



St. John's-on-the-Lake Association

*Founded as an Episcopal chapel in 1927,
St. John's-on-the-Lake became an Association
in 1954 which has provided non-denominational services
for worshippers of all faiths for over 60 years.*

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Dear Friends of St. John's,

Like many of you, I have been thinking of deep green trees and the light off the water on a sparkling day since February. Memories of Lake summers get me through long dim winters.

This year the Chapel is celebrating its 90th Anniversary. The chapel was built and the first services were held in the summer of 1927. John Hopper, the son of Dr. Stanley Hopper, who was the minister in charge of the chapel for 36 years, has completed a short history which weaves together many threads into a fascinating story. Did you know that the chapel was built on the farm site of the first settler of Bear Island? That it was unlocked for 40 years? Or that it was very nearly sold to become a private home? John's book will be available at our celebration after the service on Sunday, July 23rd, led by Reverend Robin Soller of Trinity Episcopal Church. Please plan to join us. There will be CAKE!



President Doffy Falk gets
deed to Chapel from Bishop
Smith

The Chapel building is beautiful, unchanged and sturdy thanks to your continuing generosity. The roof is fixed; the meadow is growing, the foundation is solid. It's a plain fact that without your support, there would be no chapel and we thank you. The chapel history tells the story of this building, but it also tells the story of the hands and hearts and minds who have filled the chapel with prayers, song and communion. It is these people who made the chapel a place to worship and not a monument to the past. If you think you would like to own a copy of the history, please email me at sedoyle87@icloud.com and write: *Chapel History* in the message line. We haven't priced it yet, but it will be modest and knowing how many people want a copy will help us make good decisions.

May your life be filled with The Spirit. See you this summer at the chapel!

Sharon E. Doyle, President

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