

# PEACE HOPE LOVE JOY

The holiday season is once again here. It is hard to believe that 2014 is nearly over. Lois is still trying to keep summer in her brain. The garden is bare and the boats are covered until next spring.

Christmas Carols are being sung, our Christmas choral concert is upon us, the decorations are slowly going up around the house, and presents are being accumulated. It is a busy time.



The year began with a trip to Hawaii in January. We first went to Honolulu

where we visited Pearl Harbor. It was truly a very moving experience and we are glad we went there. From there we flew to the big island of Hawaii and spent time traveling all around. Once again we did not see any lava flowing (it waited until after we had left). We did spend some time on the rim of Kilaua and walked through a lava tube. We then flew over to Maui for a few days. We



traveled the Road to Hana (thank goodness we had someone else driving and telling us all about the area). It is beautiful but the road is narrow and treacherous. We did visit several other parts of the

island and spent time on some lovely beaches. Lois enjoyed watching the whales. They came in quite close to the shore and were amazing to watch. And yes, we went to a luau, and had a great time.

This fall we headed to western Pennsylvania to attend Doug's 50th college reunion. It was Homecoming weekend so lots of alumni were on campus. Doug saw many of his classmates and caught up with old friends. The chapel service was especially moving and lovely. It was fun driving around the New Wilmington area and seeing the changes. Of course Lois had to stop in at several Amish craft shops and spend money. They make such beautiful quilts. From there we then headed to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania to tour the battlefield and visit the wonderful museum. The cyclorama in the museum contains a very vivid 360° painting of the Battle at Gettysburg. If you have never been there it is well worth the trip.

Lois keeps very busy volunteering. She continues to be secretary for the local branch of the League of Women Voters and the Plymouth Open Space Committee, and is our Church clerk. She is the substitute organist for our Church and continues to sing in the choir and the Pilgrim Festival Chorus along with Doug. Lois continues to manage to run several miles most days and once in a while runs a 5K fun race in the area.



Doug continues to keep the Church computers running and designs posters and program book-



lets for several organizations. Lois keeps him going to the gym with her. Doug is on the board of the 6 Ponds Association and is active in the sailing club here. We both continue sailing on Long Pond in the



summer. Lois likes to kayak as well. The pond is a great gathering place for sailing, canoeing, kayaking, and swimming. The grandchildren love to come down and spend hours in or on the water.

Kimberly is working full time at St. Joseph's College in Maine as the Director of Community-Based Learning. She teaches several classes and

Heather is teaching fifth grade this year in North Berwick, Maine. She continues to run and competes in various races and triathlons. She is continuing her graduate courses and trying to keep up with the various activities of Sam and Rebecca. Wayne still commutes into Boston 3 days a week. He can work from home the rest of the time, which helps some. He is working with the

local Boy Scout troop with Sam. Sam is in 7th grade. He enjoys soccer, art, robotics, and Boy Scouts. Rebecca is now 11, in 5th grade, and quite the horsewoman. She is at the stables many afternoons after school and some on weekends. She also plays soccer and the clarinet. The whole family enjoys skiing and camping.

As 2014 draws to a close we want to extend our best wishes to you all and hope that the new year brings joy and good health. We are both on Facebook, and you can look us up and chat. You can also email us at [dougandlois@mac.com](mailto:dougandlois@mac.com). Our door is open, if you ever find yourselves in Plymouth, please let us know.



is also a yoga instructor. She continues to pursue iPhonography and exhibiting her photos.

Our oldest granddaughter McKenzie, graduated from high school in May. She spent the summer working and is now a freshman at the University of New Hampshire in a music education program. She sings in the Chamber Singers and is adjusting to living away from home.

Our oldest grandson Kieran, is a freshman in high school, playing saxophone in the school band, singing in several choral groups at school, and participating in cross country and track and field.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



*Doug*  
*Lois*