

## SAPC Summary & Announcements November 6-13, 2021

**Daylight Savings Time Resumes** Sunday, Nov. 7 @ 2:00 AM, when we 'go back' 1 hour, so re-set your clock before you retire Saturday evening and enjoy the extra hour of sleep on SUNDAY morning!  
But don't oversleep sleep and miss service – we would miss you!

### Covid Update

In-person worship is now limited to individuals to have been fully vaccinated.

### Relief for families

During this period when school is on-line due to contract negotiations,

Saint Andrew's is hosting an opportunity to "hang out with the minister" from 3:00 – 5:00 each day.

Thursday and Friday, we made cookies and apple dumplings, played with our boomwacker instruments, discussed theological matters and ran around. It has been simply marvelous!

We would like to continue but we will at least one volunteer each day who has the appropriate background check.

Please contact Rev. Susan if you might be able to join us for an afternoon ([revsusan@sapc.ca](mailto:revsusan@sapc.ca))

As we consider how to love our neighbor, let's not forget that our families and our children are also our neighbors. This opportunity has been just a lifeline for the families who have participated so far.

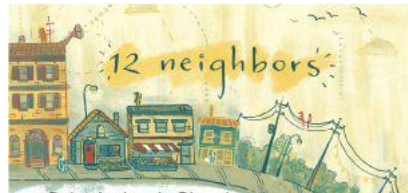
| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   |
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| 7<br>10:00<br>Choir rehearsal<br><b>11:00</b> Worship<br>Remembrance Day observed  | 8<br><b>7:00</b><br>12Neighbors<br>Make-up class<br>via zoom | 9<br><b>9:30</b><br>Ladies' Group<br><b>7:00</b><br>12Neighbors<br>Facilitator<br>feed-back<br>via zoom | 10  | 11<br>Prayer Service<br>Cancelled due<br>to holiday | 12<br><b>8:30-10:30</b><br>To-Go<br>Breakfast<br><br><b>5:30</b><br>12Neighbors<br>Group 5<br><b>DINNER</b> | 13   |
| 14<br>10:00<br>Choir rehearsal<br><b>11:00</b> Worship   | 15   | 16<br><b>9:30</b><br>Ladies' Group  | 17  | 18<br><b>7:00</b><br>Prayer Service                 | 19<br><b>8:30-10:30</b><br>To-Go<br>Breakfast<br>Rummage<br>Sale  | 20<br>Ladies' Group<br>Rummage<br>Sale                   |
| 21<br><b>9:00</b><br>12Neighbors<br>Group 1<br><b>10:00</b><br>Choir rehearsal<br><b>11:00</b> Worship<br>12Neighbors –<br>Group 2A (youth<br>only)<br><b>12:15</b><br>12Neighbors<br>Group 2B | 22<br><b>7:30</b><br>12Neighbors<br>Group 3<br>via zoom      | 23<br><b>9:30</b><br>Ladies'<br>Group<br><b>10:30</b><br>12Neighbors<br>Group 4                         | 24  | 25<br><b>7:00</b><br>Prayer Service                 | 26<br><b>8:30-10:30</b><br>To-Go<br>Breakfast   | 27<br><b>10:30</b><br>12Neighbors<br>Group 6<br>via zoom |
| 28<br><b>Advent Begins</b><br><br>10:00<br>Choir rehearsal<br><b>11:00</b> Worship   | 29<br><b>7:00</b><br>Advent Book<br>Study<br>Via Zoom        | 30<br><b>9:30</b><br>Ladies'<br>Group<br><b>10:30</b><br>Advent Book<br>Study                           | 1<br><b>10:00</b><br>Card Making<br>Party<br><b>1:30</b><br>Mission Mtg | 2<br><b>7:00</b><br>Prayer Service                  | 3<br><b>8:30-10:30</b><br>To-Go<br>Breakfast  | 4  |

## A. WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1. **Sunday Morning Worship**  
November 7, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. (Choir Practice starts at 10:00)
2. **12 Neighbors Make-up Session** (for session one)  
November 8 at 7:00 via zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82361118675?pwd=eWxsZnlob216T3Y4aTJwdHBYVTlhQT09>  
Meeting ID: 823 6111 8675  
Passcode: 936062
3. **Ladies' Group** in person in the Fellowship Hall  
November 9 at 9:30
4. **12 Neighbors Facilitators' Feed-Back Session**  
November 9 at 7:00 via zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84603023848?pwd=QlI0UFJzVkrHwMRSewtqR2dIQ3IHUT09>  
Meeting ID: 846 0302 3848  
Passcode: 008887
5. **Prayer Service Cancelled for the holiday**
6. **Friday "To-Go Breakfasts"**  
November 12 from 8:30-10:30 AM at the church door
7. **Friday 12Neighbors Group 5 – dinner and discussion** (session two)  
November 12 from 5:30 – 8:00 in the Fellowship Hall

## B. Bulletin Announcements

**Ladies' Group Rummage Sale** The rummage sale is scheduled for November 19 and 20th. We really need any gently used items. Please continue to bring your gently used items to the church so that they can find a new home. Additionally, we are looking for bedding, towels, dishes, cutlery to help with the 12 Neighbour project for donation to Marcel LeBrun's tiny houses.



### 12Neighbors Project

If you missed the initial session of our 12Neighbors Project discussion group, that is not a problem. You are still most welcome to join us for any of the small groups. We will be holding a make-up session for session one TOMORROW (November 8) at 7:00 via zoom. (Meeting ID: 823 6111 8675 & Passcode: 936062 or check the SAPC Summary for the computer link.) We will get you caught up. For more information, please contact Janet Higgins at [higginsf@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:higginsf@nbnet.nb.ca) or call 454-2436.

The 12 Neighbors small groups meet only once a month and have seven options:

- Sunday 9:00 am at the church (Nov 21)
- Sunday 11:15 (Youth focused during Sunday School time)
- Sunday 12:30 at the church (Nov 21)
- Monday 7:30 pm via zoom (Nov 22)
- Tuesday 10:30 am at the church (Nov 23)
- Friday 5:30 at the church over a free dinner (**Nov 12 – not a typo!**)
- Saturday 10:30 via zoom (Nov 27)

Every week, we will share with you different quotes from the 12Neighbors film and observations from our discussion for you to consider as we continue to learn who are our neighbors and how can we love them.

“I think there are more than 12 that are our neighbors.”

“Your neighbor could be your enemy too. You’ve got to break bread with people, man!” *Del Seymour, Code Tenderloin*

“The principal suffering of the poor throughout history and scripture is shame and disgrace.” *Father Greg, Homeboy Industries*

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY** - It's just three weeks until Advent. We are offering a study on "Incarnation-Rediscovering the significance of Christmas" by Adam Hamilton. The organizing principle behind this book are the names that are attributed to Jesus. This might be of interest to young and not so young persons. Why would Jesus have so many names? What is the significance of each?

We will offer one "In Person Study" on Tuesdays [at 10:30](#) in the church Hall and a "Zoom Study" at 7:00 on Monday evenings. We have ordered 10 books with some already spoken for so please let us know if you want a study book. Contact Janet [454-2436](#) or Sheila [450-4467](#) or Susan [455-8220](#)

**THE GREAT ADVENTURE is ON** so we need to know who is interested. November 26 we will have pizza for supper. Youth will stay in their bubble in the Hall for cookie decorating, a craft, and angel tree decorating. If you have friends or family members in your bubble, please invite them along. Adults will decorate the sanctuary this year. Please let the office know [sapc@sapc.ca](mailto:sapc@sapc.ca) the number of people in your bubble. All activities will follow COVID protocol.

**Nativity Sets Needed** If you have a gently used Nativity Set that needs a new home, we will gladly take it off your hands to pass along to a family in our congregation. This Advent, during our Time for Children of All Ages, we will focus on the Christmas story using Nativity Sets. We think it would be far more meaningful if our youngsters had a set of their own at home to reinforce these lessons. Please contact the office if you might have a set to donate.

**Its volunteer sign-up time again!** In the back of the church will be a chart to sign-up for the following responsibilities: Sunday Morning Greeters, Counters, and Coffee hosts and our weekly mission project volunteers: packers, distributors, and muffin makers. (See Below) We especially need folks to host the coffee hour.

**"To Go Breakfasts" to stay!** The Mission Committee will continue the Friday To-Go Breakfasts. We are again stepping out in faith praying that our human and financial resources will be sufficient. The cost to provide this ministry each week is between \$35 - \$50. We are looking for help providing the 24 muffin/bread component of the breakfast each week. One of the highlights of this project is getting the chance to chat with each other over a cup of coffee on Friday morning and to meet our neighbors while we distribute the breakfasts to our guests. **If you might have some free time on Friday mornings, we could use a few extra people.**

**Mission on the Move** Our mission project for October/November will be collecting new socks for our own pantry as well as for Aids NB's **Socktober** campaign. You may leave your donations in the back of the church under our Mission and Outreach tree between now and mid-November.

**SAPC Food Pantry** When our guests come on Friday morning for breakfast, often they leave with a few groceries from our small food pantry. We need a continuous supply of non-perishable items. If you can, when you are at the grocery, please take advantage of the BOGO and share your bounty with our neighbours.

**The Board of Managers needs members** The Board of Managers oversees the building maintenance, financial management, and supervision of employees – along with various other tasks. Currently, we just need a couple of extra people to help with this work. Many hands make light work. This is a great group of people who are very fun. If you think you might have some time, please contact Bill Cockburn at 440-3840 or [billcockburn@rogers.com](mailto:billcockburn@rogers.com).

**Adherents into Members** If you are an adherent, now might the time to become a member. If you are a member of another Presbyterian Church, all we need to do is transfer your membership. If you are from another denomination, the process is almost as easy. If you are new to Christianity, Rev. Susan would be absolutely thrilled to welcome you to the family of faith. For more information (including what difference membership would mean), please contact Rev. Susan at [revsusan@sapc.ca](mailto:revsusan@sapc.ca).

**Pastoral Care/Hospitalizations:** As we continue to navigate Covid protocols, we would appreciate if you would let us know if you (or anyone you know) enters the hospital or might need pastoral care. All emergencies should be directed to Rose Carolyn Smith (459- 0073) or Rev. Susan at [revsusan@sapc.ca](mailto:revsusan@sapc.ca)

**Nashwaaksis United U.C.W. Annual Christmas Bazaar** at Nashwaaksis United Church, 46 Main Street, Fredericton, NB on Saturday, November 20 – 9AM – Noon. Bake tables, craft tables, Silent Auction and much more. Free admission.

**Prayer Service:** Our weekly prayer service is cancelled this week due to Remembrance Day.

**Parking Prohibition on Charlotte Street** Monday – Friday from 10:00-11:00 am and 1:30-2:30 pm. (Feel free to contact your elected city representative regarding your view about this new restriction.)

## Covid Protocols

1. **Everyone attending in-person worship must be fully vaccinated.** (The Worship Committee is trying to develop in-person worship opportunities where (1) all will be welcome, (2) we can maintain everyone's safety, and (3) we comply with provincial mandates. Any suggestions would be most welcome.)
2. We will continue to have everyone **sign in** and ask guests to provide a phone number. Pursuant to current regulations, we are required to confirm your vaccination status. We are streamlining our forms so that you do not need to show vaccine status each week.
3. **Wear a mask.**
4. We will continue to **observe social distancing.**

## C. Reports

### Worship Committee

Notes of Oct. 29 Meeting

#### Services for next 2 months:

Oct. 31 – All Saints' Day  
Nov. 7 - Act of Remembrance  
Nov. 14 – Greatest Commandment, Love  
Nov. 21 – Basil Lowery, 12 Neighbours video, St. Andrew's Society  
Nov. 26 – Great ADVENTure  
Nov. 28 – Advent 1 (Hope), communion [children get traveling bags]  
Dec. 5 – Advent 2 (Peace) [children – the annunciation – bring Mary and Angel]  
Dec. 12 – Advent 3 (Joy), music-led service [Magnificat – bring manger animals]  
Dec. 19 – Advent 4 (Love) [children – bring Joseph, Mary, and the donkey]  
Dec. 24 – 3 services, family, communion, video  
Dec. 26 – Video only service  
Jan 2 -- Epiphany – distribute meditation words for the New Year

Other discussions:

- Susan to reach out to Doug B. to contact St. Andrew's Society to consider possibly attending/participating in the Nov. 21 service in recognition of St. Andrew's Day (Nov.30)
- Service for non-vaccinated being considered – no music or taped/video music, Sunday afternoon, possibly monthly, need to gauge/guess at interest
- No longer appropriate to put on the Truth and Reconciliation service that was postponed due to COVID
- Prayer service – how to encourage more attendance, other times, other formats, do we continue?
- Coffee hour – suspend until further notice due to apparent reluctance to volunteer and participate
- Existing on-line videos – is there a licensing concern with leaving these on-line?
- Lenten theme possibility – environment. Long-range planning required. Potential people to involve includes Margo Sheppard, Imelda Perley
- Budget – honoraria, music, fellowship, piano/organ maintenance

#### **Next meeting – Dec 3 at 10:00**

- Continue planning services for Advent and Christmas
- Budget discussion in preparation of anticipated request for input from the Board/Finance Committee

## D. **Scripture for this Sunday**

### **Ruth 1:1-18**

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. <sup>2</sup>The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup>But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup>both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

<sup>6</sup> Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup> So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup> But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup> The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. <sup>10</sup> They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." <sup>11</sup> But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup> Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, <sup>13</sup> would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." <sup>14</sup> Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. <sup>15</sup> So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." <sup>16</sup> But Ruth said,  
"Do not press me to leave you  
or to turn back from following you!  
Where you go, I will go;  
where you lodge, I will lodge;  
your people shall be my people,  
and your God my God.  
<sup>17</sup> Where you die, I will die—  
there will I be buried.  
May the Lord do thus and so to me,  
and more as well,  
if even death parts me from you!"  
<sup>18</sup> When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

#### **Psalm 127** (paraphrased)

- 1 Unless the Lord constructs the house, the builders work in vain; the Lord alone designs and builds foundations that remain.
- 2 Unless the Lord is keeping watch the city cannot stand; the sentry guards the gates in vain without God's mighty hand.
- 3 In vain you labour night and day, by constant care oppressed; the Lord supplies his loved ones' needs and grants them sleep and rest.
- 4 The Lord designed the family, providing earthly love; our children are his heritage a gift from heaven above.
- 5 Like weapons in a warrior's hand are those who bear our name; with them we face a hostile world assured, and free from shame.

#### **Mark 12:38-44**

- 12:38 As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces,  
12:39 and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets!  
12:40 They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."  
12:41 He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums.  
12:42 A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny.  
12:43 Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury.  
12:44 For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

You made it to the end of the SAPC Weekly Announcements & Reports for the week of Nov 7-13. The purpose of the email is to (1) improve communications, (2) provide greater transparency, and (3) facilitate your participation with the ministry of the church. If you have any thoughts or suggestion how this can be improved, we are eager to receive your feedback. Please email our intrepid minister at [revsusan@sapc.ca](mailto:revsusan@sapc.ca).