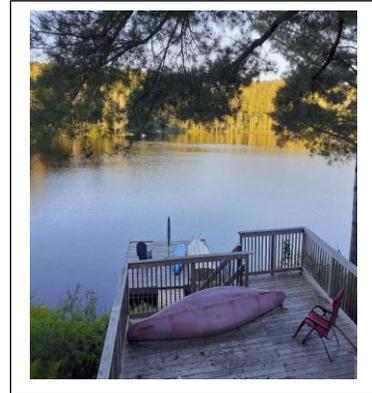


Coop's Scoops # 84, Tuesday August 04, 2020

**See my deck? See my dock? See my canoe?
See my paddleboat? See Judie run! That's the
old Dick and Jane line from my grade one reader,
featuring Spot as well. From August 6th until
August 16th, that's mostly where I plan to be. Having
Some time off and really looking forward to it!**

**I have prewritten the Sunday liturgy and Sermon
for August 9th and August 16th and they will come
by email or home delivery as usual. I will not,
however, be doing my regular Scoops the rest
of this week or the following week. Unless I get
really, really bored....which I don't think is going to happen.**



WHILE I'M AWAY:

If you have an important question or problem, please be welcome to call our Wardens, who will try to deal with it as best they can, or ask you to wait patiently until I can get back to them after my break. If you are in need of a Priest for sacramental ministry (eg. Time of death anointing, critical emergency...) please call the Warden, and they will contact me, and I will attend personally to your need. I am staying in town, so it will not be overly difficult.

For Lake of Bays, please contact Susan Pond at 705 767 2205

For St. Thomas, Bracebridge, please contact Peter May at 705 645 7573

Thank you, and do not hesitate to call if you do need assistance.

NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

As you know, the leadership folks at Lake of Bays and St. Thomas have been involved in Zoom meetings looking at the pros and cons of re-opening for public worship....the when's and the how's of it. St. Ambrose Wardens have/or soon are sending an email to the congregations with their recommendations about re-opening perhaps at Thanksgiving, instead of in early September. The St. Thomas meeting is tonight, so more news will come a little later.

It is really important to understand that while we do have PERMISSION to re-open on September 6th following all the procedures and protocols described in the Amber Three Reopening documents, we do not HAVE to re-open at that time. Lake of Bays will be polling, as will St. Thomas, to seek input from all members, and decisions will be made following that exercise.

According to the Canons and Amber Three document, it is the Incumbent who will decide, with much consultation, on when the buildings will reopen for public worship, and it will be the Incumbent with the Wardens who decide about when the buildings can be open to other community groups and activities. If you wonder why we get to do that, it is because we are legally responsible for seeing that all the protocols are in place for safety of congregations, staff, and any other persons within the building. We very much need everyone's input.

There will be some who are gung-ho to go! Great. There will be some who want to wait awhile, see how things go when the schools reopen, watch the trends. Great. And there will be those who will not be involved in public worship until there is a tested, safe vaccine available. Also great. Where we stand is not a reflection of the depth of our faith, or our tolerance for risk It is a deeply personal decision that is equally acceptable for consideration. People must do what they themselves believe is in their own and their loved ones' best interests health wise. No pressure.

There will be full communication for everyone. If you would like to volunteer on phone lines for those without internet, let us know.

This Scoop's is super quick as I've already written two sermons today and my brain is a bit sore! So no Scripture or meditation today.... But a little humour.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"No, Dolly, our father art downstairs watching TV"



God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep in love enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

And the blessing of God the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit be with you all now and
forever! Amen. – Judie+

(Yes this is gender nonsense, but I hope you'll see some humour in it as wellotherwise forgiveness will be welcome)

The Aisle, the Altar, the Hymn

Through the ages, men have been trying to unlock this mystery: Why do their wives, who accept them just as they are before they get married, begin the quest to change their behaviour and life-style once their vows are exchanged? Finally, the riddle is solved.

A social-scientist has arrived at this simple and logical explanation. When the bride, accompanied by her father, starts to walk slowly down the long aisle, she sees the altar at the end and hears the choir singing a hymn. Walking down the aisle, the conditioning process starts where the brain absorbs these three stimuli:

Aisle, altar, and hymn.

**She becomes mesmerized:
Aisle, altar, hymn.....Aisle, altar, hymn.....Aisle, altar, hymn.
And finally, as she stops beside the groom, the conditioning process is complete. She looks up at him smiling sweetly and keeps saying to herself:**

'I'll alter him!'

HERE ENDETH THE LESSON