

A Stewardship Message

I hope this finds you and yours healthy, safe, and well! As I sit and write this, I cannot help but appreciate creation at this time of the year, especially today! June is my most favourite month with blue, blue skies, long days, warm sunshine, varying shades of green, shrubs taking turns showing off their vibrant colours and the glistening waters of the Passamaquoddy Bay nearby. This season of new growth and vibrancy has not changed since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic even though we are indeed in the midst of a different time and reality!

Wesley United will turn many corners in the coming weeks as we head into summer. We will wish Jane a “happy retirement”, the Search Committee, the Board and the Trustees will be active throughout the summer, supply ministry will assist us and Wesley United will continue to be engaged in our community be it a new normal. Right now, I feel we are somewhat like an invisible infrastructure. Yet as always, we are not alone, God is with us!

Our church continues to be a place where everyone can easily and openly experience a God of great love. Even as some members, friends and neighbours face new challenges, our first priority remains providing pastoral care and maintaining relationships in our community of faith and beyond. Calls are made, people are cared for, and worship continues via Zoom and other social media outlets.

It takes many people, lots of talents, creativity, and vision to make God’s love real. Sometimes it is as simple as a small gesture of kindness. Other times it can quickly deplete all our energies.

Thank-you for making God’s love real!

Here’s the thing: making God’s love real also requires funding. Today I am asking each of you to please reflect on what this spiritual community means for you and your ability, whatever it may be, to make a commitment of financial support. ALL gifts are a sign of faith and an act of generosity to be celebrated.

It has been a time of gratitude for me as I acknowledge on behalf of Wesley United all the gifts we have received in many ways during this pandemic. So again, thank you everyone for your generosity; e-transfers, cheques, Canada Helps, mail, drop offs and PAR.

Sign up for PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance).

- Last year our Annual Report stated we have **85** families that financially support our church in some way. **26** of those give through PAR. I want to say a special thank you to our PAR donors! It is at times like this that your consistent, automatic, monthly giving helps sustain us. Your commitment is a big gift!
- If anyone would like more information on joining this program or adjusting your PAR gift, please speak with me at 506-469-4631 or email barbsheen@hotmail.com.

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Thank you for seriously considering this request. You are appreciated!

As Jane begins her final week, I wish to say “thanks” to Jane for her patience and her special ability of listening to me as I unravelled, (*sometimes ranted*) and somehow acquired a better understanding of “stewardship”. I will miss the office talks. Congratulations and best wishes, Jane!

Barb, Church Treasurer

