



SUSIE PEIXOTTO BIO

Susie and her husband Bob first attended St. Bart's on Route 1. After St. Bart's moved to its current location, they were drawn to the warmth and inclusiveness of the people, the relevant spiritual messages of the successive clergy, and the beautiful natural church setting.

She was a social studies teacher first in Williamsburg, VA and then at Yarmouth High School before choosing to be a full-time mom to her 3 children. When her kids were young she had many opportunities to volunteer in the Yarmouth community, including assisting briefly with the St. Bart's Sunday school program. As her growing family became more involved in various activities, particularly skiing in the winter, and later with Maine Huts & Trails, the family attended church less often; however, they were drawn back to St. Bart's by how welcomed they always felt regardless of absences.

As an EMT, Susie was a longtime volunteer with Yarmouth Fire-Rescue. A Bowdoin grad, where she met Bob, Susie waited until her youngest child graduated from high school before pursuing her master's degree in social work from the University of New England. When she became a licensed clinical social worker, she served in a variety of roles including working inter-



professionally to support the wellbeing, self-determination, and personal growth of a wide range of people. She currently volunteers on a regional Critical Incident Stress Management ("CISM") Debriefing Team for public safety personnel, as a member of St. Bart's Pastoral Care Committee, on a scholarship committee, and as a board member of Maine Huts and Trails. Her "official retirement" coincided with opportunities to serve for 5 years on the St. Bart's vestry during the height of the pandemic, and to collaborate with fellow parishioners to develop safety and security guidelines.

Susie is passionate about her family and, along with her husband Bob, loves to spend time with her grown children Chris, Betsy and Rob and their wonderful spouses, her 5 grandchildren, and her Yarmouth based niece whenever possible. She and Bob love to be outside in all weather, walk their dog "Baxter," XC and downhill ski, kayak, hike, and stay in touch with friends. In her quiet moments, Susie likes to read and play Scrabble. You might see her at a dance recital, a lacrosse game or XC running race, or a gymnastics event cheering for her grandchildren

