

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



Dear Members and Friends,

I have not written in over three years so just a note to let you know how I've been doing. When Daddy White used to be asked how he was, his answer was always the same, "Oh, bout like usual." For me, nothing has been "bout like usual" for quite a while now. Body, mind, soul, and everything around me has shifted.

Age and illness should not have surprised me. But it came on so fast. One day Linda Lee and I were out digging holes and working concrete. The next I'm in hospital. Then told no cure. Treatment devastated my body and mind; but both are slowly getting better, for a while. I prayed I would get better before I get worse, and I have, and I am grateful.

Back when I was very sick, as close to death as I've ever been, I had a revealing experience. The sicker and weaker I got, the less I thought or cared about anything, including religion and god. I had no sense of god. Once, I even prayed to death to spare me a bit longer. However, it came about, I'm grateful that death passed me by for a while. In his dying moments, Jesus cried, "My god, my god, why have you forsaken me." I wonder if Jesus really did think god had forsaken him. I did. Then when my body started getting a little better, my mind started thinking a little better and my thoughts eventually returned to "bout like usual." However, it's still humbling to know that my thoughts and convictions may be wiped clean by the deterioration of my body and brain. May it not be so.

Where is God in all this? I really don't know. On the other hand, it is my sense that there is something, something beyond name, something before and beyond all thoughts and words, something that lures me into a mystical loving relationship and holds me when I cannot hold it or anything, not even life.

Like a doll of salt headed for the sea,
Vann Knight

<https://philipchircop.wordpress.com/2014/04/10/a-doll-of-salt/>

Face-to-Face at the Point:



Who knows how long the restrictions of Covid will make us reluctant to gather in the confines of the sanctuary? But we miss our beloved community. So, while summer weather allows it, we have decided to have a gathering-at-six-feet next **Sunday, August 9, AFTER church (about 11:30 a.m.) at the Point** on the grassy area near the heart statue. There are no washrooms, but the parking is easier there than at Centennial Park, so it will allow all to participate more easily. ALL are welcome, even furry buddies!!

There will be no handshakes or hugs, but lots of opportunity to catch up and share stories. Bring your own lawn chairs, sunhats, drinks and food as you desire. Since the virus is not spread by food, if you feel like bringing something to pass around (at six feet), feel free. Perhaps we will bring a folding table on which to leave shared food. But no pressure....

If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will defer to the following Sunday, August 16. If it's not obvious, we will make that announcement during the worship next week.

Please come so we can enjoy each other more fully! Happy Summer!

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, 9th August 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, 9th 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/>

Sunday, 9th August 11:30 am Picnic Gathering

Picnic gathering at the point – see above details

Monday 10th August 1:00 – 3:00 pm St James Executive Meeting

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

Wednesday 12th August 7 - 9:00 pm St Andrews and Area Open Door

Side entrance, Wesley United Church, 77 William St, St Andrews

Please see our website for at Home Worship and other virtual gatherings:

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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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