



# Murray Bay Protestant Church

La Malbaie, Québec - Summer 2018

Dear Friends,

We are looking forward to seeing you all this summer. Our summer season this year will be a bit quieter as compared with last year, when the several events we held in celebration of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary were such a success. Not only did all of our members participate, but so did the larger La Malbaie community, starting with the unveiling of the historic plaque about our church by Mayor Michel Couturier. We think that the anniversary events helped everyone in La Malbaie, both Francophone and Anglophone, to look on our church as part of community life, an historic building where everyone might attend a lecture or concert. This summer, for example, the Domaine Forget has offered a concert at out church.

As you know, the presider at our 150<sup>th</sup> birthday service was Archbishop Fred Hiltz, the Anglican Primate of Canada, and we were pleased to hear that he liked our summer community so much that he and his wife have accepted our invitation to be with us this summer for the last Sunday in August and the week before. Another new clergy family will also be with us: The Rev. Jeffrey Metcalfe with his wife and two small children. Jeff works at the Anglican Cathedral in Quebec City and will be with us for the second and third Sundays in August. Let's be sure to welcome the Hiltzes and the Metcalfes to our beautiful Murray Bay summer season. We will miss Archbishop Bruce Stavert and Diana, as Bruce decided last year to step down after quite a few years of outstanding service to us all, but we hope they will be coming for frequent visits.

## Summer 2018 Clergy

All Sunday Services 10 : 30 AM

### At St-Peter-on-the-Rock

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> - The Reverend Garth Bulmer  
July 22<sup>nd</sup> - The Rev. Garth Bulmer & The Rev. Edwin Stretch  
July 31<sup>st</sup> - The Reverend Ian Fraser

### At Murray Bay Protestant Church

August 5<sup>th</sup> - The Reverend Ian Fraser  
August 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> - The Reverend Jeffrey Metcalfe  
August 26<sup>th</sup> - Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate of Canada  
Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> - The Rev. Garth Bulmer or The Rev. Edwin Stretch

The two congregations, Murray Bay Protestant Church and St. Peter-on-the-Rock, will worship together as in past years. As before, all July Sunday services will be held at St. Peter-on-the-Rock in Cap-à-l'Aigle at 10 : 30 a.m. and all August Sunday services will be held at Murray Bay Protestant Church at 10 : 30 a.m.

This summer we will welcome back Rev. Ian Fraser for our first Sunday, coming over from previous weeks at St. Peter on the Rock. Jeff Metcalfe will then be with us for the second two Sundays in August and Archbishop Fred will be with us for the last Sunday in August. Rev. Garth Bulmer or Rev. Ed Stretch will be with us on Labor Day Sunday.

## Welcoming walls

As you know, the cemetery wall along the rue de la Chapelle was skillfully repaired last year in time for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary by Jean-Marie Thibault and his son Eric under the direction of architect Jonathan Bisson. Opposite that wall, to your left as you go into the church, is another beautiful wall which has been hidden for many years.

Now, under the adept direction of Sally Muspratt, Chair of the Landscape Committee, Fred Gagné has re-revealed the old wall by the removal of some scrub trees and bushes, and the two walls now stand in conversation with each other and with the church building. The

church clock over the front door, donated in honor of Justice John Marshall Harlan in 1912, is now running smoothly, thanks to Fred Gagné, our highly competent Sexton. You will be able to set your watches by it.

## History Committee

For the fifth year, the History Committee will present House Tours in August in both Cap a l'Aigle and Murray Bay with a picnic and history lecture at our church prior to the tour of three historic homes in Murray Bay. These tours have been favorites for both summer visitors and local residents. The History is updating its display to reflect the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration.

## G7 Conference

As you all undoubtedly know, the G7 conference was held at the Manoir Richelieu in La Malbaie a few weeks ago in June, 2018. Judy and John Bross and Robin Turner were present and witnessed an extraordinary number of police on motorcycles (said to be one police person for each inhabitant of La Malbaie) and numerous black SUV's and large white sedans, all with darkened windows, not to mention swarms of noisy helicopters overhead, often flying low enough to see soldiers sitting with their legs hanging over the side of the door. And numerous long black powerboats flitting about on the river, and an enormous concrete and metal fence stretching from in front of the Musée for miles around the Manoir. Judy and John and Robin manned a table outside the church (the weather was perfect all three days) with lemonade and coffee and cookies alongside a sign that said "Ouvert pour les visites – Open for visits". No heads of state showed up, but there were a few visitors, including a Polish representative of the President of the EU.



*Ouvert pour les visites.  
Frédéric Gagné and Judy Bross.*

## Supporting our Ministry

Please do consider a generous contribution to the church this year. An envelope is enclosed. Americans get a tax deduction if their checks are drawn on a US bank and made payable to Friends of the Murray Bay Protestant Church. All other checks will be receipted in Canadian Dollars as per Canadian, Customs and Revenue Agency standards.

Receipts will be issued in January 2019 for all 2018 donations.

## Upcoming Events

- \*Family Picnic with games and Bible stories for kids – Wednesday, August 8
- \*Historic Tours with Musée de Charlevoix – Sat. August 11 and Sat. August 18
- \*Annual Meeting of Trustees – Friday, August 17
- \*Annual Meeting of Congregation – Sunday, August 19
- \*Sundowner on Church beach – date to be determined
- \*Mac Mackay Vernissage – date to be determined

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