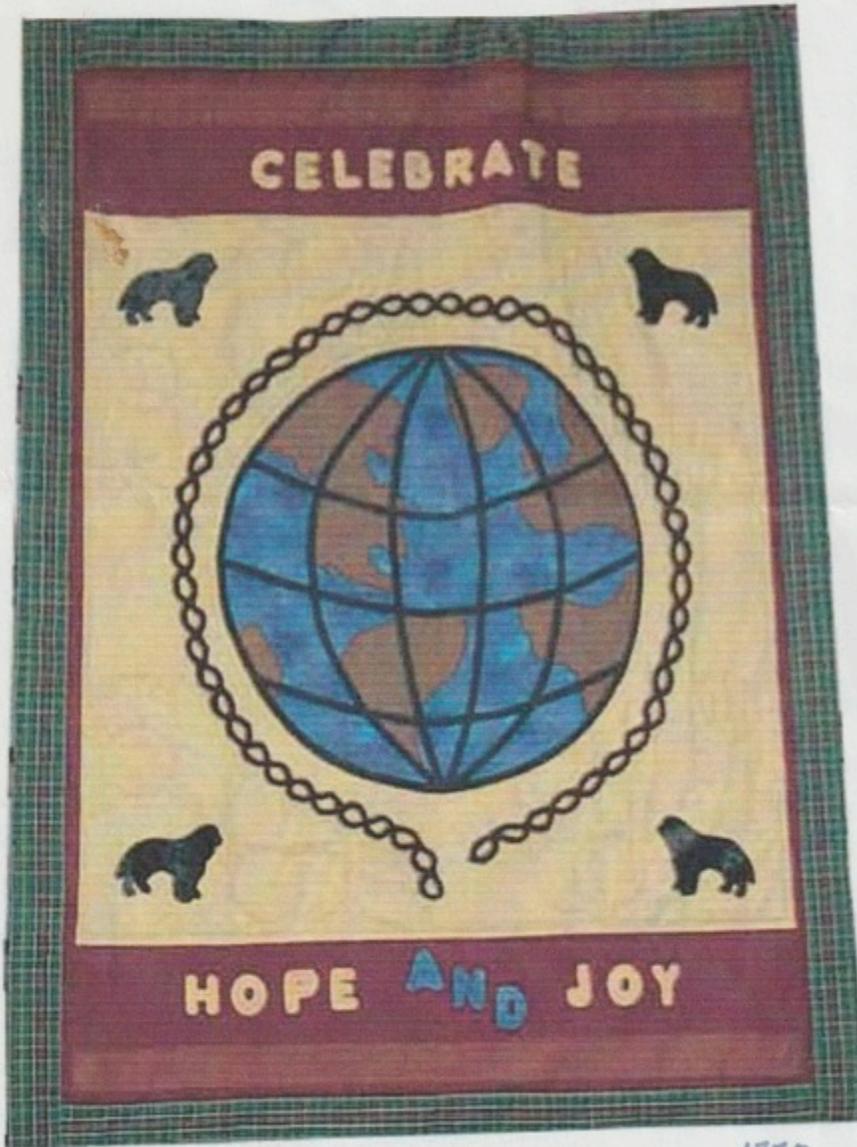
This week, we have the quilt from St. David's Presbyterian Church, titled "Breaking the Chains of Debt". Here is the write-up:

The theme of this quilt is Jubilee. The title is "Breaking the Chains of Debt". The broken chain surrounding the globe represents hope for the forgiveness of global debt. Our Christian aspect is represented by the words, "Joy", and "Hope". The colour yellow is for joy. The Newfoundland Dogs have a well-deserved reputation as life-savers, having rescued many seamen from drowning over the years. So the Newfoundland Dog is an apt symbol for the Jubilee theme, whose goal is the rescue of impoverished people drowning in a sea of impossible debt. The Newfoundland Tartan also gives the Newfoundland content.

The quilt was designed by Christina Baird and sewn by quilters Patsy Carmichael, Marjorie Pike, Frances Steele and Gracie Wood. The label sewn on the reverse side of the quilt was made by Robin Tuck. The sponsor is St. David's AMS.

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

The Celebrate! Quilt Exhibit



Design
Christine Siro

Quilted
Patsy Cameron
Maple Leaf
Providence Church
St. John's

10. St. David's Presbyterian Church, St. John's, Newfoundland

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Jubilee - Breaking the Chains of Debt

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

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

The answer is: The Rev. Hugh Pedley, minister emeritus of Emmanuel Church in Montreal, preached his first service on May 10 2020 and his last at on September 4. He and his wife arrived for a four month stay and returned to Canada early in September.

This week the question is: What did he accomplish in that short time?

Recent History:

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

The answer is: The most recent project was the replacement of the windows in the hall, not the stained-glass windows, but the ones outside those. A couple of windows, just the plain glass can be seen in the Armour Room. The previous project to that was for the new roof for the church and hall.

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

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) – 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:

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| 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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