

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



Photo courtesy of Mary Y Craig  
Ministers Island

When **Wesley's labyrinth** was open one day recently for individual walkers, Lance and I enjoyed the opportunity to walk in that peaceful space. The snippets of scripture on the windows were little messages on the way, and the memorial names reminded us that we stand on the shoulders of generations in our work there. The frequent changes in direction of the labyrinth journey seemed like a metaphor for these pandemic times, when life keeps changing and we have to “sit loose” (to quote Jane) to any plans. We all are enjoying the relative freedom of our safer situation in the Atlantic Bubble as we savour the last weeks of summer. But I know that most of us are bracing for another possible session of lock-down at some time in the coming months. The path may take a turn!

Unless September brings a rise in Covid cases, Wesley HOPES to have **worship in the sanctuary on September 20 at 9:30 a.m.** We necessarily will be appropriately distanced and masked, and we won't sing or pass offering plates. But our sense of community and sacred space will fortify us! Wesley will “dance” with the pandemic this fall, trying to alternate between “Zoom Sundays” and “Sanctuary Sundays”. St. James is intending to have an outdoor gathering and brief worship on the 20<sup>th</sup>, and then will decide how to move forward. And Jane will continue the Home Worship mailing so that everyone has access to some form of worship.

Speaking of twists and turns in the path, I'm sure many of you are anxious to know how the search for a new minister is progressing. The **Search Committee** has been meeting weekly all summer. Perhaps ministers are cautious about change and moving themselves and their families to a new place during these uncertain times. As we await applicants, we have planned our questions and practiced interviewing on Zoom. (Thanks Bob and Brett!) We have also worked to find possible applicants by combing through the list of ministers on the Church Hub and sending out invitations to appropriate persons to consider applying. We may begin interviewing applicants soon, but I would caution you to not expect a quick resolution. This journey is more of a labyrinth walk than a sprint!

As you walk the twisting path of life these days, I offer a Celtic blessing:

**“God bless the path on which you go. God bless the earth beneath your feet. God bless your destination. God be a smooth way before you, a guiding star above you, a keen eye behind you, this day, this night, and forever.”**

*Francie Howard, Chair of the Wesley Board*



## An act of compassion...

A young family from Nova Scotia visit Saint Andrews every summer. They are regular patrons of The Leather House and told me of an incident that happened to them on Monday.



While bicycling down King Street, their youngest daughter, Bella, took a bad fall. A young woman happened to be driving by. She stopped her car, got out and said, "I am Sarah Groom. I am a nurse and can help". She drove to the pharmacy, bought supplies and returned to patch Bella's cuts and scrapes. Later, she drove more bandages to the Algonquin where they were staying.

This family will always remember this act of kindness and hold Saint Andrews in their heart. Thank you, Sarah, for being such a wonderful ambassador to our town and a being a fine example of humanity.

## 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!

**Dedications are most welcome remembering, honouring, celebrating a special person, event or season! Please email [wesleyunitedstandrews@gmail.com](mailto:wesleyunitedstandrews@gmail.com) with your request. Thanks!**

Photos or any other requests to go with dedications – favourite flower or season etc.....

**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:

**Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September** 7pm **Charlotte County Television** <https://www.facebook.com/chco.tv/>  
Meet Your St. Croix Candidates on CHCO-TV (also streaming on our Facebook page and YouTube channel).

**Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> September** 10:00am – 8:00pm **Provincial Election Advance Poll**

**Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> September** 10 am **Worship service via Zoom with Jane Doull**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3067392185> ID: 306 739 2185  
Feel free to share the Zoom link with anyone else who wants to come

**Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> September** **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 8<sup>th</sup> September** 10:00am – 8:00pm **Provincial Election Advance Poll**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September** 1 - 3 pm **Regional Zoom Meeting**  
[Zoom https://united-church.zoom.us/j/99971722106](https://united-church.zoom.us/j/99971722106)

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Please send all announcements to: [WesleyUnitedStAndrews@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:davebarbking@gmail.com)  
2. contacting Sharon Hannan [retired@xplornet.ca](mailto:retired@xplornet.ca) or phone 466-1435  
3. by asking any of us from Wesley/St James community to pass on a request

Sent to you by  
Wesley United Church, 77 William St, St Andrews NB E5B1W8  
and  
St James Pastoral Charge, 731 Route 745, Oak Hill, NB E5A3C7

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