



News from the Pews for Sunday September 17th 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.....

Treasurer's Report, Session, Board of Managers (BoM), and Presbytery Updates

Treasurer's Report

We are keeping up with our normal bills with the exception of some PCC invoices and commitments. For the moment, our finances are stable, we have not used any more of our Line of Credit (LOC). In September I used the \$6,400 in the Memorial Fund (with prior Session approval) to get through the August month-end and September's month-start expenses. Except for the month of April, our income has been just below the expenses each month. At the end of August that deficit was \$7,374.91 and I used the Memorial Fund to balance our account. One alternative financial source, has been used, we still have \$6,000 remaining in the Line of Credit. While we still owe monies, we are increasing our rentals, the concert series are very popular, and people will be coming back from their summer vacations and cottages to fill our pews and hopefully be ready to help us with any number of initiatives!

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.

The fall meetings for the main groups are about to begin, I welcome the opportunity to discuss our financial status with the members of these groups.

Session Report - The Session will be meeting on September 19th.

Board of Managers - The Board will be meeting in the last week of September.

Futures Committee – This committee will be meeting on September 20th.

Presbytery - Presbytery will be meeting at St. David's (it alternates between the Kirk and St. David's) on the afternoon of September 20th.

The September 17th version of What Would you do for your Church?

In the upcoming weeks, there will be meetings to report upon. We do need some input on what you want or would like us to accomplish, please get in touch by calling the office.

The church hall certainly looks different, more spacious. Are we finished yet, of course not! The stage is the next challenge. Now that the area under the stage is cleaned out, we still have room for more gear and new trollies to put to use. We will endeavour to clean off the stage and allow more space for our use and that of our renters.

Meanwhile the to-do list is growing, and I am happy to say that the cobwebs have been taken care of! The Board will take action on the quotes for the paving in front of the church. The Futures committee and WA are looking at the possibilities for gender neutral and accessible washrooms. Expect the Board to also get involved in that project. We have gotten quotes on sound system gear for use in the hall. I'm equally sure we will have other projects to consider. We have decisions to make. What priorities do you have?

If you have any suggestions on what you'd like to see included in that list, please get on touch with the office or any member of the Board.

Your participation is welcomed

We welcome all types of participation, and we will be asking for help as well as input. The Board is looking for people to take on some of the areas under its auspices, technical (sound and video recordings and our on-line presence) as an example. So, if there are any things that you'd like, want, or hope to see happen, if you see a need we can undertake, or if you would just like to talk about our finances, the church, or its outreach programs, please get in touch! If you are interested in how St. David's moves forward, please contact the church at 722-2382 or email us at stdavids@nfld.com.

Condolences - Heather Jean Roy (Shaw)

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the Roy family on the passing of Heather Roy on August 20, 2023. Heather was one of five daughters born to Dr. James Harold Shaw and Kathleen (Simons). Heather leaves to mourn her son Michael (Mary) and daughter Christine (Marty) Halmazna; grandchildren, Jackson, James, Kinsley and Lexi; sister, Janet Baker (Greg); many nieces and nephews; and her partner, Arnold Haines. Heather's funeral was held at Stanhope United Church (PEI) on September 11, 2023. A celebration of Heather's life will be held in St. John's, at a later date. The thoughts and prayers of everyone at St. David's are with Heather's family.



Passed away suddenly on August 20, 2023. Heather was born on August 24, 1949. Her parents, the late Dr. James Harold Shaw and Kathleen (Simons) Shaw had five daughters, Heather being the fourth, who were known by many as the “Shaw Sisters”. Heather was predeceased by her parents; her sisters, Patsy Scales (Alan), Suzanne Theakston (Grant) and Margaret Shaw. She is survived by her son, Michael (Mary) Roy; and daughter, Christine (Marty) Halmazna; grandchildren, Jackson, James, Kinsley and Lexi; sister, Janet Baker (Greg); many nieces and nephews; and her partner Arnold Haines. Heather was born and grew up in Charlottetown. She graduated from the PEI School of Nursing in June 1972, and began her career at the IWK Hospital in Halifax. She nursed there for a short time before moving to St. John’s, NL, where she worked at the Janeway Children’s Hospital in pediatrics until her retirement. Being a nurse was a natural gift for Heather. Her gentle, calm demeanour combined with her empathy and compassion provided comfort to countless patients and their families throughout the years. Heather was a true friend and her kindness was unprecedented. She was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Her thoughtfulness and consideration of others was well respected. Heather always had a smile on her face, enjoyed hearing a good joke, loved music and dancing, and lived a life full of cheer and optimism. She loved spending time with family and friends, cherishing the many walks with her friends and taking part in Sorority in St. John’s. Heather loved travelling and she especially enjoyed summertime visits to her cottage in Stanhope, her “little piece of heaven”,

where she could spend time with family. Everyone looked forward to the family get-togethers with lots of great food, music and wonderful memories. She loved Ross Lane Beach in Stanhope where she spent many years having fun and relaxing with her family and friends, always declaring it was the best beach in the world. For Heather, family was everything. She was an incredible, devoted and loving mother and grandmother whose love for her children and grandchildren was deep and unconditional. She was truly a special person who will be greatly missed and remembered. Heather's funeral will be at Stanhope United Church (across from Stanhope Golf Course) (2615 PE-6, York, PE C0A 1P0) on September 11th, at 12 p.m. A celebration of Heather's life will be held in St. John's, NL, and will be announced at a later date. Donations in memory of Heather can be made to either the Janeway Children's Hospital Foundation or the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Online condolences may be shared on Heather's obituary page at: www.belvederefh.com

News From John Mayiik

Last week, we received this update from Steve Bruneau about John Mayiik. John was a regular here at St. David's until his health issues made Church attendance impossible. For all of you who got to know John, here's some wonderful news we wanted to share with you. Thank- you Steve for the update!

I am happy to say however that our friend John Mayiik has successfully had a liver transplant, overcome many complications and was discharged yesterday (September 8th). There are clinic appointments in the mornings this weekend and other things going on, but the progress is good. See the pic from yesterday - John's discharge after being in hospitals since June 22! (Steve Bruneau)



<Left to Right: Steve, John and Don>

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations (September 16 to September 22)

Happy Birthday wishes to Karen Froude who has a birthday coming up on September 21st! Karen will be celebrating her special day with husband, Paul and children, Madelyn, Drayton, Jayce, Scarlett and Carrie, brothers Alex and Michael and their families and her mom and dad, Sue and Ken Templeton, not to mention all her other family and friends. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a very Happy Birthday, Karen, and may there be many more!

Also celebrating her birthday on September 21st, is Helen (Bruce) Reddick. Helen is the daughter of Pam Bruce. Your St. David's family is thinking of you Helen and sending along our best wishes. Hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy 7th Anniversary to Sarah Learmonth and David Corkey! Sarah and David were married here at St. David's on September 19, 2016. Congratulations from your St. David's family and we hope there are many years of happiness in your future! (Sarah is the daughter of Mary and Barry Learmonth.)

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

Our normal activities of the fall are starting to firm up with dates and times. Please read on!

Sunday School

Until Sunday School is operating again, the children will worship with their families. We will provide a special bulletin for the children each Sunday.

St. David's Choir

This fall we will be making a concerted attempt to have a choir for only (at first anyway!) the third Sunday each month. Brian Way would like to have at least eight to ten members in the choir. The choir would meet at 9:30 am for a one-hour practice for the music for that Sunday, take a half hour break and then take part on the 11 am service. **Do you like to sing? This is your chance to be in a choir directed by Brian Way.** If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact the church office at (709) 722-2382.

AMS Meeting in September

The AMS will meet on **Presbytery Sharing Sunday the 26th of September after church in the Armour Room.** There will be a light lunch followed by the meeting. All are welcome.

The **Atlantic AMS** will be meeting in Nova Scotia starting on September 15th through September 17th. There will be representatives (Lillian Crawford and Barb Ellis) attending from St. David's. If you'd like more information, please call the office, or any member of the AMS.

WA (Women's Auxiliary)

The first meeting of the WA after the summer break will be **Tuesday September, the 26th at noon in the Armour Room**. If you would like to join this vibrant group, drop by to 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. The main money makers now are the Bridge games held once a month. The first of these will be held in October with all the dates being set at this meeting.

Good Companions

The Good Companions (GC) meetings are in the preparation stage, with the first get together on **Thursday September 21st from 2 pm to 4 pm in the church hall and the Armour Room**. There will be bowling, bridge, cards (growl or 120's), Scrabble, and a light snack will be served. All are welcome!

Prayer Shawl Ministry/Knitters

The Prayer Shawl Knitters will be holding their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, October 3rd 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.

Bible Study

"Sandwich and Scriptures", the St. David's Bible Study group will start in the **Armour Room on Wednesday September 27th s 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!

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.

Brian Way and Friends – The Fall Concert Series

The first concert in the Fall Series is this **Saturday September 16th and features Bob MacDonald, Doug White and Brian!** Bob MacDonald is a well-known local singer and song writer who has played in bands and in small ensembles across the province. Bob will be performing material from artists such as Willie Nelson, Roy Orbison, Merle Haggard, Glen Campbell and others!

The second concert in this Fall series is on **Friday, September 29 at 8 pm featuring Kiersten Noel and Timothy Matson, accompanied by Brian Way.** This talented husband- wife duo will perform contemporary selections from the world of Broadway.

The third concert in the Fall series is on **Saturday, October 14 at 8 pm featuring Darrin Martin and Amanda Dawe, accompanied by Brian Way** These two accomplished performers will bring an evening of Classical music in addition to Traditional, Spiritual, and Musical Theatre favourites.

The fourth concert in the Fall series is on **Saturday, October 28 at 8 pm featuring Fergus O'Byrne, his son, Fergus Jr and Brian Way** performing an evening of Traditional music.

Tickets for the concerts are \$25 and will be available from the office, by calling (709) 722-2382 or emailing us at stdavids@nfld.com.

St David's Bridge Lunches

Fall is coming with the return of the successful series of Bridge Lunches! The first one will be held on **October 24th in the church hall** and tables are going fast! So, if you missed your game of Bridge over the summer, please get your request in for a table or sign up for the entire fall, winter and spring sessions! Lillian and Heather will be the ones to call.

Remember the lunch will be a hearty meal including the surprise and delicious "mystery" soup, the regular array of favorite soups, plus those very decadent sweet squares. There will be prizes plus an enjoyable game of bridge for everyone. See you there!

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

The Weekly "Flyer" Specials – Useful items for Bridges to Hope – September 14 – 20

Dominion - Graves Apple Juice - \$0.99

No Frills - Kraft Dinner (KD) - \$0.99

Lantic Sugar - \$1.88

Cheez Whiz - \$3.97

Colemans - Minute Maid Juice Boxes (10 pack) – 2/\$5.00

Cheez Whiz - \$3.97

Bridges To Hope are asking their partner churches to contribute a specific item each month and the item for SEPTEMBER is Canned Soup. 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

Who are Brian Way's Friends performing these concerts?

Concert two in the fall series – Theatre and the world of Broadway

Keirsten Noel and Tim Matson have been active in the local musical theatre scene with credits for directing, music and lyrics, and participating in various local theatre productions.

Kiersten Noel was born and raised in St. John's, she holds Bachelor's degrees from Memorial University in Music Performance and Music Education, as well as a Master's degree in Vocal Performance with a concentration in Music Theatre from New York University. She has performed with many Newfoundland theatre companies including TADA Events, Peter MacDonald Productions, Opera on the Avalon and Best Kind Productions.

Timothy Matson is a performer, writer, director originally from Carroboro, North Carolina who is now calling St. John's home. Timothy has a Bachelor's degree in Music/Drama from the University of North Carolina, a Master's degree from New York University in Music Theatre, and a Bachelor of Education from MUN in Theatre Arts. He appeared in the local (Gander) cast of Come From Away. He has participated and directed several local groups and as a writer wrote several plays. He is currently developing a play based on a true story, centered on the South Coast, the Newfoundland community of Rencontre East.

Concert three in the fall series – Classical music plus Traditional, Spiritual, and Music Theatre favorites

Darrin Martin wears two hats, he is an award-winning graduate of Visual Arts from College of The North Atlantic, is a full-time visual artist who operates the studio and gallery known as NorthSide Studios in Torbay, NL. Darrin is also a well-known performer and musician throughout Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. These days he can be seen and heard performing with Spirit of

Newfoundland Productions, Our Divas Do Christmas, Sheila Williams Productions and at a variety of events through Newfoundland and Labrador.

Amanda Dawe has a Bachelor's degree in Music, a Bachelor's degree in Music Teacher Education degrees from MUN and from the University of Manitoba (UofM) Master's degree in Music Performance and attended the Opera Apprentice Program at the UofM. She currently is a music instructor with the Dynamic Sounds Music Studio and is a substitute music teacher in the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District.

Concert four in the fall series – Traditional music

This concert is one with the well known father son team of Fergus O'Byrne, his son, Fergus Jr. .

Fergus O'Byrne was born in Dublin Ireland and moved to Canada where he was part of several bands including The Sons of Erin, Ryan's Fancy, and Tickle Harbour, the latter two in Newfoundland. Fergus had a solo career performing across Canada, the United States, Europe and as far east as Hong Kong. Fergus has been a member of the band A Crew of Bold Sharemen, is part of a duo with Jim Payne, also plays with Fergus Jr. and appears as a soloist at O'Reilly's. Fergus is one of the best vocalists in the business.

Fergus Brown-O'Byrne (Fergus Jr.) is also a wonderful musician of traditional music. He hosts a weekly traditional session at O'Reilly's with Jerry O'Brien on fiddle. As a matter of fact, you can catch him there the afternoon after our concert!

Fergus went to MUN, getting both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Philosophy. He spent some time as a private music teacher and member of the band The Freels. After being involved with a few album projects – including a family project in Ireland, he was a member of The Freels when their self-titled album "The Freels" was released in late 2014. He and his father have played many gigs together at such locations as O'Brien's Music and at other locations around St. John's.

Mission Moment – Presbyterian World Service & Development Sunday, September 17th 2023

For the five congregations that comprise the Northern New Brunswick Regional Ministry, 'church' goes well beyond someone's physical presence in the building on Sunday morning. Over the past year, they have asked themselves, "How do we reach out to those in our community and meet them where their needs are greatest?" Each congregation faces a wide diversity of social and economic challenge in their communities, including drug addiction, homelessness, unemployment and food insecurity. A common thread that unites their communities despite distance: people are searching for acceptance and help. The congregations are working to meet these needs through compassion and care.

