

Since the pandemic, we have discovered the strength and extant of our community beyond the four walls of our cherished sanctuary. We have affirmed and grown our church family on Zoom and, connecting from our living rooms and kitchens, we have shared our common values, our caring and support, our prayer and worship.

Although this Sunday we are transitioning back into the church, I thought the poem below by Margaret Weis was worth sharing.

Blessings to all,  
Francie Howard

## The Church Has Left the Building

The church is not a place; it is a people.

The church is not only a steeple above the treeline, streets, and cars.  
Rather, it is a people proclaiming to the world that  
we are here for the work of healing and of justice.

The church is not walls built stone upon stone, held together by mortar  
but rather person, linked with person, linked with person:  
all ages and genders and abilities—  
a community built on the foundation of reason, faith, and love.

The church is not just a set of doors open on Sunday morning,  
but the commitment day after day, and moment after moment,  
of our hearts creaking open the doors of welcome to the possibility of new experience and radical  
welcome.

The church is not simply a building, a steeple, a pew.

The church is the gathering together of all the people, and experiences,  
and fear, and love, and hope in our resilient hearts;  
gathering, however we can, to say to the world:  
welcome, come in, lay down your heartache, and pick up hope and love.

For the church is us—each and every one of us—together,  
a beacon of hope to this world that so sorely needs it.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

"This is to notify you that there will be a congregational meeting immediately after the March 28th (Palm Sunday) service which will be in the sanctuary. The Search Committee of Wesley-St.James is delighted to be able to make a recommendation for the call of a minister to our joint ministry. At the congregational meeting, the information about the applicant will be presented and the congregation will vote on the call. Please try to be there and don't forget your mask."

Please WATCH FOR AN EMAIL FOR the Home Worship Service and ZOOM Service– also on the website <https://wesleyunitedchurchstandrewsbytheseanb.ca/>

## Holy Week Gatherings 2021:

**Sun. March 28 Palm Sunday** in person [Wesley 10 am Oak Hill 2 pm] and via Home Worship Service for those unable, or choosing not, to attend in person. The Home Worship service will be somewhat longer than the in-person one which includes an important congregational meeting.

**Thurs. April 1 Maundy Thursday** contemplative gathering at 7 pm on our usual Zoom link [please email to ask for it if you don't have it]. If you like you can come on any time after 6:15 pm and share a virtual potluck. **Note** - there will be **NO** Facebook Live on Thurs. April 1

**Friday April 2 Good Friday** reflective service at 11 a.m. on our usual Zoom link  
If you prefer not to Zoom you can attend an online service with the United Church Moderator , available any time after 10:30 am on [youtube.com/unitedchurchofcanada](https://www.youtube.com/unitedchurchofcanada) (opens in a new tab)  
**Note** - there will be **NO** coffee time on Friday April 2.

**Sunday April 4 Easter Sunday** service at 10 a.m. on Zoom with Communion - plus a Home Service will be provided for those not Zooming

## 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/>

**Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March**                      **4 – 8 pm**                      **Highland Dance**

## ClimateActionNB

Over the past couple of weeks, your friends and neighbours at Climate Action NB have been learning about climate change and expressing their concerns for the future to the Provincial Government.

If you care about the world your grandchildren will inherit, please join us. You can contact us at [ClimateActionNB2@gmail.com](mailto:ClimateActionNB2@gmail.com), or give Lance a call at 754-5868.

## Help Required

Wesley is looking for one or more people who would be interested in helping out with counting the weekly collection. It would only be a month or two (not together) a year. Please know that special attention to COVID are in place for everyone's safety. Please email [lynnsml@rogers.com](mailto:lynnsml@rogers.com)

Please check our calendar on our website for any upcoming events or changes to events <https://wesleyunitedchurchstandrewsbytheseanb.ca/events/>

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.....

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)

Any other matters please contact Barb Sheen, Chair of the Worship Committee on 469-4631.

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