

From the Minister's Disk

Prelude to a Sabbath

It's the first week of my Sabbatical time and I'm in the office trying to clean up "loose ends". The thing is, there will always be "loose ends". So I'm trying to tidy up the ones that absolutely can't wait several weeks. It's difficult.

But those wispy little details are everywhere, even as I look around me. The new part of the church looks fabulous, I love the bright new offices and am proud of the elevator and the washroom that will make coming to church a joy for many. BUT now it's time to renovate the Music Office and Nursery and new space the Nursery move will create downstairs. Now it's time to think

make the space functional. Who knew there so many little details? Most of us don't. But every one of us enjoys the fruit of the late night/early morning dusty detail labour. So for those who weren't here to give thanks on Palm Sunday, I want to thank Doug Hallman, Dave Kechnie and Don Runions, who, among all the volunteers, have led the way and done "the lion's share", and their supportive families. When they ask for help in the coming days, please offer your gratitude by signing up to help. It would be great to come to the summer with the "loose ends" of this project tucked away.



Now I'm off for an extended Sabbath. Mostly I will read and write, learn and pray. And I will rest from the things that tire most clergy: being on call 24/7; few consecutive days off from work (no such thing as a weekend or long weekend); seasons of very long days with evening meetings and events. Sure, it's part of the gig, but it's still stressful and taking a solid break from it to re-direct energy and rediscover balance is a healthy thing.

So thanks for the opportunity to "re-direct", reflect and rest. Thanks to Glenn and our Council, and Committees who will keep the care going and have set up pulpit supply. Thanks to Stephanie who is at the office helm, and to Judy and Eleanor who continue to help us keep the Sunday rhythm. May there be no snow at the Church Picnic this year, and may we all find blessing in these days of the Minister's Sabbath.

Dawn

May

- Sat. 1 UCW Spring Yard Sale 8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Silver Birch/5 Penny Concert – Molinari Quartet – 8:00 pm
- Sun. 2 54th Anniversary Service, Communion – Rev. Bob Jackson, guest leader
Heart & Soul Singers Spring Concert – 7:30 pm
- Sun. 9 Family Sunday/Mother's Day – Rev. Gerry Copeman – guest leader
- Sun. 16 Morning worship – Rev. Gerry Copeman, guest leader
- Sun. 23 Pentecost Sunday – Rev. Melody Duncanson-Hales, guest leader
- Thurs.27 16th Annual Geranium/Impatiens - Sat. 29 Sale– field house
- Sun. 30 Picnic Sunday – Fielding Park, Spirit Quest graduation service

June

- Sun. 6 Conference Sunday, United Church 85th Anniversary
- Sun. 13 Communion – Rev. Dr. Bill Steadman, guest leader
- Sun. 20 Morning worship – Father's Day
- Sun. 27 Morning worship

July - August

- July 4 – Joint summer worship with
Aug. 29 St. Paul's & St. Andrew's

September

- Sun. 5 Labour Day Sunday – Communion
- Sun. 12 Welcome Back Sunday – Spirit Quest resumes

Our Mission....."As followers of Jesus Christ, our mission is, to worship God, to nurture faith, to foster a caring and inclusive church family, to serve our community, to work for peace and justice, to respect the earth."



about how the landscaping and outside will take shape. There is painting to be done and schlepping and planting and there will be much for all of us to work at so that the renewal of space is complete.

While the construction crews have put in walls, lighting and such, there has been a lot of vacuuming, mopping and trash cleaning done late into the night to prepare our space for function. Boxes, wires and furniture have had to be moved and decisions made about small details that

St. Peter's Events

St. Peter's Geranium & Impatiens Sale

Thurs., May 27, 9am – 8pm

Fri., May 28, 9am – 8pm

Sat., May 29, 9am – 4pm

St. Peter's held its first Geranium Sale in 1995. Encouraged after donating \$458 to Charities, we are now entering our 16th Sale, hoping, with your help to raise over \$7,000 and pass \$70,000 total donations since we started. Last year, 596 Customers supported our Sale!

All proceeds are divided evenly between Iris Addiction Recovery for Women, and Sudbury Minga for Maasai.

To order your plants by e-mail, send an e-mail to: st.peters.geraniums@bell.net with the subject line: **Please send an e-mail order form** or contact Lori Adams 522-2018.



Picnic Sunday

Sunday, May 30 – 10:30am

St. Peter's Annual Picnic Sunday will return to Fielding Park this year, with an indoor service, including Spirit Quest graduation, followed by a potluck lunch and games.

Make sure you bring your sense of adventure and keep your fingers crossed for good weather.

Joint Summer Worship Services

July 4 to August 29

Again this summer we will join with our neighbouring United Churches in coming together for Sunday worship. St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, St. Mark's and St. Peter's will participate.

Plans call for services at St. Peter's in July (July 4, 11, 18, 25) and at St. Andrew's for August (August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29).

Regular worship at St. Peter's resumes, with Dawn's return, on Sunday, September 5th.

UCW News

Spring Yard Sale 2010

St. Peter's Spring Yard Sale will be held this year on Saturday, May 1st, from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm. We accept kitchen items, linens, books, toys and games, **summer** sports equipment, pictures/frames, furniture, hardware, plants, jewellery, knick-knacks, fabric, wool, craft items and sewing notions. We also accept antique and "higher-end" items which are sold at the "Treasures" Table at a suitably higher price.

Please note that the Health Unit does not allow the sale of baby equipment or soiled upholstered furniture. Also, please do NOT bring old magazines, old computers or TVs as they do not sell. Items for sale can be left at the church from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm from Monday, April 26th to Thursday, April 29th, and all day Friday, April 30th. To arrange for pick-up of larger items, please contact UCW members Lois Park (522-0532), Isobel Patchett (522-0115) or Mary Faris (522-2018).

Proceeds from our Yard Sales help to support local, national and international charities supported by St. Peter's United Church Women. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

3rd Annual UCW Perennial Sale

Again this year, the UCW will be holding a Perennial Sale in conjunction with the Mission and Service Annual Geranium Sale on May 27, 28 and 29. This has been well supported, both in donations and in sales in previous years.

As you divide and clean out your perennials this spring, think about donating some to the sale. If you require pots or soil, please see or call Mary Faris (522-2018). Plants may be brought to the church on Thursday May 27th preferably in the morning or early afternoon if possible. It would be very helpful if plants are potted and ready to sell. If you have extra pots or soil that you could donate, we would be happy to receive them as well.

A great variety of plants have been available at our last two sales. Of course, to get the best choice and selection, it is best to visit the Sale on Thursday. Why not pick up your geraniums and take a look at the perennials all at the same time?

We look forward to seeing you at the Sale!



Council Notes

Hello,

As this is my first submission to On the Rock as Chair of Council, I will take the opportunity to introduce myself. Many of you already know my family and I; however, as we have been members of the St. Peter's community for only two and a half years, there is a good chance that some readers will not know me. It is appropriate that I give those folks some information about their new Chair: Susan, Andra, Aidan, and I moved to Sudbury from Orono, ON so that I could take a faculty position at Laurentian University. We came to St. Peter's from St. Paul's United Church in Bowmanville ON, a congregation that is similar to St. Peter's in its vibrancy. Prior to worshipping at St. Paul's, we were active in the congregation at Orono United Church. In terms of my experience with church councils, I was the Chair of Stewards and then the Chair of the Pastoral Charge at Orono United Church. At St. Paul's, I chaired a JNAC that initiated the successful call of a Youth Minister. Accordingly, I have been fortunate to acquire some experiences that will assist me in my new role here at St. Peter's.

I am excited by the prospects for growth that I think St. Peter's will experience during the coming year. Now that our beautiful new addition is nearing completion thanks to the tireless efforts of the Building Committee, I believe that, as a congregation, we are now able to pause and collect our thoughts. We can ask ourselves questions about how we can use our new space to best serve our mission to the community. A steering committee has initiated some planning with respect to the possibility of St. Peter's being declared an Affirming Ministry. I believe that other opportunities for introspection will arise and these will allow us to take stock of what we have and will allow us to discover things that we need in order to continue serving God and doing His/Her work in the communities we serve.

As you are likely aware, Dawn is on sabbatical until September. While I am going to miss her steadying influence over the summer, I am glad to think that she will be returning to us recharged, refreshed, and eager to lead us into the next phases of our congregational growth. I am confident that with Stephanie's capable oversight of the day-to-day activity at St. Peter's, an

excellent team of Chairs and dedicated committee members serving on Council, and a supportive Executive Council, we will easily keep St. Peter's on course over the summer. I will take the opportunity here to thank Jennifer McNichol and the Worship and Music Committee for arranging for what should be an excellent summer of worship at St. Peter's.

I will conclude by thanking Dr. Doug Hallman and those who served on Council while he was Chair for their hard work. Knowing how well Doug and his team managed the business of the church during his tenure as Chair has left me with some very big shoes to fill. With help and guidance from Paddy who is Vice Chair, I will strive to do the job as capably as Doug has.

Now we begin to wind down for the summer. My wish for you and your families is for a safe and enjoyable summer season. I look forward to learning more about your views of how we are doing at St. Peter's. I invite you to contact me with any comments that you might have.

*Sincerely,
Glenn Legault*

Camp Lorrain Needs

It is time to think about the kids and how we are going get the camp spruced up and have our volunteers in place before July 1 arrives. We had some challenges last year but I know we can do better this year. There are several ways that you can help out:

1. Two **Work Weekends** are being organized for May 15/16 and June 19/20. Chose a project, or just lend a hand, and enjoy a weekend of fellowship.
2. If you can't make it in person, perhaps help by preparing pre-made meals (chili, casserole, muffins, etc.)
3. Donate gently used building materials and/or tools
4. Perhaps volunteer during the camp season (cook's helper, arts and crafts, nature guide etc.)
5. And, of course money is always needed to help cover the budget shortfall, registration assistance fund etc.

Contact Wayne Jeffkins (wayne.jeffkins@gmail.com · phone 705 692 4956) for a complete list of ways you can help prepare Camp Lorrain for another great season of camping.



A Growing on the Rock Update

Our New Facility is Opened!

The last two months have been very exciting as, one by one, the features of our new building have been completed. In February, the installation of the elevator was substantially finished. The new kitchen walls were completed and painted and the new cupboards were installed. The drywall finishing work was completed and dropped ceiling frames were installed throughout the new areas. In early March, electrical and heating and ventilating installations were finished in the new building. In the narthex, the extensions of existing walls to the roof were installed and old flooring was removed with lots of volunteer help. Door frames, doors, window sills, railings and coat hangers were also installed. By mid-March, wall painting was in progress, followed by flooring installation in the third week. In the narthex, the new exposed ceiling was cleaned and painted and bright new lighting fixtures were placed. With several crews working at the same time, scheduling was challenging, but, thanks to our site manager Charlie Thomas, all the pieces came together in great fashion as we neared our March 28 opening date. With the work of many volunteers, we managed to keep the building open and useable through this period. In late March, Dawn's and Stephanie's offices were moved and organized and a Saturday cleaning blitz was held on March 20 with lots of helping hands. The last week was crowned with a successful inspection of the elevator, just in time for the opening.

On Palm Sunday, March 28, the new facilities were celebrated

and used for the first time. The palm parade featured members of our church family moving to doors in the new section and a blessing of the new areas and their uses. Isla Vanstone attended and, following a ribbon cutting, used the elevator for the first time. Architect Chris Perry and Hawkey Church Management Vice President Bruce Langman were recognized for their contributions and the building committee and volunteers were thanked. A reception in the new narthex featured a GOTR cake.

In the weeks since the opening, inspections have been completed, some ceiling and electrical work was finished and the new outside door into the old kitchen has been installed. Last week, much of the outside work, including brick cleaning, old sidewalk removal, parking lot grading and new sidewalk installation, was completed. A volunteer crew provided lots of assistance, including breaking up of some rock for our new sidewalk elevation. Landscaping work by volunteers will be spread over the spring period. The painting and refurbishing of the old choir room, and old offices is scheduled for the next weeks ahead and final moving should be completed by the end of April.



Please get in touch with Dave Kechnie (522-3363 or dkechnie@isys.ca) if you are able to contribute to this work.

Financially, the project is still on track for a balanced budget and in mid-April only a few more items remain to be completed and paid. Several more change orders have been approved, but the cost of these changes remain very close to the savings achieved over the budget estimate. The building committee and staff have consulted with an office furniture consultant and we expect to be able to arrange for the purchase of some furnishings in the near future. The committee is preparing a wish list of outfitting items that will be distributed shortly – we hope that donors may be found for some of these.

Thanks once again to all from our church community who have contributed in so many ways to this project. We look forward to new initiatives, uses and mission opportunities in the weeks ahead as the new facilities are integrated into our congregational activities.

St. Peter's On the Rock

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