

## **Minister - Jane Doull**

Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, I've lived in England, on the prairies and in the rural and small-town Maritimes.

Raised Anglican, I found my spiritual home in the United Church of Canada. I love its openness, inclusivity, diversity, community spirit, passion for justice, emphasis on lay participation, and progressive, expansive theology. My vision: a beloved community, inviting all, especially those with doubts and questions, accepting all where they are, but also growing and deepening in our journey with Spirit and our care for the world.

This is my third "career".

"Career #1 - perpetual student, officially picking up an M.A. and M.Litt [Classics and Modern Languages, and more Classics/late Latin/Early medieval history] at Oxford. Unofficially I was learning about music, art., English literature, theology, peace and justice etc.! Now I am learning about science, world religions, art history and whatever else catches my attention.

"Career #2" Adult educator- 5 years at St Andrew's College, our United Church seminary in Saskatoon, SK. I'm still an adult educator- that's a huge part of my ministry here at Wesley.

"Career #3" Pastoral ministry in the United Church of Canada. I studied for my M.Div at St Andrew's College, Saskatoon and was ordained in 1994. Again and again, I find myself called to rural and small-town churches. I have been at Wesley, St Andrews, since September 2010. On March 1, 2014, Wesley entered a new cooperative venture with St James Pastoral Charge [worshipping at Oak Hill and Scotch Ridge United churches, in rural Charlotte County, north of St Stephen]. We are all happy with this cooperative arrangement and are in the process of making it official. I now work approximately 3/4 time with Wesley and 1/4 time with St James. My commitment to rural, small town churches, often on the geographical edge, continues.

I love : creative liturgy ; all kinds of reading and writing; spiritual community outside the box; small group work; all things musical; all things culinary and conversational; trying to make the world a better place ; and above all the deep connections with others as we support each other's' spiritual paths.

I have taken the Atlantic Jubilee Programme in Spiritual Development and Deepening and am a member of Spiritual Directors International.

You'll find me at concerts, especially classical, and art exhibitions, or reading for book club. I often host Opera Workshop students who need a home away from home. I love to explore our lovely Charlotte County and Maine coastal communities. You may find me on the St Andrews wharf contemplating the mystery of ocean and sunset.

I adore my cats, and love to meet other people's animal companions. Here we support each other through the illness and loss of beloved pets- we understand that they are precious family members.

In 2012 and 2015 I had the opportunity to serve as a Commissioner to the 41st United Church General Council - which has given me a new sense of inspiration and hope about our church even in these changing times.

I'd love to meet you.

Phone me , email me, visit the office by chance or appointment, invite me to your home- or perhaps you will find me at Honeybeans enjoying dark roast coffee! I am available to any of you who are in need , are new arrivals, or would like some pastoral or spiritual conversation.