

Reading and Learning

A pastor was walking past a room that was holding a Sunday School class one day when he stopped to listen to the teaching. When the teacher had finished his lesson the pastor asked the children in attendance "which one of you can tell me who it was that knocked down the walls of Jericho"? In turn, each of the children answered, "it wasn't me"! To this the pastor turned to the teacher and asked "well, what do you think of those answers"? After thinking for a moment, the teacher replied, "these are honest children, if they say they didn't do it, I believe them".



I love this story because I can relate so well to its message. I came to know Jesus and became a Christian very late in life. There was no life changing event that made me start to read the Bible, I can't even say why I started but it is a Book that I cannot put down. I have been attending Wesley United now for two years in March and still remember vividly the first time I entered through the door (at the time leading to the upstairs). It took every bit of courage I could muster to attend a church service for the first time since I was forced as a child to attend Sunday School, being taught pretty much the same lessons as in the story above. At the time of first attending Wesley I had no idea if I would be accepted into the congregation, but within a very short while I met some of the warmest, most friendly people one could hope for. There were even a few people I already knew and it wasn't long before I started feeling at home.



Before coming to church, I read through the Bible a few times and found that I had many more questions than answers. When I participated in Communion for the first time at Wesley I had no idea what the reason for the ceremony was, and being too embarrassed to ask I just went along. But, through Jane's wonderful services and careful studying I started learning and feeling more at ease as time passed. I was astonished to learn that practically every chapter of the Old Testament pointed to the coming of Jesus many hundreds of years later. At first I dreaded studying the Old Testament because my original understanding was that it would be of no use in our world of today, but when the dots finally started to connect I saw it as a

real and necessary benefit. Now as I reread the Old Testament I can see, and at least partially understand, how every event points to the coming of Jesus. What a wonderful thing to learn and I now look forward to every chapter, and yes even Leviticus telling us 152 times that we serve a Holy God. I find now that the more I learn, the more I want to learn.

All through my life I was under the understanding that at the time one's life was over, as long as the scales tipped a bit more to the good deed side, that we would possibly get into heaven. In other words, it was our works that got us there. What a life changing lesson it was to learn that all we have to do is put our faith in Jesus and the "finished work" he did on the cross. What a wonderful gift.

Please fellow Christians, read your Bible, it contains a wealth of knowledge that will serve you well.



May God bless you all.

John Best

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

Now open to people 70 and upwards.

[Register for an appointment at a Horizon COVID-19 vaccination clinic.](#)

[Register for an appointment through a participating pharmacy.](#)

Horizon has established 21 sites for COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics in our communities. These clinics are by invitation and appointment only, starting with groups identified in the Government of New Brunswick's [vaccine roll-out plan](#).

When you are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, you will have an opportunity to book your appointment online or by phone. More information will be provided to priority groups directly, including details on how to book an appointment.

To learn more about timelines and priority groups for the COVID-19 vaccine, [click here](#).

We ask that you do not call a Horizon facility or health care provider to ask about a vaccination clinic appointment.

A message from Emma Seamone

CLIMATE CHANGE PETITION

THINK CANADA IS A CLIMATE LEADER? A MAJORITY THINK SO..... BUT.... ACTUALLY, CANADA RANKS 58TH OUT OF 61 COUNTRIES THAT PRODUCE 90% OF EMISSIONS!

Everyone concerned about the climate crisis is invited to **sign a petition** urging the federal government to increase its emissions reduction targets and to be guided by an Advisory Group of scientists in planning its climate actions. The government is currently rolling out its emissions targets, its action plans for each sector of the economy, and its legislation (Bill C-12 “Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act”). These plans fall far short of meeting the level set by the IPCC in Paris in 2015. You can access more background information at:

<https://crednb.ca/2021/03/12/why-getting-to-paris-with-trudeau-doesnt-cut-it/> and you can access and sign the petition at: <https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-3221>

You will receive a follow up “No Reply” email from the House of Commons. Open that email and click the link to confirm that it was you who ‘signed’ the petition. Jenica Atwin, MP for Fredericton NB, will present the petition in the House of Commons.

GOOD NEWS AT LAST!

Last Sunday, March 28th, the congregations of Wesley and St. James voted unanimously to call [Rev Natasha Pearen](#) to our cooperative ministry.

Natasha is currently serving in Amherst, NS, at Trinity United but her journey has taken her around Canada. She grew up in Winnipeg, received her M.Div. at the Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax, and worked in Ontario, Alberta and Manitoba before going to Amherst. She grew up in the United Church and calls her theology progressive and inclusive. She is passionate about social justice issues, from poverty and food insecurity to right relations with Aboriginal peoples. She will be living in the manse with her two daughters and her partner, Eric, and they will move to St. Andrews for July 1.

Thanks to the Search Committee for all their hard work to find the “right fit” for us. And thank you to Jane Doull, who has carried us through this time of limbo with a generous spirit. She is looking forward to her full retirement.

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

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, 11th April 9:30 am Wesley United Church - In Person Worship

Sunday, 11th April 11:30 am St James Worship at Oak Hill Hall
Followed by Oak Hill Congregational Meeting

Sunday, 11th April Home Worship

A Home Worship service provided as an alternative to In Person Worship on our website
<https://wesleyunitedchurchstandrewsbytheseanb.ca/>

Tuesday, 13th April 4-8 pm Highland Dance

Tuesday, 13th April 3-5 pm Scotch Ridge Annual Meeting
at Eldon and Bonnie Cumberland's home

Wednesday, 14th April 7-9 pm St Andrews & Area Open Door
at Wesley United Church

Thursday, 15th April 7:30 pm Jane on Facebook Live

Friday, 16th April 10-11 am Zoom Coffee Break with Jane
Please email Wesley for ZOOM link; wesleyunitedstandrews@gmail.com

Sunday, 18th April 10 am ZOOM Sunday Worship
Please email Wesley for ZOOM link; wesleyunitedstandrews@gmail.com

Sunday, 18th April Home Worship

A Home Worship service provided as an alternative to In Person Worship on our website
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A Home Worship service provided as an alternative to In Person Worship [provided by email](mailto:wesleyunitedstandrews@gmail.com) or please see our website for at Home Worship and other virtual gatherings <https://wesleyunitedchurchstandrewsbytheseanb.ca/>

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 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 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
2. contacting Sharon Hannan 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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