

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

Dear Friends,

I've enjoyed reading everyone else's reflections the last few weeks. This week I'm stopping by!

Well, it's been the strangest year I can remember - full of lessons about sitting loose to plans! A year ago, I was deciding when to retire, hoping for accommodation so that I could stay here, and imagining what life would look like after retirement.

Well, the only plan that worked was where to retire. Little did I know how lucky I got. I moved when kind friends could come and go, helping me pack, helping make some surplus items disappear, and then helping with the move out and in. I've given thanks many times that all this was over with before COVID hit. I'm still behind with some things- like organizing the hanging of pictures. But that doesn't matter in the scheme of things.

When to retire? We went with the scheduled date - and you were brilliantly resourceful in finding COVID-safe ways to celebrate, for which many thanks. I still have not got back to everyone who sent cards or even those who sent gifts. Thank you to each and every one! You will hear from me yet! I still have the cards in my living room, including the wonderful scrapbook card from St James, so that I can continue to enjoy them. My beautiful quilt reminds me of Wesley and my red balcony chair reminds me of St James.



But life after retirement looks nothing like what I imagined. Who knew that 9 months' notice would not be enough to find you a new minister, what with logistical issues and then COVID? I had no idea I'd still be working, even half-time. I had no idea that I would have no out of town visitors, or that my mother and I would think it safer to do daily phone calls than to have me go to Halifax. I had no idea that both my beautiful senior cats would be gone within two weeks of each other and two kittens would take over my life. I had no idea that I wouldn't be hanging around in the coffee shop, or going to summertime concerts, or planning community college lunches with friends. I am still processing this very new and different life, where everything takes planning, risk assessment and abundance of caution.

Speaking of which, I had no idea that I would be learning how to do worship by Zoom, and now planning in-person worship in these totally unforeseen circumstances.

Yes, we will resume in-sanctuary worship at Wesley, September 20 at 9:30. We will be starting simply but learning and evolving as we go. We will miss some features we know and love but will do our best to compensate.

We will alternate, a while at least between in-house and Zoom worship. Sept. 27 will be Zoom. October 4 will be on-site worship with - I hope-something special. And so on, at least for now, subject to changes in COVID situation, changes in season etc.

We won't forget those who are unable to enter the building or feel unsafe doing so. At home Sunday worship will continue weekly, though with some changes.

St James has planned for a face to face socially distanced outdoor short service and bring-your-own picnic [and your own chair] in Scotch Ridge Hall parking lot on Sept. 20 at 11:30- rain date Sept. 27. After that, we will decide what's next.

Next Coop will tell you more about what to expect in our Wesley worship and remind you of the St James gathering.

Each of you will be assessing your own risk tolerance, these days. I am being super-cautious, especially with group events and indoor events, for my own sake and to protect any of you I may see. Wesley and St James will do our best to keep any of our events as safe as possible- since your well-being is top of mind!

Please feel free to be in touch with me for a phone or text chat, or an in-person safe meeting.

blessings to all  
Jane

**Face to Face St James      Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>      11:30 am      Scotch Ridge Hall**

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.

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!

**Fall Equinox      Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>      7:00 pm      Beach at Indian Point**

Interfaith Celebration "Deep Peace of The Changing Seasons". You are invited to attend a Fall Equinox Celebration Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>. All ages welcome. Bring chairs and hand drums, tambourines as desired. COVID precautions apply - practice social distancing, maintain family/social bubbles, wear masks as needed. Rain location is Wesley United Church sanctuary, William St.

**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:**

**Sunday, 13<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, 13<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

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**Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> September      10:00am – 8:00pm      Provincial Election Advance Poll**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September      3:00 – 5:00 pm      St Andrews Open Door**  
Side Entrance - Wesley United

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September      4:30 – 8:30 pm      Highland Dance**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September      10:00am – 1:00pm      St. Andrews Garden Club Plant Sale and Display**  
See attached details – last page below. Also on our FB page.

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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



Getting worried about gardening season coming to a close, and how much you're going to miss putting your green thumbs to good use? No sweat! Bring the garden inside!

You're invited to a plant sale and display, hosted by the St. Andrews' By-the-Sea Gardeners. There will be a variety of plants (think deer resistant perennials, house plants) and lots of locally grown items on display to get you thinking about what you can get growing next year! Learn about seed saving too while you're at it!

Follow us on Facebook at "**By The Sea Garden Club - St Andrews**" for all up-to date event info, including how to have entries included in the display - or email [bytheseagardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:bytheseagardenclub@gmail.com) for a submission form. Sandra is also happy to take your info by phone at 529-4090. All submissions will be entered in a draw to win a 2021 By-the-Sea Gardeners membership - perks included!

**What: Plant Sale, Botanical Display, Seed Saving Techniques**

**When: Saturday, September 19; 10am-1pm**

**Where: Wesley United Church, 77 William St., St Andrews**

**Note: Covid-19 rules in effect**



**St. Andrews' By-the-Sea Gardeners** invites you to submit entries to be included in a local display of talents. Submissions are open to members and the public. If you want to show off a prized zucchini, some robust tomatoes or a lovely floral display, we want to give you the space to do it! All entries welcome, be creative! All submissions receive an entry to win a 2021 By-the-Sea Gardeners membership, with all perks including local resources, workshops and discounts at local garden stores!

The fall plant sale and display will take place from 10am-1pm, Saturday September 19th at the Wesley United Church, 77 William St.

To have your item(s) included in the display, please provide details below. A member of the garden club will contact you by September 17 to confirm set-up/drop-off times.

Name (First and Last)

Contact Information (required for confirmation):

Phone:

Email:

Contact Preference:  Phone  Email

Please describe your submission below:

Are you willing to have your name included with your submission?

Yes, include my name

No, keep me anonymous

Please email completed forms to: [bytheseagardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:bytheseagardenclub@gmail.com), or call Sandra at 529-4090. We'll be in touch soon with more details on drop-off/set-up.

- Your friendly local garden club, By-the-Sea Gardeners

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