

Salem-Mariposa

Church Building & Cemetery



Greetings to Everyone:

We trust that this finds you and your family well and safe at this difficult time.

2020 has been a year of challenges.

We are grateful for the support of our membership, as we, your Board, direct the operations of the Church and Cemetery.

We were excited that one of our members last year, graciously donated the money to refurbish our front doors on our church building. Under the direction of Dave Smeall and Garry Smith, the work began early in 2019. Soon after the re-construction started, the north basement wall collapsed causing far more work and expense than was expected.

Because of this happening, we were not able to hold our annual Decoration Day Service in the church in 2019. The folks at St. Johns Presbyterian Church in Cresswell graciously offered for us to hold our service there. That worked out really well. We again want to say how grateful we are to the congregation there for allowing us to use their building.

Decoration Day this year is postponed until 2021 because of the Covid-19 outbreak. Your Board has made this decision keeping in mind the safety and security of our members. You are welcome to visit the cemetery at any time to place flowers or visit gravesites. There will be a secure donation box placed at the entrance to the cemetery from July 11th to July 20th. You may also donate on our Salem Cemetery website using the Canada Helps secure website.

Windows Refurbishing Progress

All the funds for refurbishing the windows are now in. Dave and his team expect to have these completed before the end of the year. A plaque with the donor family's name will be placed below each window.

We have recently updated our Schedule of Services and Fees for our cemetery. The last time any changes were made was in 2013. Details are attached here and the schedule is now posted on our Salem Church and Cemetery website.

We hope to have our 7th Annual Christmas Carol Sing on Saturday Dec.5th. This has become a very popular community event with a number of local families joining us each year with their children as well as several families driving a distance to attend. We want to thank everyone for supporting this annual event. Let's not forget to thank all the folks who provided refreshments for the evening. The hot chocolate and assortment of cookies and sweets is always a big hit. We have marvelous cooks in our circle.

The Board appreciates Garry Smith and others who continue to do an admirable job of keeping our church and cemetery grounds in pristine condition.

Historical Information needed

Our historian, Jim Tremeer, continues to seek old photos or other memorabilia about your family history. Please let Jim know or contact a Board member if you are able to contribute these things to Jim.

Thanks again for your financial support. We rely on your faithful giving each year. We are a registered charitable organization and you will receive a receipt for tax purposes. You may donate directly on our website at: www.salemmariposacemetery.com or mail your cheque (payable to Salem Mariposa Cemetery) to: Corporation Head Office, 506-2650 Marsdale Dr., Peterborough, ON K9L 1Y2

Finally, as Board Chairman, I want to thank our Board Members for their support and personal involvement during this past year.

Everett Davey, Board Chairman

Board Members: Bev Dowson, Doug Moore, Dave Smeall, Laurie Teel, Elliot Tremeer, Rick Smeall.