

Please WATCH FOR AN EMAIL FOR the Home Worship Service – also on the website

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## The Saints Be Praised!

Once again, it is the time of year when so much Life departs, sinking back into the ground, flying away or sleeping deeply for the long winter. Our awareness of the cycle of life and death may be more conscious at this time of year (especially this year!). For we too are part of the natural cycle.

The playful silliness of Halloween is one response to our awareness of death. We drag out scary decor and prod the dark cobwebby corners of childhood fears. We domesticate ghosts and zombies and laugh at the fake graves. Don't misunderstand me: I love dressing in costumes! But Halloween's colourful distractions have pulled us away from more thoughtful reflections.

Halloween comes from All Hallows Eve. In older English usage, a "hallow" was a saint or holy person. And so, All Hallows Eve was before All Hallows Day, or as we call it, All Saints day (November 1). In the Celtic tradition this was "Samhain", and it marked the end of the harvest season and beginning of winter or the 'darker half' of the year. It was seen as a liminal time, when the boundary between this world and the Otherworld thinned. This was a time to remember the dead, including saints and martyrs and the "faithful departed". The Day of the Dead is an important tradition in some cultures.

The saints we remember are not only the declared saints of the gospel and the Roman Catholic pantheon. They are also the good, regular folks who laboured on, their quiet lives full of kindness, hard work and love. So, on November 1, let's pause to think of all the saints both major and minor who have gone before us, and of all the personal saints who have influenced and taught us.

For instance, apart from grandmothers, parents, professors and the obvious candidates, I recall an older woman in our church in Montreal. She was a delightful person, full of dry humour and gentleness. She had a strong moral compass and I learned from seeing her work for a more lively, authentic expression of our Christian faith at church. She and I used puppets to do the children's time of the worship service. She played the dignified, sympathetic "straight man" for the silly puppets I animated. I am so grateful for her companionship and wisdom as we studied, worked, and played together for years.

As All Saints Day approaches, let us think of the generations of people who's work we stand upon: the people who were martyrs for their faith and the people who knitted socks for the poor; the people who poured over texts and translations, and the people who built churches; the famous people of faith that are recorded in books, and the invisible believers who's individual stamp has blended into the sea of work done. People lived and loved, and then rejoined the earth like a brilliant autumn leaf.

So, think about your personal saints who have guided and inspired you through the years. There will be a Samhain service at Wesley on Sunday evening, November 1, where you can go deeper into this experience. And don't forget that you are probably a saint for someone in your life! Let us all be a light to each other!

**Francie**

## Events:

Please visit our website for the bulletins for our ZOOM services and our At Home Worship along with any other virtual or in person gatherings <https://wesleyunitedchurchstandrewsbytheseanb.ca/>

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November**      **9:30am**      **In Person Worship Service**      **Wesley United**  
**See below for Covid protocols**      **No Zoom Service this Week**

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November**      **Home Worship**  
A Home Worship service provided as an alternative to In Person Worship [provided by email](#) or please see our website for at Home Worship and other virtual gatherings <https://wesleyunitedchurchstandrewsbytheseanb.ca/>

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November**      **7 - 8 pm**      **Day of the Dead Candlelit Service**      **Wesley United**  
Annual candlelit service to remember and celebrate our loved ones. Led by Maria Recchia in the sanctuary. All are welcome to join our annual candlelit service to remember and celebrate our loved ones who have passed on. This will be a socially distanced event. Masks will be required.

**1 – 12 November**      **Men's Club Fall Auction 2020 – Online**      [www.meetyourneighbourauction.ca](http://www.meetyourneighbourauction.ca)

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**      **4 - 8 pm**      **Highland Dance**      **Wesley United**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**      **1 - 3 pm**      **St James Executive Meeting**      **Little Ridge**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**      **7 - 9 pm**      **Wesley Board Meeting**      **Wesley United**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November**      **10 – 3 pm**      **CNWE Group (Private)**      **Wesley United**

**Flu Clinic available – call 529-9120 to book an appointment for your Flu Shot at the St Andrews Health Centre**

## New Gifts with Vision Catalogue Has Launched!

A new year of giving through [Gifts with Vision](#) has begun! There are lots of great new gifts for our partners in Canada and across the world, along with some of your favourite projects from previous catalogues.

The world has changed so much since this time last year, and some of the new gifts reflect that, showing how our partners are responding to the pandemic. Your gifts bring help to those who need it most.

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## Fall 2020 Graduate Project Presentations

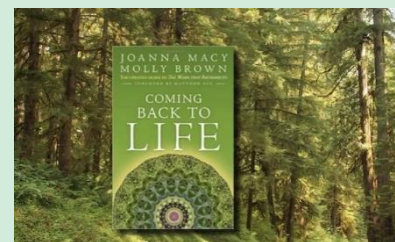
Join us to celebrate and learn about the important research that final-year AST students have been undertaking this year. You'll be fascinated, challenged, and inspired by each presentation.

See attached schedule: To join online presentations, click this link at the scheduled time: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82045470544>

## Wild Wisdom Every Second Tuesday by ZOOM 2-4:30pm

We will be reading the book, "Coming Back to Life", by Joanne Macy, and reflecting on its themes of enlightened and compassionate environmental activism. Led by Carole Martignacco, the group is a wonderful source of inspiration and support. This is open to all, so please contact Francie [francie.rosie@gmail.com](mailto:francie.rosie@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending.

ZOOM <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3067392185>



**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.

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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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