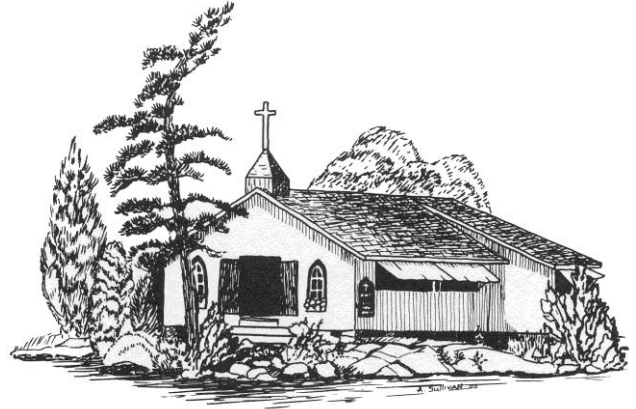


ST. PETER'S ON-THE-ROCK
Stony Lake, Ontario



Spring 2017

Greetings from your Senior Warden, Ross Dobbin

Dear Friends of St. Peter's

Now that spring has arrived and the ice is out of the lake we start thinking about summer at the cottage. This year we are celebrating the 150th birthday of our great country and the 103rd anniversary of St. Peter's on-the-Rock.

On behalf of the Select Vestry we would again like to welcome you and invite you to worship with us at St. Peter's on-the-Rock. Because of your generosity and financial support over the years we have been able to successfully maintain and improve our church, clergy cottage, docks and island property. It is important that we all as members continue with our contributions to carry on with the work of the church.

Again this year we are sending our newsletter by email where possible. If you receive this letter by 'snail mail' it is because we don't have your email address. If you have an email address please forward it to our membership coordinator Swatty Wotherspoon at swattyv@sympatico.ca

Cathy Nelson, now our Past Warden, was a fantastic Senior Warden last year. Her warm, radiant smile welcomed everyone on Sunday mornings. I enjoyed working with her and learning from her—she will be a tough act to follow. Kathy McNeil will be your new Junior Warden. Kathy has been Wedding Co-ordinator for the past many years and her husband Tony is a Past Senior Warden. Your Select Vestry and Program Co-ordinators work hard to make our summers at St. Peter's go smoothly and I would like to thank them for their time and efforts.

Church/Clergy Cottage Clean-up

We have scheduled Saturday June 10th, starting at 9am, as the day for the spring clean up. In case of rain our back up date is Sunday, June 11th at 9am. All are welcome to help with this clean up—many hands make light work! A barbeque lunch will follow at noon with both adult and soft drinks provided. A short Select Vestry meeting will take place after lunch.

Clergy

In July we welcome back for their second summer the Rev. David Giffen, his wife Heather and their young son Rory. David is Lead Pastor at Church of the Redeemer (Avenue Road & Bloor St) in Toronto. David and his family enjoyed their time at the lake last summer and are excited about returning this July.

In August we are pleased to welcome the Rev. Stephanie Douglas-Bowman, Pastor of Christ Church in Oshawa. Stephanie and her husband Mike have three children- a daughter Tess, aged 12, a son Jamie, aged 10 and a daughter Molly, aged 8. Some of you may remember that Stephanie filled in for Patrick Yu in 2005. While with us in 2005 Patrick was elected Bishop for the Diocese of Huron and was unable to spend his full month with us. Stephanie came to the rescue and we now welcome her back for a full three year term.

Our newly elected Bishop for the Trent Durham Region is the Rev. Riscylla Shaw. Due to her busy schedule with her new position she is unable to return for her third summer with us. However, Riscylla will visit St. Peter's as Bishop on Sunday, July 16th and we look forward to seeing her again.

For our Thanksgiving Service on October 8th, we will be pleased to welcome the Rev. Canon Milton Barry. Canon Barry is now retired and living in Peterborough. He was formerly at Grace Church on-the-Hill in Toronto.

Services

Our summer services will start Sunday July 2nd and will continue every Sunday up to and including Sept. 4th. Each Sunday will offer two morning services, 8 am and 10:30 am. Holy Eucharist is offered at each 8 am service and at the 10:30 am service on July 16th and August 20th. Baptisms will be held during the 10:30 am services on July 9th and August 13th. Our Thanksgiving service will be at 10:30 am on October 8th and will include Holy Eucharist

In Memoriam

We were saddened by the tragic deaths of the Taber family in a fire at their cottage near McCracken's Landing. Geoff Taber, his wife Jacquie Gardner and their sons Scott and Andrew will be missed by their friends on the lake.

In January another long time Stony Laker, Dr. Michael Allen passed away. We send our condolences to his daughter Sue Dutton and his sister Nancy Hunt.

In April Lee Willoughby Brumet died in Bethesda, Maryland. She often paddled to and attended our 8 am services. Again we send our condolences to her family.

Also in April Bea Morris died. Bea grew up in Lakefield and spent her summers at Stony Lake. Our thoughts are with her sister Kay Hooke and her cousin Shelia Gallagher.

In Our Thoughts

Our thoughts and prayers go to Rick Brooks-Hill who is in Vancouver being treated for cancer. We hope to see him and his wife Pricilla back at the 8 am services this summer. We also extend our thoughts and prayers to Hope McCullough of Kawartha Park Marina who is undergoing treatment for cancer and to Michael Whitaker who is now at home in England after heart surgery and pneumonia.

Outreach Music Scholars Program

Again this year we are pleased to offer the Outreach Program focused on Music. Thanks to the generosity of Don Walter, St. Peter's on-the-Rock is able to offer music students the opportunity to perform at our services. This program was enthusiastically received by our parishioners in its first year last summer.

Mission Statement of Program

Inspiring musical youth by providing them the opportunity to perform for a diverse audience, while enriching our worship and supporting outreach.

Pertinent Details

- We are looking for talented youth actively studying music, including those studying music at university at an undergraduate level
- Interested youth can apply through a member of St. Peter's and a committee member will contact the candidate to discuss
- Performance must involve music appropriate for a church service
- Musicians will work with the St. Peter's Music Director regarding accompaniment and choice of music
- Stipend of \$150.00 will be provided to cover travel costs and /or assist with future studies.

If you are interested, please contact committee chairperson Bern Kelly kellys@nexicom.net. Your name will be forwarded to the committee and you may be required to audition before a member (s) of the committee. Committee members are: Bern Kelly, Blair Mackenzie, Bob Trennum and Tony Whittingham.

Property Report (Duncan MacIntyre)

It is always with anticipation of whether St. Peter's has fared well through the winter as we approach returning to Stony Lake. Did any animals, especially the red squirrels get into the cottage??

I'm happy to report that the new decking was installed on the canoe dock with the help of many budding handymen. Otherwise, no major work was carried out. The small boat dock remains an area to keep an eye on of which I have reported previously.

At the 2016 Annual meeting in August, there was a discussion on any plans to accommodate persons with handicaps. A ramp was discussed as well as railings on some areas of the property. From research, the most wheelchair users can manage is a slope of 1:15 to 1:20 which rules out any ramp. The ramp would be too long! I approached the Diocese of Toronto for their guidance. Even within the Diocese there are churches where access just isn't feasible due to space

considerations and beyond economic sense. To accommodate those very rare occasions at St. Peter's, the canoe dock can be used for access. The installation of a railing will be looked into.

This will be my 8th year as Property Co-ordinator. I feel it is time to pass the torch to someone else. Please contact Senior Warden Ross Dobbin or me if you are interested. It is a very fulfilling position. I've enjoyed contributing in some small way to St. Peter's.

Thank you for your support.

Treasurer's Report (Pat Bunting)

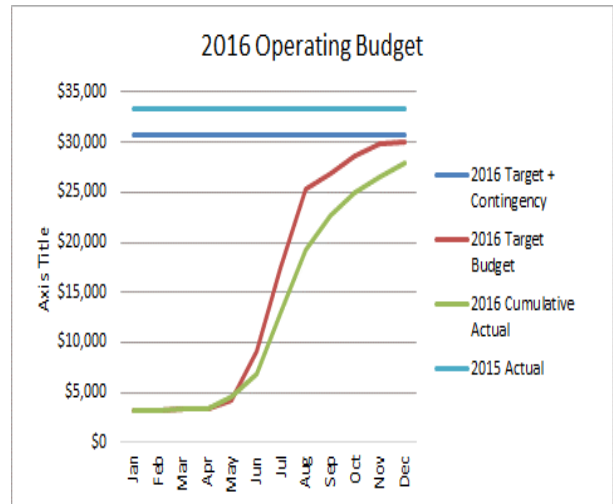
The treasurer's focus in 2016 was on expense control and donation management.

Expense Control

Expenses are managed in 5 basic categories against a 36-line monthly budget. Referencing the following table, I am pleased to report that 2016 general operating expenses were \$5.3K favourable to 2015 expenses and \$2.8K favourable to the 2016 budget, essentially attributed to lower dock repairs, outreach scaled back to traditional levels and less frequent septic pump-outs.

ST. PETER'S ON-THE-ROCK ANNUAL EXPENSE SUMMARY				
K\$	2015	2016	2016	2017
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
1 Church	\$ 13.2	\$ 12.6	\$ 11.8	\$ 12.0
2 Administration	\$ 5.8	\$ 3.1	\$ 3.1	\$ 3.0
3 Operating	\$ 4.6	\$ 5.1	\$ 5.3	\$ 5.0
4 Property	\$ 8.4	\$ 8.7	\$ 6.8	\$ 7.0
5 Cottage	\$ 1.2	\$ 1.2	\$ 0.9	\$ 1.0
Annual Expenses	\$ 33.2	\$ 30.7	\$ 27.9	\$ 28.0

- 1 Coffee, maintenance, honoraria, outreach, printing
- 2 Office supplies, newsletter, professional fees,
- 3 Telephone, insurance, taxes, hydro
- 4 Sexton, septic, plumbing, docks, boats, marina
- 5 Maintenance, supplies, furniture, equipments, cleaning



Based on 2016 actuals, the planned 2017 general operating budget is \$28K, subject to Select Vestry approval.

Donations Management

The revenue side of the equation for 2016 was not as encouraging. Though mailed-in donations were up \$4K (+22%), Sunday collections were down by some \$6K (-27%) over the prior year, resulting in an overall reduction in giving of 5%. Notwithstanding, the generosity of the St. Peter's community is still significant, which continues to allow us to build a reserve for unforeseen events. The 2016 contribution to the reserve was close to \$8K.

To better enable the receiving of donations, the options to give have been expanded. Please note that options 3 & 4 entail handling fees but nevertheless, use the option that works best for you.

1. Mail in cheque using the enclosed 2017 contribution sheet.
2. Utilize the provided contribution envelope at the Sunday service, either cash or cheque. If you don't use the envelope for Sunday giving, we are not able to issue a tax receipt.
3. Log on to CanadaHelps (www.canadahelps.org), use the search by charity key words (St Peter's on-the-Rock Lakefield). Click and go to donate now and use your credit card. CanadaHelps will directly issue a confirmation and Canadian tax receipt.
4. If you are based out of the United States and wish to have a US tax receipt, log on to the American Fund (www.americanfund.info), click on donate, scroll down the list of evaluated charities, select St. Peter's on-the-Rock and complete your donation.

Data Management

This year we have also implemented new fund management software which centrally manages contact information, tracks givings, enables mass e-mail or letter communication and better supports the issuing of tax receipts; you may have noticed your 2016 tax receipt now includes a record of donations, dates and cheque numbers (where a cheque was used). When using the giving envelopes, only fill out the contact information once, you just need to use your name for subsequent offerings. Similarly, if you received a 2016 tax receipt and there is no change to your contact information, you are in the system, just put your name on the envelope.

Endowment Funds

In addition to the foregoing, we are also in the process of finalizing the set-up of two Endowment Funds. The first will provide long term funding for the St. Peter's Music Scholar's program. This fund was enabled by a very significant donation from the Walter family, for which we are most grateful. The second fund is to enable St. Peter's to receive and invest bequeathed gifts (securities or cash) to help support the long term needs of the church. As we continue to see a reduction in general numbers, we see this fund as an important way of ensuring the viability of St. Peter's on-the-Rock for the generations to come.

For further information, or if there are any questions or concerns, please contact the treasurer, Pat Bunting at pmbunting@gmail.com.