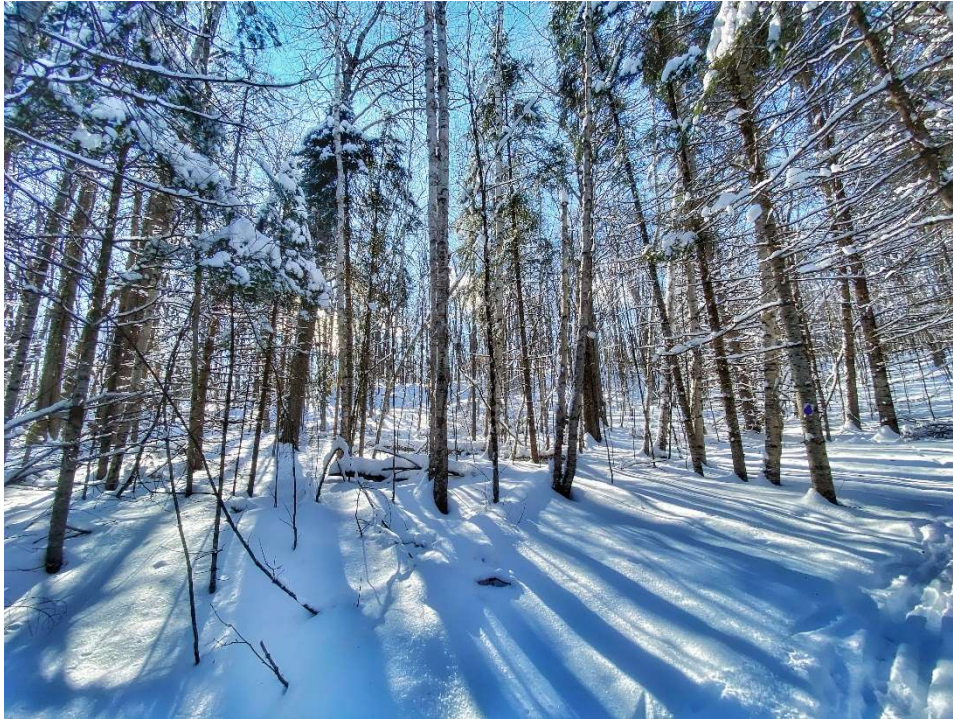


Christmas Greetings!



Greetings and Merry Christmas from the Wardens of St. Peter's on-the-Rock!

We have much to be thankful for as 2023 draws to a close and we embrace the Christmas season.

Our annual Christmas Letter provides us the opportunity to look back while also looking forward. Through the summer of 2023 our attendance continued to rise, reversing the trend we had seen in recent years. Our schedule was full with baptisms, weddings, an active Sunday School program, and performances by Music Scholars. Also, during the transition week between **Rev. Kevin Bothwell** and **Rev. Mary-Cate Garden**, St. Peter's hosted a week-long musical theatre day camp for 15 kids - a first for us!

Of course, none of this would be possible without the participation and generosity of our community, and we are most grateful to all of you who continue to support St. Peter's, both financially and with your contribution of time, thus ensuring this unique summer parish is preserved for future generations.

We especially give thanks to the service of our outgoing volunteers - **Duncan MacIntyre** and **Richard Wotherspoon** on the property portfolio, **Tony Whittingham** on the Altar Flowers portfolio, and **Carol Corner** as Past Warden. Their departures create vacancies on our Select Vestry team - if you are interested in stepping up to help, please reach out to us at your earliest opportunity.

We are also pleased to announce that we have a Junior Warden for 2024 - **Rachel Corbett** has agreed to step into this role and is acclaimed, as there were no other candidates. Rachel joins the

2024 leadership team of **Andy Bouffard** as Senior Warden and **Aaron Thompson** as Past Warden. Adds Rachel, *“In my role as Secretary at St. Peter’s I have had several years to learn the ropes, and as Junior Warden I look forward to maintaining our important traditions while also embracing innovation, which will be necessary for our church to continue to thrive”*.

Adds incoming Senior Warden Andy Bouffard, *“My connection with St. Peter’s began with my baptism there some 37 years ago! Like many of us, I cherish the wonderful community and unique spiritual space that is created at St. Peter’s. I’ve been grateful to learn from the fantastic Executive Team over the past year, and I’m excited to serve St. Peter’s next summer with energy and dedication for our beloved church”*.

The Team at St. Peter’s also owes gratitude to the excellent and thorough work done by our Treasurer, **Pat Bunting**, who keeps us informed and up-to-date on all aspects of our financial affairs. Pat is pleased to report that we are finishing the year on a strong note, with revenues exceeding our operating budget slightly and donations approximating those of last year (2022). Thanks to all of you who have made this possible.

For those able to donate to St. Peter’s this year or early in the new year, we invite you to consider making a tax-deductible contribution. There are many easy ways to do so, as set out on the Giving page of our website (www.stpeterontherock.org/giving). Our Endowment Fund also welcomes larger gifts, including stocks and equities.

Merry Christmas and warmest holiday greetings from us to all of you!

Sincerely,

Aaron Thompson
Andy Bouffard
Carol Corner

