



St. John's-on-the-Lake

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Dear Friends:

Here comes a new summer season that allows us to enjoy our great Lake Winnepesaukee, Bear Island, and, of course, our wonderful church.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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Last summer provided us with numerous events and experiences. We shared Sundays with standing room only! Our church attendance almost doubled over the last two years. The credit belongs to the hard work and devotion of members, families, and friends. We all appreciate the esthetic improvements, the clean windows and floor, our gifted organist, Valerie Cross (who refuses to accept a fee), and the talented clergy.

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The church is a great spiritual attraction on its hill in the middle of Bear Island. One only has to walk toward the church to notice small groups of people finding their way through some of nature's best work. One only has to gaze upon the simplicity of the church to see the abundance of beauty and spirit. One is likely to witness a person alone, seated in the church with head bowed in prayer. What a thrill to see, first hand, the merits of this church. Our church serves very significant spiritual strength and happiness to many people continuously.

MUSIC COMMITTEE

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It is important to note that church maintenance and improvements are done every summer. Last summer an important task accomplished was tower maintenance. Because people enjoy climbing the tower, safety became a primary concern. Many guardrails were added to the stairways. The tower guardrail height was increased from 34" to 44". Also, the tower balcony floor was repaired and made waterproof. Thanks go to Andrew Fisher, who volunteered his expert help and provided needed materials at his cost. Also, thanks go to Paul Smith, who made repairs to the tower roof. Some paint work has begun with hopes of continuing this summer. Overall, the only cost to the church has been the floor material.

ALTAR GUILD

GRAHAM BURDETTE
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MICHAEL TARANTO
STEPHEN TARANTO

A most dramatic addition to the church is eight hand-wrought sconces, to be mounted one between each pair of windows. Each holds three candles. They were made by David Little of Winnepesaukee Forge shop in Meredith. The cost was absorbed by the John Henry Helve Memorial Fund. This fund was promoted

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by his wife Vi. What a majestic sight these candles will create! This light will be complemented with two kerosene lamps on the refurbished pump organ along with the addition of two alter candle holders.

It is with great sorrow that we share the sudden loss of Ann Brenner, wife of President Bob Brenner. She will always be remembered for her love and support. Bob is donating the aforementioned altar candle holders in memory of Ann. They will be similarly built by David Little.

It has been said that a loving and joyous spirit prevails throughout our congregation. Our forefathers, who laboriously built this church (1927) and maintained and supported it through these past years, must be pleased with the spirit of others who maintain this worthwhile legacy. This church was gifted to all of us, and in turn, we have a moral obligation to continue with our support for the benefit of ourselves and others to come in the future.

The Sunday church collections represent about one quarter of the operating expenses. The church is solvent, thanks to your generous contributions in the past. Please continue, as it is absolutely essential to keep this wonderful legacy alive and growing. The church's survival depends on your financial, physical, and spiritual help.

Enclosed is the summer church schedule and your membership card. Your contributions can be mailed to our new Treasurer, Elizabeth (Teddy) Taranto, P.O. Box 825, Meredith, NH 03253.

Please make note of August 13 on your summer social calendar. It is the date of the church picnic at the home of Duane and Norma Keeler on East Bear Island. All are welcome!

A second copy of this letter is supplied so that you can easily pass it on the people who may wish to join our church activities.

Special thanks go to past Presidents, Dr. Robert Brenner, and Mrs. Patti Jean Collins (and their many silent helpers).

See you in church!

Maipue Boudette *Ralph Maske*