



St. John's-on-the-Lake

Founded as an Episcopal summer chapel in 1927, St. John's-on-the-Lake became an Association in 1954 and provides non-denominational religious services for worshippers of all faiths.

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Dear Friends of St. John's

It's been a very long winter. But the ice is gone and the islands are returning from their winter sleep. At the top of Bear Island stands St. John's-on-the-Lake. Worshipping at the chapel is one of my unchanging traditions at Winnepesaukee. On behalf of the Board, I look forward to welcoming you there this summer.

This winter, our community unexpectedly lost Bill Burdette, who served the Association as president, treasurer and board member for over thirty years. We will miss his faithful presence, his genial smile and modest leadership. There will be a memorial service this summer to honor him.

At our church picnic on July 27, we will celebrate the contributions of Duane and Norma Keeler, who have been central to the Association since the 1960's. On August 10, we will celebrate the installation of the final window of the Chapel, which is dedicated to John Ripley and Margaret Forbes. John Ripley proposed the original Association in 1954 and worked to establish it, negotiating the deal that allowed us to purchase the chapel for \$1.00 from the Episcopal Diocese. Duane and Norma collected it from the congregation in pennies, so that even the children could contribute.

The Association continues the work of preserving the Chapel. In our ongoing quest to re-open the Tower, we will be waterproofing the floors and residing the upper tower walls. All of this costs money, and any donations you can make to the Chapel or to the Building Endowment are very welcome. If you would like to donate specifically to the endowment or you would like your donation to honor the work of any of the men and women we are remembering this summer, please note that in the memo line of your check.

The community which supports St. John's needs your support. Have you considered volunteering or becoming a board member? We welcome you. My father was the first president of the Board. Bill Burdette's son Eric is now treasurer, Duane and Norma Keeler's daughter-in-law, Leslie Hopper Keeler, is secretary. So, it's a family affair. If you are interested - just email me or speak to any board member. Come to the board meeting on July 27 and see what we are up to. But most of all, please join us this summer in the services at St. John's. We love to see your shining faces.

Sincerely,

Sharon Doyle

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