

# POPHAM CHAPEL TIDINGS



**April 2017**



## **Happy Easter and Welcome Back! Spring is here!**

Spring is popping up all over in Popham Beach as we welcome the warmer weather and all of our family and friends – both old and new - back to Popham! We hope that everyone had a safe and healthy winter season and that we will be seeing you all again soon at the Chapel services, the Pot Luck Dinners, Game Nights, Yoga Classes or any of the many other events we enjoy so much in our lovely little community.

This year, In addition to our traditional Easter service, we welcome you to attend a **Sunrise service** with the Phippsburg Congregational Church. The Sunrise service will be held on the beach, just down from Percy's Store at Popham on April 16 at 6:00 am. Light refreshments in the Chapel House to follow - all are welcome.

At 10am we will have our **traditional Easter Service** in the Popham Chapel, with light refreshments to follow in Chapel House.

We want to wish everyone a Happy Easter and Passover, a joyous Spring time and a happy and celebratory summer season in our little slice of paradise! Welcome Back!

## Chairman's Message

Dear Friends and Associates,

Easter is once again upon us and signals the start of our summer season at the Popham Chapel. Again, I have the pleasure of welcoming all friends and associates of Popham Chapel to the 2017 summer season. We look forward to continuing our faith journey at the Chapel with the guidance of Pastor Ed. We will however be without the pleasure of our long time pianist Dick Hankinson. Dick advises that his health will prevent his continuing to play at our Sunday service. I know that you all join in wishing Dick well and thank you for the beauty and joy he provided for many years. I am pleased to announce that Nina Spacek has agreed to play piano at the Chapel services regularly commencing with our Easter Service on April 16th. Welcome aboard Nina.

The annual appeal was a HUGE success. I am in awe of the generosity and support of this community. I can't thank each and every one of you enough. Your donations were more than \$8,400.00. This goes a long way towards paying the costs of repairing the Chapel House foundation wall.

This year the board needs to recruit additional trustees and officers. We have 4 vacancies and your life skills just might be what is needed to enrich our community and provide personal fulfilment. Of need is a chair for the worship committee. Connie Shiebler has chaired this committee for the past two years and will be leaving the board this spring. We are grateful for the great job Connie did and will miss her enthusiasm and spirit as we seek to fill her shoes. Please let me or other trustees know of your ideas or thoughts of joining the Popham Chapel Board of Trustees.

This season is shaping up to be another busy one. In addition to the ongoing efforts of Worship enhancement, wedding, and special events planning, and improving our communications and financial reporting system, we are planning to make additional improvements to the Chapel House in the form of improved bathroom facilities. With hard work and a bit of luck we will have an ADA compliant toilet this year in the Chapel house. Landscape upgrades and establishment of a 125-year anniversary celebration committee will add some additional excitement to the year ahead of us. So, please plan to join us each Sunday morning at 10am for spiritual enlightenment and good old Popham fellowship.

Warmest regards,

Sam White  
Chairman Popham Chapel Board of Trustees

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## Pastor's message

The Easter Sunrise Service is at 6:00 AM, down the beach from Percy's on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Holly Morrison, Pastor of Phippsburg Congregational Church and some of her congregation will join us. There will be a simple breakfast afterwards in our Chapel House.

The regular 10:00 AM Easter Service will go on as usual in our Chapel.

I am looking forward to greeting you all this year.

Ed McCartan

## **Worship Committee, Popham Chapel**

The regular seasonal services will begin on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am, Pastor Ed McCartan officiating.

Vivian "Bib" Thompson's memorial service will be on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the Chapel and gathering at the Chapel House afterwards. The Popham Circle will manage this event.

Connie Sheibler

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## **Popham Circle News**

The Circle has been very active this winter with about 12 members attending the meetings. A publicity committee was established and they are putting together a comprehensive list of media, stores & churches to send out advertisement for all the events through the summer. Committees have been set up for Bib's celebration of life, June 3 utilizing the Chapel and the Chapel house,

Italian night, which will be held in June, has a committee set up with ladies volunteering for the different aspects of this event. In July there will be our annual Bake & Craft event. A decision was made to try and get more people to Popham on Flare Night which is Friday August 18 and we came up with the idea of an old fashion field day. A committee has been organized, with much planning to come and much help will be needed. Our fund raising will be assistance to the project being set up by the Chapel Trustees and to continue with the back pack program. We can't wait for all of the other members to return this spring. They are missed.

Kathy Perkins, President

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## **2017 Treasurer's Report**

What a successful Annual Appeal - I so enjoyed opening your little white donation envelopes every day! Our Chapel friends are incredibly generous. The account balance hit by the foundation wall repair is building back up nicely. The PayPal "donate" button on the Chapel website worked beautifully (we were finally able to pass PayPal's "extreme vetting" and proved the Chapel is indeed a non-profit entity so now we enjoy their non-profit rate). I continue to fine-tune the monthly Treasurer's report - we want more detail going forward to further study income & expenses. We're moving towards paperless banking by utilizing our bank's on-line "auto-pay" feature. In summary, the Chapel finances are safe & sound. We look forward to seeing you this summer

Claire Winston-Wade, Treasurer

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## **Facilities and Maintenance Committee Report**

Winter at Popham is a special time and this winter we were rewarded with lots of snow and wind and ice, but this was not a concern for the plowing/shoveling crew as parking areas and walkways stayed clear. However, extreme icy conditions needed special attention prior to the Christmas Eve Service and the Beaumont wedding and reception on December 28<sup>th</sup>. Much sanding, salting and scraping was needed to clear the sidewalks and

the entire parking lot was sanded by Billy Totman, at no charge! Thanks Bill. The Chapel and Belfry automated lighting was properly programmed by Lee Oliver, providing a nice evening glow to the village.

The Chapel House weathered the winter well as most of the scheduled activities went off as planned. It was comforting knowing the new foundation wall and bulkhead were providing structural stability and additional basement access. We continue to receive positive comments about how well the refinishing of the meeting room hardwood flooring turned out.

As spring approaches our thoughts turn to ADA code compliant bathrooms for the Chapel House. Two possible floor plans were submitted to the committee last fall and will be up for discussion. We look forward to the planning and budgeting process.

Steve Keltonic, Chairman of Facilities and Maintenance Committee

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## **From the Wedding and Events Committee**

The Popham Chapel Weddings and Events Committee is continuing the campaign launched in 2016 to communicate the availability of the Popham Chapel, Chapel House and event lawn for wedding ceremonies, vow renewals and receptions. Our website ([www.pophamchapel.org](http://www.pophamchapel.org)) has generated multiple inquiries and our Facebook page ([facebook.com/pophamchapelweddings](https://facebook.com/pophamchapelweddings)) has had numerous views and comments. We have also created a calendar management process to enable timely and accurate updates to the Popham Chapel and Chapel House calendar of events.

Recent bookings include a winter wedding and reception held this past December and we have two weddings and a reception scheduled for the 2017 and 2018 seasons. We continue to network with the Maine wedding network of wedding service providers. Please visit our website and Facebook page for more information. We welcome all inquiries and suggestions which can be easily posted on either web site.

Faye Farrington

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## **Communications Committee report**

During the fall of last year, the Communication Committee looked into acquiring an emailing list. We added the emails of our existing members and those of the Popham Circle. With this complete, our committee was able to send an email message regarding the "Come to the stable" event, which was held in the Chapel and the Chapel House last December. With this process in mind, we will be sending out another email regarding the two Easter Services in Popham on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

We plan on updating the web site [www.pophamchapel.org](http://www.pophamchapel.org) with new information and hope you will take the time to visit. From the home page you can request more information or you can visit the contact page and submit your request. Each page also gives you an opportunity to donate to the Chapel, using a credit card or PayPal.

This newsletter is being brought to you by the Communications Committee and our Trustee Chairman, Sam White. Happy Easter and happy Spring time from,

Jon DeMartino (Chairman) Rob Chapdelaine & Janet Gilnack

## **In remembrance**

Sadly, this year we have lost one of our most loyal friends of the Popham Chapel and the Popham Circle. We will fondly remember Vivian "Bibby" Thompson.

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## **Listing of Popham Chapel Board of Trustees, Officers, and Pastor**

Sam White – Chairman and Finance Committee  
Janet Gilnack – Secretary  
Steve Keltonic – Asst. Secretary & Facilities Committee  
Claire Winston-Wade – Treasurer  
Paul Gamache – Asst. Treasurer  
Connie Shiebler –Trustee & Worship Committee  
Faye Farrington – Trustee & Weddings and Events Committee  
Susan Beaman - Trustee  
Rob Chapdelaine - Trustee  
Tamah DeMartino – Trustee  
Jon DeMartino – Trustee and Communications Committee  
Richard Fay – Trustee  
Pastor Ed McCartan

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## Upcoming Events Calendar

- **Easter Sunday Services 2017:** 6:00 AM sunrise service on the beach down from Percy's  
10:00 AM Easter Sunday April 16, 2017, Popham Chapel
- **2017 Sunday Worship Services: (Non-denominational)** Last Sunday in May through last Sun in Sept.  
10:00 am in the Chapel
- **PBIA Potluck Dinners:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month; 6:00 PM. The Chapel House
- **The Chapel House;**
  - **Kripalu Yoga:** gentle, all levels - Mondays at 9:30. Call Susan Luber (443-7481) for information
  - **Popham Game Nights:** Wednesday night year- round 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Call Connie Shiebler (389-416) for info.
- **Popham Library:** Open last weekend in May to last weekend in September, Saturday, 10:00am – 1:00pm. Plus Tues. and Thurs. in June & Sept: 11:00-1:00pm. Plus Mon - Friday in July & August, 10:00-2:00pm
- **PBIA Band Concert** – Wednesday August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:45pm at the historic Fort Popham
- **Art Show** – August 3, 4, 5, 6. Local artists offering their work, with a cheese and wine reception on Thursday 5pm – 7pm. Popham Chapel House.
- **Popham Flare Night, Parade and Bonfire!**: Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Popham Village and Beach
- **Come to the Stable Days:** Sat–Sun December 2<sup>rd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Popham Chapel and Chapel House.
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:** Dec 24 7:00 PM. Popham Chapel and Chapel House