



News from the Pews for Sunday October 29, 2023

“News from the Pews”, contains stories, pictures and happenings from, by and for the members of the congregation. It also contains Birthdays and Anniversaries, a Treasurer’s Update, News from other Church Groups, Boards and Committees, special requests from Bridges to Hope, News from the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and of course Special Events happening at St. David’s. Also, from time to time, there will be archival pictures, trivia and stories.

We hope you enjoy.....

Minister's Message



Ephesians 4:2-6

"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. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

This weekend, I will be making one of my periodic trips out to St. Matthew's church in Grand Falls - Windsor to lead the service there. I'm more apprehensive than usual, because Michelle is currently in Ontario with her sister and, by the time you read this message, hopefully her sister's brand new little baby will have been born. For me though, this means a long road trip with both of my boys in the car and me as the only adult.

As I turned to scripture for encouragement, I came across this passage from Ephesians. I am reminded that humility and patience are acts of faith. I know that my children are, at ages 4 and 6, unlikely to get much from my sermons or the words of the hymns we sing. Many times when I try to pause with them for a moment to reflect on some spiritual principle, they are more interested in escaping the lesson than in learning scriptural principles. As young children, their quickly-shifting attention doesn't surprise me!

But my prayer for myself is that I would remember that, perhaps more than the time in St. Matthew's sanctuary, the hours in the car may be the greater opportunity to show my children what it means to follow Jesus Christ. May I have patience and grace, may we find stops along the way to enjoy together, and may I find the hand of God at work in my life through them, bringing me wonder, excitement, and joy in ways that only children can. For God is over all and through all and in all, so He will certainly be with us on our trip. For a slightly apprehensive dad, that's Good News!

Treasurer's Report

This week I reported to Session on our financial status and its outlook for the remainder of the year. Happily, our Line of Credit (LOC) remains at \$4,000. That may change with the upcoming end of October and start of November payments and commitments. We are keeping up with our local invoices and payments, while owing some significant amounts to the PCC.

If you've passed by the church in the past day or so, you will notice that we have started the paving in the front of the church. We received a donation towards that earlier this year for this express purpose. And in the past couple of years, monies were donated to the Memorial Fund in memory of two long standing members of this church. Those families have suggested that money also be put to this purpose. Session will be asked for permission to use those funds for this project.

Thank you to all who are continuing to donate to your church through your envelopes on Sunday mornings, by e-transfers, or through your monthly PAD contributions. My thanks go out to elders and friends who happily and gladly pick-up envelopes from those not able to get out and help by dropping them off at the church office.

By the way, the sole email address we are using to accept donations is stdavidsnfld@gmail.com and this one is linked to our bank account and it will automatically accept all donations.

Condolences - Nancy Crawford Hensley (nee Martin):

May 13, 1938 to October 21, 2023.

The sympathy of the congregation goes to Jean and Clayton Collins and family on the passing of Jean's sister, Nancy Crawford Hensley (nee Martin) who passed away at St. Clare's Hospital in St. John's on October 21, 2023.

Nancy will be laid to rest with her husband Von at Memorial Gardens. Honouring her wishes there will not be a funeral.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Collins family. For more information, please follow the link below:

<https://www.barretts.ca/obituaries/Nancy-Crawford-Hensley?obId=29651979#/obituaryInfo>

Birthdays and Anniversaries (October 30 – November 5)

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

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

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

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

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.

St. David's Upcoming Events and Notices

Sunday School

Each week the Sunday School will have an item to share with the church community. This week Sunday School will be helping to prepare "Snack Packs" for Bridges to Hope. We'd like to thank the AMS for asking for our help! This is a great way to show God's love to our community.

AMS

Socktober: The clothesline has been hung and donations have been hung with care! There's room on the clothesline for more, we are looking for socks, mitts, personal hygiene items along with some small household items like towels, bedding, tea towels, dish cloths, and small gently-used appliances which are very useful for newcomers to Canada.

WA (Women's Auxiliary)

The next meeting of the WA will be held **Tuesday October 31st at 11:30 am in the Armour Room**. If you would like to join this vibrant group, drop by and get to meet the ladies. There is a great lunch, a short devotion, and a business meeting where the plans for the next activities will take place.

Bible Study

"Sandwich and Scriptures", the St. David's Bible Study group takes place in the **Armour Room every Wednesday at 12:30 pm** ~ so bring your lunch and we will make the tea (or coffee!), we would be delighted to have you join us! **The next date: Wed, Nov. 1st at 12:30**

Pickleball games for our congregation

The fall pickleball games for the members of our congregation will be starting soon, possibly even this coming week. In the spring, pickleball took place on **Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 4 pm**. If you'd like more information, or if you would like to get some education on the rules and instruction on how to play, please contact the office. **The next date: Wed., Nov. 1st at 2:00pm**

Good Companions

The **Good Companions** is a seniors group that meet once a week in the church hall and Armour Room to share in some activities. If you would like to try your hand at carpet bowling, join a game of bridge or 120's or maybe a friendly game of Scrabble, please join us on **Thursday afternoons from 2pm to 4 pm**. All are welcome! **The next GC: Nov. 2nd at 2:00pm**

Prayer Shawl Ministry/Knitters

The Prayer Shawl Knitters will be holding their next monthly meeting on **Tuesday, November 7th at 10:00am in the Armour Room**. No knitting experience is required ~ please join us for a friendly and fun group for a morning of knitting and fellowship.

St. David's Choir

On October 15th we our choir took part in the service, a small but mighty group. If you would like to join our choir, they will be meeting in the **Sanctuary at 9:30 am on the third Sunday of the month – November 19th** for practice. If you are interested in joining this choir, please contact the church office at (709) 722-2382.

New Choir – Spiritoso Singers

Would you like to join a fun choir this fall? Join the Spiritoso Singers! We are a brand new, Christian-based, SATB choir, led by Sarah Templeton and Chris Morano. If you are aged 13 to 103 and have a little bit (or, a lot) of singing experience, this is for you!

Rehearsal dates: Saturday, Oct 14th to Dec 2nd, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, here at St. David's, with a Christmas concert on Dec. 3rd. A portion of the proceeds of the concert will go to The Spear Fund, a charity that works to end child trafficking worldwide. Very friendly auditions will be held on Saturday, September 30th. For more information, and to sign up for an audition:

www.feldenkraisforsingers.com/spiritososingers

Bridges to Hope

Weekly "Flyer" Specials – Useful items for Bridges To Hope: Oct 26 – Nov 1

No Frills -	Campbell's Soup - \$0.99
Pipers -	Campbell's Soup - \$0.99
Lawtons -	KD (Kraft Dinner) - \$0.97
	Heinz Tomato Soup - \$0.79
Shoppers Drug Mart –	Colgate/Crest Toothpaste - \$0.88
Walmart -	Hereford Corned Beef - \$2.97
Colemans -	KD (Kraft Dinner) – 12 pack - \$9.99
Dominion -	No Name Flour - \$2.99 ** (with PC Optimum card)

Bridges To Hope are asking their partner churches to contribute a specific item each month and the item for **NOVEMBER** is **Crackers**. Other non-perishable food items are always welcome and appreciated!

Bridges To Hope are also in need of **cat food (hard & soft)**. They don't need dog food as they have a steady supply from the Doghouse store downtown.

Features with Pictures

Paving the Way to Church

This week the paving project has started and may even be finished – depending on our weather! You really should not pave if it is raining. Here are a few action shots of the work in progress.





Lighthouse VOAR-FM Christian Family Radio,
heard coast to coast in NL,
invites you to join us for our annual
Sharathon Fund-Raiser Celebrations Nov 6-8th !

Feel free to call with your pledge, clergy vote, and prayers of encouragement, as the non-profit station raises the much-needed funds for the year ahead.

Donations are tax deductible. Call toll free at
1-888-740-8627, locally at 709-745-8627
or donate securely online at www.lighthousefm.org.

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Mission Moments – PWS & D: Sunday, October 29th, 2023



Cyclone Freddy—one of the most powerful storms ever recorded in the southern hemisphere—made landfall in Malawi in March 2023. Thousands in Malawi were left homeless, and with severe crop losses, over 345,000 people were affected by the heavy rains, floods and landslides. Through its partners, PWS&D responded to this devastating disaster by providing maize flour and soya to enable families to meet their immediate food requirements. Additionally, because of critical food insecurity due to droughts and floods in the area, PWS&D implemented a three-month food assistance project for 2,500 households. This project provided food assistance in the form of cash transfers, as well as seeds to produce high-value crops.