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The Light of Landscape

“Everyone needs beauty as well as bread, a place to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and cheer and give strength to the body and soul alike.” – John Muir

Ponderings:

This week marks Jesus’ transfiguration, when he is changed on the mountain top. His shining face and shimmering robes are symbolic of his role as Messiah and his connection to God. Spending time in landscapes that resonate with us and connects us with Holiness, can change us in profound ways.

Since moving to St. Andrews many people have commented on the uniqueness of this southwestern corner of New Brunswick, nestled along the Fundy coast. Some people speak about the natural beauty of ocean, trees, rocks and sunsets. Others speak about a relaxed, calming, creative atmosphere in which life moves at a slightly slower pace. It seems to me that this area nurtures many musicians, artists and thinkers.

Have you been “transfigured” by the visual beauty or inner feeling of a particular place or landscape? What sensations and feelings did you experience in that moment?

Have you ever been somewhere that you felt without a doubt that you were in the presence of the Creator? How has it impacted your life?

Rev. Natasha Pearen

Scripture: Luke 9: 28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. 30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. 31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, [h] one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. 34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” 36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Reflective Music

“O, The Deep Love of Jesus”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KLTu1xv2-Us>

Prayer

We move from our busy lives to a place of stillness and peace, our sanctuary. We meet the Source of Love in the landscape of creation. The totality of the Essence of Truth is obscured but the Holy presence in our life is illuminated. Here we seek connection, even for a moment, to the Divine source of our life and all that is in the universe. It is good to be here. Thanks be to God. Amen.

-adapted from a prayer by Taylor Croissant

Events and Announcements

Sunday February 27th Wesley Worship
10:00am immediately followed by the Annual Meeting

Sunday February 27th St. James Worship
11:30am at Oak Hill Hall, worship leader Rev. Ali Anningson

Guided Meditation - Beginning March 2nd

Wednesday afternoons to April 6th 2pm at Wesley in the Upper Hall.

This is a great introduction to meditation if you have never experienced it before. You will enter into about 20 mins of stillness of body while a script is read that will help you to relax and connect with the Spirit. You may be seated on a chair or choose to be on the floor. Wear comfortable clothing and bring mats & blankets if you desire.

Natasha Vacation – Friday March 4th to Tuesday March 8th
Sunday Worship will be led by congregational members.

Wesley Board Meeting – Wednesday March 9th at 7pm

Labyrinth Retreat – Saturday March 12th 9:30am-12:30
Led by Carole Martignacco

Ukrainian Easter Egg Decorating

Saturday March 19th 9:30am-12:30 or 1:00pm-4:00pm in Wesley's Lower Hall.

Register for a morning or afternoon session by e-mailing or calling the church.

Cost: \$15/person. All supplies are provided. Buy a Kistka (wax writing tool) additional \$10.

This is intended for beginners, adults and kids over 8 are welcome. There is room for 12 participants in each session.

World Day of Prayer – Friday March 4th

Watch at home on CHCO TV at 9:00am, 5:00pm or 10:05pm

• Bell Fibre TV channel 26 • Bell TV satellite channel 539

Watch online anytime at wicc.org (Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada).

World Day of Prayer Service for 2022 was written by women in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Shiretown Community Services Take-out Meals

Available on Wednesdays March 2nd to April 6th from the Anglican Parish Hall

\$10/meal Reserve your by calling 529-8662. Only 50 meals made each day.

Lent begins March 6th with the theme: Setting a Place for All

. Please check our calendar on our website for any upcoming events or changes to events

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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

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