

St. John's-on-the-Lake

BEAR ISLAND, LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE

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Dear Friends,

Summer is in the air. Boat traffic on the lake is still light, but docks are in and cottages are occupied. We look forward to celebrating God's goodness during this summer's worship season, which begins July 4.

Two projects were undertaken this fall and winter. One side of the tower was shingled, and now needs only weathering to achieve that traditional shade of gray. About two dozen pines near the building were taken down by Micah Parker, who did a fine job of burning the brush, and cutting and stacking the logs for aging and burning next winter. We should get a little extra sun, plus freedom from worrying about fallen trees. The cost for both was about \$4500.

The board and I want to express our gratitude to Craig Falk, his sons, and neighbors, for many years of serving as Chief Putters In and Takers Out of Docks. They braved the cold waters of the lake to assure us of docking space each season. Because Craig no longer has access to a crew to help him, we are hiring out this chore. Dock space remains at a premium, however, so any regulars who can find alternate locations are urged to dock elsewhere and hike a bit. We advertise our services and we do attract off-islanders.

Thanks to Dave Mernick for a new sign by the church entrance. It looks great! One last addition: we now have a web site, courtesy of Eric Burdette. The address is <http://pubpages.unh.edu/~eab>. Check it out.

We hope for another visit by the St. John's Tabernacle choir, and perhaps by a brass ensemble from Nashua. Anyone wishing to perform special music should contact Valerie Cross, our dedicated organist, at 603 253-7785.

May I remind you that St. John's now has an Endowment/Memorial Fund. Gifts to this fund will form an interest-generating principal. The interest will be used for the benefit of the Chapel. You may wish to make a gift to this fund; special gifts for specific memorials will continue to be accepted.

We will hold a brief business meeting following the worship service on July 11. You are welcome to attend. We hope you will worship with us often.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Burdette

PS This will be my last letter to you, because this is my last year as President. It is time for new blood, new ideas, and new enthusiasm. Thanks to all who made this job a pleasure!



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