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Welcome to the News from the Pews Newsletter!

November is a special month. The leaves are almost gone from the trees, blanketing the ground with rich and beautiful colours. It's a season of reflection, with Remembrance Day calling us to honour those who have sacrificed so much. The city is also buzzing, filled with the early anticipation of the Holiday season—a reminder of the joy and togetherness that lies ahead.

As we step into Month 11 of 12, ask yourself: How will you make this month meaningful? Each day brings an opportunity to reflect, reconnect, and renew our faith. Let's embrace November together with open hearts and a spirit of gratitude.

On Sunday, November 3rd, the families of Christina Baird-Duncan and Hugh Cumming will be dedicating 2 leaves on the Memorial Tree in their memory. Please join us and the families on this special occasion. The families will be hosting a coffee time after the service in the Church Hall and hope to see you there so we can all share the many special memories we have of Christina and Hugh.

Want to share your news, events, or good story
in the next edition? Contact us!



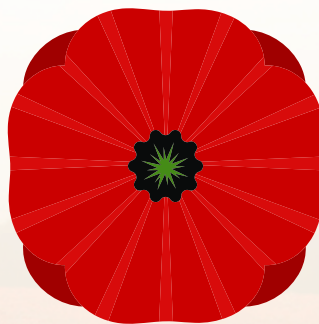
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98 Elizabeth Avenue



Worship Service, Sunday
11:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m



Lest We Forget.

Monday, 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 live in a safe, free country. Our Memorial Plaque at the front of the Church, honours those from our congregation who lost their lives in the First World War, 1914-1918. Please take a moment to reflect.

Roll Call:

Edward Barnes

George T. Cowan

Lionel T. Duley

Charles R. Frost

Lancelot W. Keeping

George Langmead

Henry C. Noonan

Melville R. Russell

Owen W. Steele

H. Gordan Thomas

James P. Watts

Wesley Watts

Alec J. White

Wallace Wilbur Chancey

William Jacob Tilley

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

Minister's Message



Each fall, I take the time to attend the annual meeting of the Atlantic Synod of Presbyterian churches, which generally takes place at some fairly central location. This year, we were hosted by St. James in Truro, NS, from October 21st to 23rd.

One of my favourite parts of the fall Synod meeting are the trees. Visiting the mainland in October, I am reminded of how big their trees are compared to ours, how colourful, and how magnificent.

A beautiful tree in fall colours from my recent trip to Synod in Truro, Nova Scotia

I admit to gawking a bit, and taking lots of pictures this year. It never ceases to amuse me how ambivalent the locals are to the beauty all around them. Sometimes, you have to have eyes to see the beauty right in front of you, I suppose, and there's nothing like the greys and browns of home to make me appreciate colours like these.

To be fair, all those oblivious local Presbyterians are always happy to be reminded of how lovely their province is, and having me point it out to them brightens their day too. Sometimes they even pause and admire the trees with me.

I believe that this attitude is tied to one of the key effects of our faith. We are called to look for beauty in the world around us, to see God's hand at work to bless us in our surroundings. Paul writes of all things working together for those who love God, Genesis tells us that when God made the world he called it Good, Revelation proclaims that the city of God will descend to us here as God's kingdom comes to earth as it is in heaven. As Christians, we love this world deeply. After all, God so loved the world that he gave his only Son!

We study the Bible because it teaches us how to be happy in this world. Through the stories of the Bible, we learn to look for the small glimmer of light and trust it to overcome the darkness. We know that suffering will come to us no matter how good we are, but we also learn that despite all we may see to the contrary, life triumphs over death. We are the ones who sing with joy in a graveyard, who prepare a great feast with five loaves and two fishes, who worship God at the foot of the cross, and who stand gawking at the beautiful trees God has made on an ordinary Tuesday in October.

This is how I learn to appreciate my life, my home, my family, and everything God gives me. I am learning to see the world through a lens of thanksgiving and joy, and find happiness welling up within me along with the energy to do good in the world.

May you be happy this month, for that is the blessing of our faith. May you be blessed with eyes that see a thousand reasons to rejoice even when it would seem impossible to others. May your joy overcome your fears, and the life within you overpower the death within you. For there is new life aplenty to be found in Christ.

What Good News that is!

*Dear Lord,
What a good life I have,
how bright are the colours around me,
how sweet is the air,
how kind are those who love me.
I pause to rest in joy.
O King of Peace,
protect me from the anxiety of this world,
hold firm to my heart,
that it may never leave this joyful state.
In the name of Christ I pray,
Amen.*

David



250th Anniversary Committee

In 2025, St. David's will be celebrating 250 years of congregational worship. This is a celebration for us all to share in, and we are looking for your input and help in marking this momentous occasion. A Committee has been formed to oversee the celebrations (consisting of Rev. David, Steve Bruneau, Janet Calver, Lillian Crawford, and Heather Steele-Morrissey), but we are looking for your ideas and your willingness to help out with individual events throughout the year.

If you would like to help with researching the realities of life 250 years ago in St. Johns, participate in a historical walk through places of meaning to this congregation, prepare food for celebrations, join in prayer vigils, or offer new and exciting ideas for how we can celebrate together, please reach out to us! If you're not ready to do that yet, then stay tuned for more details.

Treasurer's Report

The regular Fall and Winter schedules for us and for our long-term renters is well underway. Our 2024 income to date is just shy of \$200,000, including all our donations, all our rental income and a borrowed amount of \$21,142.10 from our sinking fund. The sinking fund was created to hold monies donated for various groups, for specific expenses, and also contains a portion of the St. Aiden's Fund.

Our current financial picture showing income, expenses and our outstanding amounts currently due:



Treasurer's Report

Expenses Jan 1 – Oct 24: \$199,971.17

Income Jan 1 – Oct 24: \$199,917.95

Amounts outstanding: \$ 52,782.84

The outstanding amounts are due to various groups and companies. The largest share by far being the Presbyterian Church in Canada and its various entities. While we currently have \$10,695.48 in our current account, by November 1st I will have paid out \$11,330.60 to our employees, contractors, and local business entities. As you may see, I continue to pay what I can, when I can. The Board and Session are aware of these numbers and support me.

I am fully aware that in the last two months of the year we receive roughly 25% of our annual income. If you are able to support our church, please do so.

Thank you to all who are continuing to donate to your church through your envelopes on Sunday mornings, 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 about.

Did You Know?



When you donate, you'll receive a tax-receipt!

When you combine your donation receipts at tax time, you'll get charity tax credits you can use to reduce both your federal and provincial income taxes.



Your donations go beyond the church doors.

Donations aid in supporting new members to the church, and allow us to become community champions by supporting others in need.

Condolences Patey Family



The sympathy of the congregation goes out to Bob and Heather Patey and family on the passing of Bob's father, Paul Evarts Patey on October 22, 2024 at the age of 83. His funeral was Monday, October 28 at the Salvation Army Temple on Torbay Road with Interment in Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Beaumont Hamel Way, Mt. Pearl. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. (For the full obituary, please go to Carnell's website.)

Dad passed away peacefully at the Miller Centre after a months-long battle with cancer. In his last days he was surrounded by family, with his wife at his side every day. Left to mourn are his wife Shirley of sixty years; children Bob (Heather), Donna (David Paul), Glenn (Barbara) and Wanda; grandchildren Zach, Brian, Jean, El, Michael, Jeremy, Sarah, Naomi, and Gregory; great-grandchildren Sophie, Ryker, Athena and Griffin; his sisters Emily (Felix ReMartinez), Catherine, Faith and Nina, and brother-in-law Frank Andrews; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Brigadier Cecil Patey and Effie Patey; his brothers, Cecil and Philip; parents-in-law Dorothy and Percy Figary and Stanley Anderson; sisters-in-law Marilyn and Verna.

Condolences Patey Family



Since childhood, Paul wanted to be a doctor. Through hard work and with the support of many who recognized his potential, he earned a BSc at MUN and an MD and MSc at McGill, and started his long medical career in Newfoundland in 1968. Family practice in the outports was his favourite, but he realized he could do more good by training doctors to do the work he loved, and so joined the MUN Faculty of Medicine. While there he filled many roles: commissioner on the Royal Commission on Hospital and Nursing Home costs; President of the Canadian College of Family Physicians; Head of the Family Practice Department of the MUN Medical Faculty; and the one he loved the most – family doctor for thousands of people. After his ‘retirement’ in 2002 he took on many locums in rural Newfoundland, and for many years wrote a column in the MUNMED newsletter which led to his book “Try to Help Love Grow”. In 2023 the Canadian Medical Association awarded him a Honorary Life Membership.

All through his life, Paul took great joy in his family and put great effort in helping us make the best of the trials and opportunities we encountered. He enjoyed watching us all follow our different paths. He was always a great friend of God.

We will miss you greatly Dad!

In lieu of flowers please donate to a charity of your choice.

Condolences

Dorothy "Dot" Thistle



The sympathy of the congregation goes out to Les and Jeff Thistle and their families on the unexpected passing of Dot (Dorothy) Thistle, on October 23rd, 2024 at the age of 84. The funeral was held on Monday, October 28th at Barrett's Funeral Home, Mount Pearl, with internment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. (An excerpt from the obituary is found below. For full details, please visit Barrett's Funeral Home.) Our thoughts and prayers are with the family .








It is with tremendous heartbreak we announce the unexpected but peaceful passing of our cherished mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend on Wednesday, October 23rd 2024, Dorothy "Dot" Thistle, age 84 years.

Predeceased by her parents, Norman and Margaret Kane, her husband of 38 years, Eric Thistle, and her brother Gordon Kane. Left with endless memories and love are her two sons: Les (Marjorie) and Jeff (Darleen); grandchildren: Ryan (Rebecca) and Erica (Alisha); precious great grandson Hudson; sisters: Christina Fleming and Sandra Kennedy; special friend Ralph Parsons and extended network of family and friends.

Dot's family and friends should take comfort in knowing she lived her life on her terms. She maintained her independence until the end, was comfortable that she had accomplished all that she could in life and was ready for what was waiting for her beyond this world. We will cherish our memories forever.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



 Steeley Ellis November 1st	 Sophie Bailey November 3rd	 Samantha Bruneau November 12th	 Timothy Bruneau November 12th
 Deborah Offia November 12th	 Doug Barnes November 16th	 Blake Rudofsky November 18th	 Jane Lowery November 19th
 Karen Bonnell November 19th	 David Hudson November 21st	 Dini denOtter November 24th	 Nicole Myles November 25th
 Ian Wishart November 26th	 Josh Quinton November 28th	 Drayton Froude November 30th	 Robert Patey November 30th

Best wishes from everyone here at St. David's and we hope you have a wonderful birthday with family and friends!



Janet and Paul Aitken, celebrating their 53rd wedding anniversary on November 6th

Jane and John Green, celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary on November 19th

Congratulations to our couples. We hope you share your special day with family and friends and best wishes for many happy years ahead!

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.



What's Happening

at St. David's

NOV

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10:00 AM

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY /KNITTERS

The Prayer Shawl Knitters will be holding their first monthly meeting this Fall on Tuesday, November 5th 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.

NOV

06

12:30
PM

BIBLE STUDY

Each Wednesday at 12:30 PM, we gather together to study the bible together. We choose together what we would like to study, and are eager for new voices to join us. Through the story of scripture, we find meaning that matters to us. A questioning mind is an asset, a willingness to learn from others is essential, and a resistance to getting distracted and off topic would be, although not strictly needed, a novel addition to our group.

NOV

06

2:00 PM

PICKLEBALL

Pickleball will resume for Fall and will take place every Wednesday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 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.

What's Happening

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2:00 PM

GOOD COMPANIONS

The Good Companions is a seniors group that meets 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 2 to 4 pm. All are welcome!

NOV

10

11:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is a fun and active group that meet part way through the Sunday Service following the Children's hymn and sermon.

They have a Bible study lesson, enjoy craft-time, sing songs and so much more! Please join us and see for yourself!

We are still looking for volunteers. Please speak to Sarah King or email sarah_mcmeekin@hotmail.com

NOV

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11:00 AM

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

November 10th we will hold our Remembrance Day service to honour those who made the sacrifice to protect our country, and who continue to do so today.

What's Happening

at St. David's

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7:30 PM

SESSION

Session will meet on Tuesday, November 12th at 7:30 pm in the Armour Room.

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7:00 PM

FUTURES COMMITTEE

The Future's Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 13th at 7:00pm in the Armour Room

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12:30 PM

AMS - ATLANTIC MISSION SOCIETY

AMS meets on one Sunday a month after Worship in the Armour Room. Refreshments are provided. New members male or female would be most welcome. We have lots of discussion around mission and much laughter. Hope to see you there! Call Penny Gillies if there are any questions 709-728-8112

What's Happening

at St. David's

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9:30 AM

POP-UP CHOIR CALL

Ever dream of singing with a group on stage? Here's your chance! Join the church congregation on November 17th where we will meet 9:30 am in the sanctuary for rehearsal followed by the 11am service. Fill our sanctuary with beautiful voices - contact Brian to participate.

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7:30 PM

BOARD OF MANAGERS

The Board of Managers will meet on Wed, November 20th at 7:30pm in the Armour Room and over WebEx. The Board of Managers are always looking for new members. If you think that you might be interested in being part of the BOM, we would love to hear from you. Maybe consider attending one of the monthly meetings to see what we are all about. You would be most welcome!

NOV

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11:00 AM

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

This service features contemporary gospel music complete with a band thanks to extraordinary Music Director Brian Way! Contemporary Services are scheduled for the last Sunday of every month and we hope you will join us for this lively Sunday Worship!

What's Happening

at St. David's

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12:00 PM

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The next meeting of the WA will be held on Tuesday, November 26th, 2024 at noon in the Armour Room to discuss and plan upcoming events, including the next Bridge Party. 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 take place. Our monthly Lunch/Bridge for November will be held on the 12th. Tables of four (4) must be booked in advance. Cost - \$20.00 per person.

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1-30

AMS - NOVEMBER IS WINTER COATS MONTH

The month of November is dedicated to collecting "lovingly used" Winter Coats. Please ensure that all closures, zippers, snaps, buttons, etc. are in good working order.

A coat rack is set up in the reception area just outside the offices for the collection of donated coats.

Groups and Events



Bridges to Hope

“The Weekly "Flyer" Specials with items helpful for food hampers”, will be included in your weekly Announcements insert in the Order of Service

The suggested item(s) for November 2024, especially useful for Bridges To Hope – crackers! Other non-perishable food items are always welcome and appreciated!

While Bridges to Hope always has an ample supply of dog food, they have a shortage of cat food. Your help in this area would be appreciated too. Thank you.



39 Cookstown Rd, St. John's, NL A1C 4G7



<https://bridgestohope.ca/>



Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange

Who doesn't love a good Jigsaw Puzzle?!

Well, the Good Companions Group has started a Jigsaw Puzzle exchange... you will find the Jigsaw Puzzles in the locked grey cabinet just outside the Armour Room. (The key for the cabinet is kept in the office.) Management of the puzzles will be done on an 'Honour System' – anybody can leave a puzzle or take a puzzle. And you can take as long as you like to complete. Should you have any questions, comments or suggestions, you may leave them at the office for Charlie Goobie and he will contact you promptly!

Groups and Events



Sunday Coffee Hour Volunteers

Sunday Coffee Hour is a lovely custom we have at St. David's. ☺

We are looking for individuals and families to help assist with setting up and/or serving ... there is really not much to it and other volunteers would be delighted to show you the ropes! A sign up sheet has been put on the refrigerator if you have a spare Sunday to help out. A special thank you to everyone who signed up in September & October - it was very much appreciated!

The November sign up schedule is now available.



Music in the Hall

We are excited to announce **the next two** concerts in our Music in the Hall Concert Series!

The first of the two will be held **Saturday, November 16th** at 8pm. Please join us as we welcome Jenny Gear and Sandy Morris, accompanied by Doug White and Brian Way. This will be a wonderful evening of Contemporary Folk, Jazz and Popular music favourites.

The next concert, on **Saturday, December 7th**, we will be welcoming back Shelley Neville and Bob MacDonald for our 2nd Annual Christmas Show!! Definitely not to be missed!!

Tickets are \$25 per person. Please call or email the office to reserve, **tickets will sell out!** 709-722-2382 OR stdavids@nfld.com

Groups and Events



Music in the Hall Update

Our Music in the Hall Concert Series has been doing a wonderful job of bringing our community together... and we have been receiving the loveliest comments!

Here's a sample:

“Happy Thanksgiving to you and your congregation as well.

I am so happy to have stumbled upon the fabulous music provided by your Church. Consequently taking in every performance since mid summer. And hoping to continue to celebrate the beautiful music & array of musical talent with you into next year and beyond.

I would love to have two tickets for October 20th. Warmest wishes for a lovely weekend.”



Christmas Hampers 2024

Now that our “Socktober” project is over, we are switching our focus to: CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2024

We plan to do at least forty (40) hampers this year – more if funds permit!

The proposed preparation and delivery date is Saturday, December 21, 2024.

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!

Groups and Events



Christmas Hampers 2024

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!

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

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)

N.B. An item that is listed in red indicates that we already have at least forty (40) of that item – our initial goal.

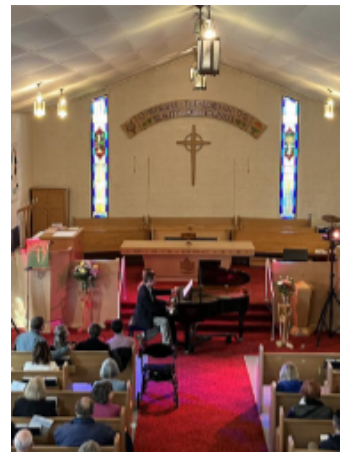
Good News *from you*

Dr. Kristina Szutor and Piano Dedication

On October 27, 2024, St. David's congregation, and the community as a whole, were honoured to help celebrate the life and career of Dr. Kristina Szutor and to take part in the dedication of her baby grand piano for the future music ministry of our Church. To say it was a special hour, does not do it justice and in many ways, there are no words to describe the afternoon. There were many times of quiet reflection and teary eyes but just as many moments of laughter. It was an afternoon of music and song from some of her closest friends and a time to reflect on courage, strength, and faith.

It was such an honour that Kristina chose St. David's as the home for her piano. It will be cherished and well looked after by the congregation for years to come.

Included in the friends who came to share the gift of music were: Brian Way, Jenny Griffioen, Caroline Schiller, Christine Carter, Maureen Volk, Vernon Regehr, Florian Hoefner, Grace Nolan, Bill Brennan, Shelley Neville, Nancy Dahn and Timothy Steeves (Duo Concertante), David Pomeroy and Anna Mercer.



Good News *from you*

Busy Beavers!

We have a lot of Church members who care deeply about the upkeep of our Church sanctuary, Hall and grounds. As with most homes, there are always some little (and big) things that need to be done. Our Church is no different. Fortunately, we have a group of “busy beavers” (who will remain nameless) who jump into action with brooms, rakes, clippers, mowers, screwdrivers, stain, paint, hammers, ladders - and duct tape - when something needs fixin’ or cleanin’.

We are so grateful for all the work you do around the Church to keep it neat and clean and running smoothly for the rest of us. So a big thank-you!

Below are just a few pictures showing how good the building and grounds are looking. Have a peek around the next time you come by and if you drive by after sunset, take a special note of the new and improved lighting around the main doors and the beautiful Rose window!



The Last Roses of Fall

On Tuesday, we happened to catch sight of these beautiful roses in front of our Church and couldn't resist but take a pictures or two. Not bad for October 29th!



Good News *from you*

Anne's Garden – Lady Cove

Besides looking after the Church's financial affairs, Anne is growing lots of interesting things at her place in Lady Cove, Random Island. Below are just some of the veggies and fruits from her garden. Check out the apples, celery, corn (for the "flock"), grapes and the last of the tomatoes and zucchini. She obviously has a bit of a green thumb!



The Church Hall's New Look

With the help of the WA, our Church Hall is looking pretty spiffy these days. Just this past week, the main Hall, along with the lower foyer, and the back kitchen got a thorough cleaning, stripping, and a couple of coats of wax. A few weeks ago, the main kitchen had new flooring installed. Our Hall looks great. A big thank-you to the WA for helping with these projects. The next time you're in Church, pop down and have a look at the "shine" – it won't last long!



Good News *from you*

Music in the Hall Concert (October 10th)

Our October Music in the Hall concert was titled, “Runnin’ on Faith” – A Tribute to Eric Clapton’s “Unplugged” album. It was a fantastic coming -together of some of the best musical talent in this Province - Roger Howse, Larry Foley, Sandy Morris, Leanne Kean, Scott Mansfield and our own, Brian Way. It was truly a night to celebrate, not only an iconic album but also other Clapton favourites. With the audience clapping and singing along to the music for close to two hours, it was an unforgettable evening.



(L-R): Scott Mansfield, Larry Foley, Sandy Morris, Leanne Kean, Brian Way and Roger Howse

Music in the Hall Concert (October 20th)

October was a double-header for our Music in the Hall concerts. Our second concert of the month was very special for many reasons: It was the first time one of the concerts was held in our Sanctuary; The music was gospel and inspirational favourites; It was held on a Sunday afternoon; and It was free-will offering. It was so good to see the Church pews filled again. There were many “friends” from the previous concerts held in the Hall, but there were many more newcomers who had never been inside our Church before. Our performers - Karla Pilgrim, Darrin Martin, Jackie Sullivan and Brian Way – made our hearts soar and our souls sing! Let’s hope they can come back soon.



(L-R): Darrin Martin, Jackie Sullivan, Karla Pilgrim, and Brian Way

Good News *from you*

WA Hosted Bridge Party – October 15, 2024

On October 15th, the WA hosted its first bridge party since our “summer break”. There was much anticipation and excitement in the air for both the WA members and our loyal bridge players! Before and during lunch, there was lively chit-chat as people caught up on all the news from the summer. As lunch was served, “difficult” decisions had to be made as to what bowl of soup and what luscious dessert to choose. All in all, there was much laughter and many smiles, in short, a fun afternoon. The next bridge party will be on November 12th!

Many thanks from the WA to all those who volunteered to make this afternoon a great success – our set-up and take-down crews, our “souper” cooks and “delectable dessert” bakers, our dessert “plater” our kitchen staff and servers, and our dirty dishes cleanup team. We couldn’t do it without you! Thank-you all!

Here are just a few of the pictures from this past Tuesday.



Good News *from you*

AMS News – Fall Rally

On Tuesday, October 22nd, members of the Newfoundland Presbyterian Atlantic Mission Society (AMS) met at St. David's for their annual meeting. The Newfoundland Presbyterian is made up of members from both St. Andrew's (the Kirk) and St. David's. The afternoon, appropriately named "Fall Rally – Falling Into Grace", opened with a brief worship time, followed by the business portion. After this, Kathy McKay shared her experiences from her recent trip to Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam. It was an eye-opener for many of us – very poignant and thought-provoking. At some later date, we hope to hear more from Kathy about her experiences. Following Kathy's reflections, we enjoyed an afternoon "tea" and our much anticipated "Bring-and-Buy" sale – which is always fun.

If you are interested in mission and community outreach consider joining the AMS, we'd love to hear from you! Contact the Church office and Heather will give you all the details.

Nnenna Offia's Graduation

Congratulations to Nnenna Offia on her recent graduation from Memorial University with a Master of Applied Ocean Technology! We are so proud of you and what you have accomplished. Enjoy the moment and best wishes for the future! Below are a few pictures of Nnenna with family and friends as they share her joy!



Good News *from you*

Penny and Stewart – Family Visit

Penny and Stewart, and let's not forget Cleo, were delighted to have family visit over the summer months. Their happiness continued into the Fall when one of their daughters, Joanna, and her youngest daughter, Jordan, came to visit. Penny and Stewart also loved having big sisters Katie and Sarah on a visit here earlier in July.



Sunday School News

Our Sunday School numbers may be small, but the children have a great spirit and are more than willing to lend a helping hand – or two. This they did on October 13, when they helped make muffins for Bridges to Hope. With help from Lillian, Barbara and Yasmin, the children's little hands helped produce 11 dozen chocolate chip muffins! Once the muffins cooled, they were carefully packaged and the next day, delivered to Bridges to Hope where they were added to the food hampers. Lillian hopes to make this a regular once a month event for the children. Many thanks to Sarah for helping to coordinate this event and for her ongoing work and dedication to the Sunday School. Check out the “worker bees” below!



Good News *from you*

The Shalabys Say Goodbye

We are sad to say good-bye to Tanya, Nabil, and Christina Shalaby. When they first arrived in Newfoundland and Labrador, they chose St. David's as their Church and for many, many years, they have been important members of our Church family. They were loyal Church-goers and supported all our events, Church groups and social activities.

Tanya was elected as an Elder and carried out her district responsibilities with much love and compassion. We are sad to see them go, but happy for them because their move back to Ontario means they will be closer to family and family is very important to the Shalabys. Nadia will still be here in St. John's and Nabil may have to return occasionally for work related obligations. This means the family may be visiting from time to time - and we hope to see them on such occasions! We wish them all our love and the very best as they start this new chapter in their lives.

Come-by-Chance Podcast

Luke Quinton has produced (June 2024) a terrific podcast, entitled, "Come-by-Chance". It's well worth the listen.

Here's Becky's note:

I don't know how many people have had the chance to hear it but I thought it might be something interesting to listen to as the weather gets cold and people are stuck inside - plus its very good and well done.





Come By Chance can be heard on CBC Listen, Apple Podcast, Amazon Music, or Spotify and a free app called Pocket Casts.




A chance encounter leads to a life-altering revelation in the new podcast, Come by Chance

Church Information



Church Office Hours:

-  Tuesday to Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.
-  709-722-2382 (General office)
-  709-699-3661 (Rev. David Sturtevant)
-  stdavids@nfld.com (messages are checked regularly!)

Pastoral Care

- Please contact Rev. David Sturtevant
-  709-699-3661

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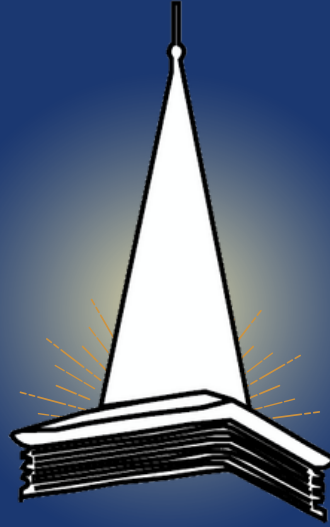
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