

What's Up Down at Saint Peter's

A newsletter from the Parish of Saint Peter's, Birch Cove

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Dedication of Cornerstone at Saint Peter's, April 30, 1951

The Pilgrimage Continues

On Sunday April 26th Saint Peter's recognized the birth of our church on April 30th, 1951. During a one and three quarter hour service, the congregation first assembled outside at which point the building's cornerstone was rededicated by Rev. Arran. Former parishioners (Steve Wood warden 1989) and Clair MacInnis (LLM 1991) read the lessons. Former parishioner Jim Curren presented on growing up in Birch Cove and how his time at Saint Peter's contributed to the outlook on life he developed which eventually saw him working with the United Nations and Engineers Without Borders. Favourite hymns, nominated by parishioners, were sung. Heidi Jury sang a solo. Sam and Charlie Knight carried our Anniversary Banner outside and later distributed pieces of amethyst representing Jesus as the gemstone within the cornerstone of our faith. Darlene Boutilier crafted an incredible cornerstone display by the chancel railing and the first child baptized at Saint Peter's, Monya Francis, returned to Saint Peter's with her two brothers to sit beside the stained glass window placed in the church by her parents. Following the service an anniversary cake and refreshments were served , coordinated by Graham and Vivian Cudlipp. Our anniversary service followed the day after we held a very successful auction to raise funds to help restore our ' Good Shepherd Window'. A successful, exciting weekend made all the more so as April 26th was ' Good Shepherd Sunday'.



What a Team!

Thanks to Darlene Harvey, Linda Levy, Carol Cody, Tom Cody, Sandy Boutillier, Nadine Boutillier and Patti Peters for organizing and running the most incredible auction on April 25th to raise funds for the restoration of the Good Shepherd Window.

Thanks to parishioners and friends of Saint Peter's for donating items and for attending our 75th Anniversary Dime Auction. Thanks to the Guild and Guild Auxiliary for the desserts. The auction raised \$ 4,570.40 ! The to-date-money-in-the-bank figure for the window's restoration currently stands at \$ 32,185.72.

What an Auction!



Happy auction-goers eating delicious desserts, surrounded by over 250 items on which to bid

Dates/ Events/Information

May 9 – **English Speaking Club** – lounge 12 noon- 2 PM (info Valeriia or Viktoriia Hrushetska)

May 9 – **Mother's Day Card Workshop**- \$ 20 all supplies included 2- 3:30 PM Daking Hall (info Viktoriia or Valeriia)

May 10 – **Mother's Day**

May 16 – **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** - 8 AM @ Jim's Restaurant (info John Starling)

May 17 – **Food Bank Sunday**

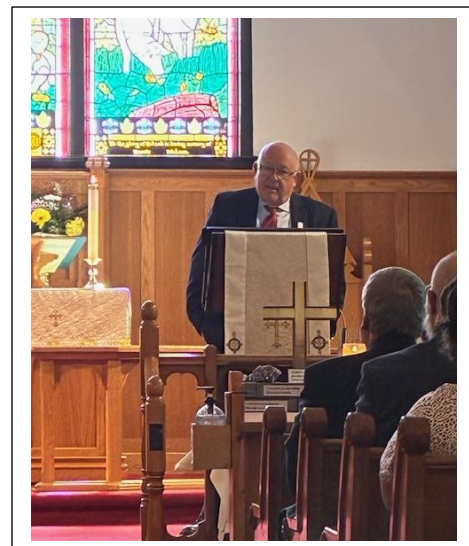
May 18 – **Victoria Day**

May 19 – **Parish Council** – lounge @7PM

May 21 – **Guild Pot Luck** in Lounge @ 11:30 (info Peggy Taylor)



Bible donated by Shaw Family in 1957 part of Cornerstone Sunday Display by Darlene Boutilier



Rev. Arran rededicating St. Peter's cornerstone & Jim Curren presenting at Cornerstone Service (photos: DL MacLean)



Director Maureen Walsh guiding members of the Saint Peter's Players through a rehearsal

"Bringing in the Sheep"

Next October as part of our Anniversary Weekend, our very own **Saint Peter's Players will perform the play "Bringing in the Sheep"**. The play will be part of a dinner theatre evening (80 tickets only) which will raise funds for the West End Ecumenical Foodbank. The next day , Sunday October 25th will be our Anniversary worship service at 10 AM.

Get your motor runnin'. Head out on the highway. Lookin' for adventure. In whatever comes our way ... (Steppenwolf)



Our 75th Anniversary Motorcoach tour to the Annapolis Valley is in the final planning stages. We will leave Saint Peter's at 9 AM on Saturday August 22nd with our first stop being Hantsport. After a musical concert and lunch, we will drive to Port Williams via Grand Pre to visit one of the oldest Anglican churches in Nova Scotia. Then we're off to visit a winery, stop at a market, returning to Birch Cove for 5 PM. There is still room for more travellers. Details will be announced May 3rd.