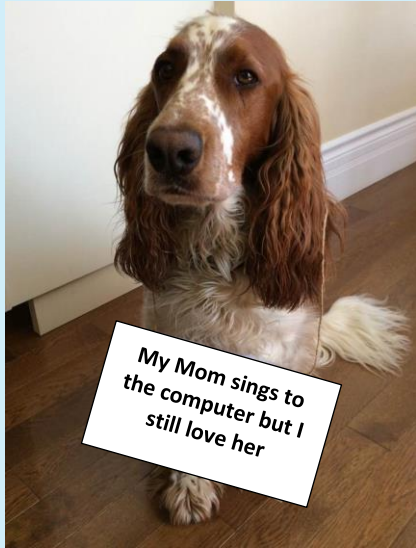


Please WATCH FOR AN EMAIL FOR Sundays Service – also on the website
<https://wesleyunitedchurchstandrewsbytheseanb.ca/>

First of all, I feel I should apologize to everyone who attended last Sunday's Zoom worship. I was happily singing along with the last hymn, not realizing that Lance had unmuted us! Even worse, our dear spaniel, Henry, loves duets. So, I am sorry if his howling and my off-pitch singing made an irreverent ending to your worship service!



I do miss singing with all of you. And I miss our beautiful sanctuary with the jewelled light coming in the high windows. I miss Sunday morning post-church at Honeybeans. But especially I miss each of you and the connection we share.

This is one reason why we have decided that, in the interim before we have a new minister, we will try to have a different member of the congregation write to you in this Cooperator newsletter each week. We all have reflections to offer, news to share, or stories to tell. It will help us stay connected with each other.

I find the quiet of this “new normal” is a blessing and a problem. Sometimes I feel I could spend months happily reading, gardening, cooking, etc., and then suddenly I feel like I haven't laughed in days and I'm longing to be with others. This new simplicity and less-cluttered calendar may be something many of us want to retain in part. But, just like Henry, we also are pack animals by nature who need to share life with others. We find fullness of being and our best selves with other people and in community.

And I do seem to spend a lot of time communing “at” church on Zoom: This spring, I joined the weekly “Wild and Wonderful(?)” women's group which has almost finished an inspiring book on environmental activism by a Buddhist scholar, Joanna Macy. We are so grateful to Carole Martignacco for leading us with grace and wisdom since Jane's retirement!

I also meet regularly with the Search Committee. We are designing questions for our interview process and hope soon to do a couple of mock interviews to practice the process on Zoom. An online interview is not ideal but we trust it will work for a first round of interviews. We all feel the weight of responsibility that we bear for our church families, so please pray for wisdom and discernment for the committee members. And finally, since we don't have a minister, the Official Board continues to meet monthly through the summer. It's all about staying connected and continuing to work together.

The pandemic is life-changing and world-altering. But maybe we can use the time to practice what we want to become, to consider what we want to create. Blessings to each of you in the coming week!

Francie Howard, Chair of the Board

Stewardship Message June 2020 – please click link

<https://wesleyunitedstandrewsbythesea704293189.files.wordpress.com/2020/06/stewardship-message-june-2020.pdf>

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Any other matters please contact Barb Sheen, Chair of the Worship Committee on 469-4631.

The Board have announced that there will be no indoor worship or gatherings at Wesley United Church until at least September.

We will continue with our Zoom and Home Worship weekly services and we will soon have news of an August picnic and a few other events.

Events:

Sunday, 26th July 10 am Worship service via Zoom with Rev. Ali Anningson

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3067392185> Meeting ID: 306 739 2185

Feel free to share the Zoom link with anyone else who wants to come

Sunday, 26th July Home Worship

a home worship service provided for those who can't do Zoom. [provided by email](#) or please see our website for at Home Worship and other virtual gatherings <https://wesleyunitedchurchstandrewsbytheseanb.ca/>

Tuesday 28th July 2:30 - 4:00 pm Wild and Wonderful Study Group by Zoom!

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Please send all announcements to: WesleyUnitedStAndrews@gmail.com State if you wish them to go on the Bulletin, the COOP, Facebook page, Website, or all four! (photos can be placed on all but the bulletin) Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS: may be given to our Prayer Circle by

- 1. contacting Barb King davebarbking@gmail.com**
- 2. contacting Sharon Hannan retired@xplornet.ca or phone 466-1435**
- 3. by asking any of us from Wesley/St James community to pass on a request**

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