

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

<https://wesleyunitedchurchstandrewsbytheseanb.ca/>



Photo by Stephanie Robb

St Andrews TREE LIGHTING is now a virtual event Friday at 6pm CHCO-TV – see below for details

As the last week of November winds to a close, the days have been getting shorter, the news of late has not been that positive and there is much anxiety in the world and in our communities. Many are fearful, yet hopeful, of what the future holds, and we have all been through so much. The last year has tested our resolve and yet we prevail. As we approach the season that, in most cases, is a time to come together, we find ourselves facing a holiday season that will be much different. Many of those in our communities find themselves isolated during this time of year and this year, that scenario is magnified.

I have spent time isolated in a different way during this time of year, as I'm sure many of you have over the years. I recall my first Christmas in NB in 2007, I was working as a Paramedic in St. Stephen at the time. Someone was needed to cover Deer Island for 12 hours over Christmas Eve and I was on deck. It was my first year away from Family and friends. I worked my uneventful shift and was invited to a local family's home for Christmas Day Breakfast while I waited for the ferry departure. I remember that Christmas, every year, as one that changed how I thought about family and community but also as an experience that taught me the importance of flexibility, especially during this time of year.

I am carrying this perspective forward to the present and I encourage you all to as well. We may not have the season we had all hoped for but by being flexible and giving to family and loved ones in alternative ways, we will carry the true meaning of Christmas forward.

On that note, I want to say something about my relationship with my faith and spirituality and why now, more than ever, this relationship is so vitally important.

These components help to provide a structure for my spiritual and social fulfilment, which I am now missing since being unable to experience those physical and personal connections.

This Christmas will test the bond that many of us have with our faith, and our Church.

It becomes easier to lose faith and belief when we cannot celebrate it collectively in person, so a spiritual relationship built on trust and faith will help sustain us though stressful and uncertain times.

With Hope, Peace and Love.  
Bobby Keech

## Please check our Advent & Christmas Service details at;

<https://wesleyunitedchurchstandrewsbytheseanb.ca/advent-christmas-services>

### 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/>

**Friday 27th November 6 pm** will be live streaming the event on FB.

<https://www.facebook.com/chco.tv>

The Lighting of the Christmas lights at Town Hall, Market Square, the Wharf, the lamp posts and the Lobster Trap Christmas Tree will be a virtual event televised on CHCO-TV (Fibe 26, Bell Satellite 539, Rogers 126, and Ignite 133 and Rogers St Andrews 9) at 6:00pm on Friday - November 27th. The reception at Kennedy Inn that was to follow the event has also been cancelled. This is so we can adhere to the guidelines set by Public Health as a result of Zone 2 being moved back to the Orange level.

**Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 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

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**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 11 am – 12:30 pm** **Regional Town Hall by Zoom- see below**

<https://united-church.zoom.us/j/93873625702?pwd=b> see info below

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 10 – 11 am** **Zoom Coffee Break with Jane**

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

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## Santa's Helpers Telethon Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November

The annual Santa's Helpers Telethon for local families in need helps ensure all families in Charlotte County have a Christmas! Tune into CHCO-TV on Sunday, November 29th, from 2pm to 5pm for a live TV broadcast from St. Andrews featuring performances from local school choirs and more. (Fibe 26, Bell Satellite 539, Rogers 126, Ignite 133). For more information, email: [santashelpers@chco.tv](mailto:santashelpers@chco.tv)

## Regional Town Hall

We will be meeting via Zoom on December 3rd at 11:00 am. Please find below a message from FSLDW President Rev. Audrey Louder about the December Town Hall Meeting: Meeting ID: 938 7362 5702 Password: 123456

<https://united-church.zoom.us/j/93873625702?pwd=bEtjdEFVejFpRkE5TXMvazZlYS9nZz09>



**Note from Jane:** While we are in the orange Zone, we will be doing Sunday worship by Zoom and at home. It is disappointing not to start Advent in our Wesley sanctuary, but your safety and well-being are paramount. Other area United churches are also going virtual

If you attend Zoom, you will still see Advent candle lighting! Will we be back in the sanctuary on Dec.13 and / or Dec. 20 as planned? Can St James gather for their Dec 20 outdoor celebrations? We don't know yet. We will do what we can to support, nurture and encourage you through this very different Advent and Christmas season. I will offer a zoom coffee break time (our usual link) at 10 a.m. next Fri Dec 4 and I am available for phone or Text or email chats. I may offer a few things on FB Live. We will keep you updated with our plans and please do feel free to be in touch “.

**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.....

**For pastoral care please, 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.

**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

**In case of pastoral emergency, contact Rev. Jane Doull**  
**[call 529-3474](tel:529-3474) [text 467-1494](tel:467-1494) [email jvdoull@gmail.com](mailto:jvdoull@gmail.com)**

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