

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



Photo by Barb Sheen

Hi everyone,

The summer has flown by. The days are already shorter and the nights a little cooler. Last week I had the opportunity to visit family and friends on PEI, celebrate my sister's 60th birthday and participate in Kraft Hockeyville's final as the local arena had placed in Canada's Top 4. Over the course of several days voting on-line became a priority for all the community and beyond including my family; we put the word out through social media, and voted together, voted apart, at the Fire Hall (physically distanced), on the beach, at the cottage, or while just sitting on the deck making conversation. To make a long story short, Twillingate, NL was declared the winner. And needless to say, the Tyne Valley area was disappointed.

Next morning, however, this popped up on my F/B page, written by Jenna, my niece who has Williams Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder. In 2015, she represented Canada as a member of the bowling team at the Worlds Special Olympics in Los Angeles. Some of you have met Jenna here in St Andrews when she would visit with us each summer. Her words paused me and I would like to quote to you exactly as she has written them.

"From the bottom of my heart thank you kraft hockeyvill for supporting us in the top 4 to the committee thank you so much for all the hard work and endless hours, to our community may have not got what we deserved however we are stronger together as my Olympic athletes oath says let me win but if i cannot win let me be brave in the etempt. Congratulations to the winner....."

Gratitude is all around us. Literally. From signs and social media posts to homemade thank-you cards, we all express our thanks in so many ways for so many, many things. We have thanked essential workers, frontline workers and volunteers in recent months.

And may we continue to show love, courage, and gratitude in these unprecedented times. Uniting people around gratitude – a key component of stewardship - is one way we live out our call to be the church.

In closing, when we are able, may we offer a smile, share kindness, and show patience. As the teachers, students, and parents face the back to school season, may they be brave in their attempts and may we give thanks for their very presence.

Yours in stewardship,
Barb

Labyrinth

"We are slowly finding our way into the church building again as we adjust to the pandemic precautions. The **Wesley labyrinth** will be open for individual walkers on **Tuesday afternoon, August 25**. There will be half-hour time slots between 1:00-4:00 pm. If the demand is sufficient, we will also open on the **26th**. Please email Francie Howard at francie.rosie@gmail.com if you wish to sign up for a time slot to enjoy this meditative walk. It is so peaceful to be in that sanctuary alone!"

Face to Face St James

St James people, please mark your calendars: We have been missing each other so we are planning a face to face gathering once it's cooler but still fit to be outdoors.

Sunday September 20, 11:30 a.m., Scotch Ridge Hall parking lot. Short worship and picnic, please bring your own chair and your own food and drink. Physical distancing and other safety protocols to be followed. [Rain date: September 27] We will remind you again nearer the time!

Stewardship Message June 2020 – please click link

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

In case of pastoral emergency, contact Rev. Jane Doull

at 529-3474 or email me or text at 467-1494

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

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

Events:

Sunday, 23rd August 10 am Worship service via Zoom with Jane Doull

<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, 23rd August 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 25th August 1- 4 pm Labyrinth Wesley United

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Tuesday 25th August 4:30 - 8 pm Highland Dance Classes

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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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