

SAPC Summary & Announcements  
May 23-29, 2021

**Saturday** May 22, 2021 from 9:30-11:00 am

**Visioning Project**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89376635673?pwd=Y0Vob0ptMTJ1bTBRc1d5d0w3dzdyUT09>

**Meeting ID: 893 7663 5673 / Passcode: 79458**

Our **Rev. Bob Jones** will be celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this Tuesday May 25. At the back of the church this Sunday, we will have a birthday card for everyone to sign. If you would like to reach out to him individually his address is:

Rev. Bob Jones

362 Victoria St. Apt. 407

Fredericton, NB E3B 1W6 Home telephone in public directory: 451-8165

Sunday (23)	Mon (24)	Tues (25)	Wed (26)	Thurs (27)	Friday (28)	Sat (29)
11:00 <b>Worship</b>  <b>Pentecost</b> Traditional birthday of the Church Wear red, orange or yellow!		9:30 <b>Ladies' Group</b> in the Fellowship Hall	1:00 Mission Committee Meeting <b>(hybrid)</b> Fellowship Hall & zoom	7:00 Prayer Service in the Fellowship Hall	8:30-10:30 To Go Breakfasts	10:00-4:00 Spring Church Clean

**A. WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- 1. Sunday Worship [Warning – there may be some balloons in the sanctuary]**  
May 23, 2021 at 11:00 – YELLOW in-person in the sanctuary  
**(Complete text of this week's scripture is located at the end of this email)**

- 2. Tuesday May 25, at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall**  
**Ladies' Group**

- 3. Wednesday May 26, at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall**  
**Mission Committee Meeting**

We are going to attempt again a **hybrid zoom option**

This has not been ideal but we are getting better and will try again. We encourage you to attend in person if possible and safe.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88024622594?pwd=YWY1cHvcjRuaHRadW9YZDcwKytzZz09>

Meeting ID: **880 2462 2594** Passcode: **943743**

4. Thursday May 27 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall  
**Prayer Service** (Sheila Black – Leader)
5. Friday May 28, at 8:30-10:30 AM at the church door  
**Distribution of "To-Go Breakfasts"**
6. Saturday May 29 from 10:00-4:00 at the church  
**Spring Church Clean**

## **B. Bulletin Announcements**

### **Thanks to our Volunteers**

Greeters – Ardean MacKinnon-Hayward & George Hayward  
 Prayer of Approach – Josh Fraser  
 Scripture readers – Francois Higgins, Jessie Sagawa, Tom Goud, Leslie Fraser  
 Story Tellers – Lucy and Dr. Tom  
 Classroom Helpers - Colleen Watson & Sonya Burrill  
 Counters – David Dell team

**Information Meeting 30 May 2021** – The Session is discussing the possibility of requesting the Presbytery to extend Rev. Susan's appointment as our minister for another year (until September 2022). On 30 May immediately after church, Rev. Kent Burdett will be at Saint Andrew's to participate in an informational meeting to address our questions. If you have any opinions you wish to share with the Session regarding the extension of this appointment, please direct your comments to Dallas Davis or to any of the Elders.

**Christian Education** In our quest to build a stronger church, we will be undertaking a new book study. Starting Tuesday June 1 at 8:00 pm, via Zoom, Susan will be facilitating a 4-week Book Study on "**Anatomy of a Revived Church**" by Thom S. Rainer. Contact Sheila to order a book [\$19.00 (tax included) through Amazon] 450-4467 or s.jonesblack@gmail.com. Meeting ID: **826 5227 2140** Passcode: **109771**

We will be offering a second time option for this class – but are still trying to determine the best schedule. We have a Doodle Poll and we encourage you to participate.  
[https://doodle.com/poll/ymicwwquchkzst6q?utm\\_source=poll&utm\\_medium=link](https://doodle.com/poll/ymicwwquchkzst6q?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link)

**Intergenerational Summer Worship Workshops** Discussions have commenced about holding a series of summer workshops open to Children of All Ages exploring various types of *liturgical* (a fancy word for worship) practices. We will investigate music genres from Taize to boomwackers; explore preaching practices from medieval liturgical dramas to tableau story telling; and make prayer beads, learn the art practice of Bible Journaling, and create puppet friends for Lucy! Part history, part music, part theater, part religious art, there is a place for everyone to develop new skills and talents. (Adults with craft/sewing skills, we will need your help if you are willing to donate an afternoon.)

**Cleaning Day!** On Saturday May 29, please help us as we undertake cleaning the sanctuary and fellowship hall from 10:00 until 4:00. It will be a wonderful opportunity

for fellowship while we tackle some of the occasional cleaning projects. Many hands make light work. Sign up lists are at back of church. Please direct any questions to Rebecca Jonah at 472-5689 or [rebeccajonah70@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccajonah70@gmail.com)

**Special Thanks** This past week Heather Rutherford and Eleanor Scott gave our front flower bed a thorough cleaning and makeover! It is much appreciated and beautifies our property for everyone to enjoy. Thank you!

**Pastoral Care/Hospitalizations** - Because of the restrictions imposed by COVID, if you or anyone know in need of pastoral care enters the hospital, it is important that you let us know. All emergencies should be directed to Rose Carolyn Smith (459- 0073) or Rev. Susan at [revsusan@sapc.ca](mailto:revsusan@sapc.ca)

**Prayer Service** –The Prayer Service meets every Thursday at 7:00 PM. Leading prayer this week will be Sheila Black. We spend a quite hour writing and praying for the well-being of Saint Andrew’s and the larger community. We welcome you join us.

**The Ladies’ Group** will meet this Tuesday at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall socially distanced and masked.

**Visioning Project** – The Visioning Project will continue its work on Saturday June 5 at 9:30 AM via Zoom. We are still working to distill our stated values and our mission statement, but we are accomplishing many other things – including a bit of fellowship. Meeting ID: **892 4855 5540**. Passcode: **492641**

**Visioning Project (Building Edition)** Bill Cockburn and George Hayward are heading up the reimagining of our physical space as we prepare to embrace our second century worshipping on Charlotte Street.

**Want Ads!** (Where is God calling you to serve?)

**Summer Intern #1** – We will be hiring a youth summer intern (18-30 year-old) to help us with our computer/social media needs. Although we will help with training, we are looking for an applicant with a working knowledge of digital film making. Experience with and an affinity for faith-based organizations would be a real plus! This is a nine (9) week position, 30 hours a week at a rate of \$16.50.

**Summer Intern #2** – We received a second grant (Yippee!) to pay for a second summer intern to work one day a week leading our youth on excursions around the Fredericton area.

**Mission & Outreach Volunteers** – We are continuing the Friday “**To Go Breakfasts**” until the end of June. This is such a lovely relaxed mission project full of good will. We welcome additional volunteers to help with (1) funding, (2) purchasing, (3) preparing, and (4) distributing the breakfasts. (These are all super easy quick tasks.) Please give prayerful thought to joining us.

**Worship Leaders** - We are looking for both youth and adults to help lead worship. For

many people, helping with Sunday service is some of the most rewarding activities of our faith walk. We always have need of (1) someone to recruit greeters/ushers for each week, (2) greeters/ushers, and (3) scripture readers not to mention everything that goes on preparing/decorating the sanctuary and creating our video services. If you have ever been even slightly interested, please contact the office or talk to Rev. Susan.

**Technology Helpers** – Saint Andrew's is still on the hunt for people to facilitate the technology needs of our ministry. There is no requirement that you know anything about technology – interest and curiosity will more than serve you well. Even if you don't have a clue, now is the time to get involved – we will all learn together.

- C. **Reports** At this time, all governing bodies and committee have provided reports. We will be including a few of these reports in the SAPC Summary each week so that you are not completely overwhelmed. If there is information you would like, you are absolutely welcome to it. Please contact Rev. Susan and she will be happy to forward it to you.

### **Visioning Project Notes**

May 8, 2021

The meeting convened with prayer.

- A. **Member Outreach:** The group resumed discussing the difficulties Saint Andrew's confronts with its present member outreach. Presently, each Elder is responsible for his/her "Elder District." The idea is that the elders have regular contact with the members in their respective Elder Districts. However, not all Elders have the aptitude and/or sufficient time carry out this responsibility. The group agreed that the current set-up is not working and never really has.

Possible solutions include:

1. Holding a worship service focused on teaching the congregation about the role and responsibilities of Elders pursuant to PCC polity
2. Making all Session meetings open to the congregation
3. Holding several "Meet an elder" zoom gatherings. This would be something relaxed and fun – along the line of the Shrove Tuesday event.
4. Larger Elder Districts each assigned 2 elders.
5. Shifting the outreach responsibilities to a separate "body" that would be dedicated to member outreach.
  - a. This body would include all of the work presently assigned to the pastoral care committee:
    - i. Birthday cards
    - ii. Birthday calls
    - iii. Get well cards
    - iv. Hospital visits
    - v. Shut-in visits
    - vi. Out-reach with the loss of a loved one

- b. This new “body” would also undertake coordinating care for families/individuals in time of concern – such as providing meals or drives. Sheila Black has started a “Caring Ministry” for this purpose.
- c. Additionally, this group would be responsible for fostering greater fellowship within the congregation. With Covid restrictions, Saint Andrew’s has really struggled to find any way to maintain and build friendships. We had our on-line Shove Tuesday meal together which was a success. But such activities require effort to coordinate and to promote – and someone has to do this work if we are to have them.
- d. Maintain membership lists
- e. Provide immediate follow-up outreach to visitors

- B. Membership:** The Visioning Project raised the need to provide options for church membership. It appears that there is no system in place to move adherents to members. Should we arrange to hold member classes?
- C. Summer at Saint Andrew’s:** With smaller worship attendance, summer will offer opportunities to explore ideas we might want to incorporate come this fall.
- D. Physical Building Up-Date:** There was no report this time on the progress of re-imagining how SAPC might revamp its physical space to provide long-term for the ministry needs of the congregation.

The meeting closed with prayer.

#### D. Scripture Readings for the May 23rd Worship Service

##### **Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

104:24 O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

104:25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

104:26 There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

104:27 These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

104:28 when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

104:29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

104:30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

104:31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works--

104:32 who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

104:33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

104:34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

104:35b Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

### **Romans 8:22-27**

8:22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;

8:23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

8:24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?

8:25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

8:26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

8:27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

### **Acts 2:1-21**

2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

2:2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

2:3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

2:4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

2:5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

2:6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

2:7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

2:8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

2:9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

2:10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,

both Jews and proselytes,

2:11 Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

2:12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

2:13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

2:14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

2:15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

2:16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

2:17 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

2:18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

2:19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

2:20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

2:21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

### CONGRATULATIONS!

You made it to the end of the SAPC Weekly Announcements & Reports for the week of May 23-29. 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).