

Press Release from Old Hay Bay Church, Board of Trustees.

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Although the sun shines brightly on the South Shore of Hay Bay, in Greater Napanee, the Old Hay Bay Church, built in 1792, bears a sign which says: “closed for the season due to Covid – 19”.

The volunteer custodians and the Board will continue to promote the important role this church played in the history of the settlement of the area by many United Empire Loyalists. This church was instrumental in the rise of Methodism, which led to the creation of the United Church of Canada in 1925.

A summer, that was ‘planned’ to be busy with events and visitors seeing the new siding and renovations, will be postponed until 2021. Hopefully some of our 2020 events can be re-scheduled to next year.

The Board's decision to stay closed will protect the health and safety of visitor, custodians, and the Board, as well as the preservation of artifacts and structures. The Board is committed to continuing the preservation, restoration and improvements that can be done over the summer months adhering to all government mandated guidelines. We encourage you to watch the progress on our Facebook page and at www.oldhaybaychurch.ca

The Board is very grateful for the financial donations that continue to support the general and restoration work at the church, cottage and grounds. Donations can be made at Canadahelps.org or through the information on our website.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees we thank each and every supporter of the church and look forward to seeing you when it is safe. Take care and God Bless.

Elaine Farley, Chair