

Mountain Reflections

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Deacon News

Claire Chase
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As we approach Easter, we hope that you will join us for our special services that include Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and of course, Easter Sunday. Palm Sunday, on April 2nd, will bring you various readings by several members of our congregation, Maundy Thursday on April 6th at 6:30 pm, we will offer a series of readings, the darkening of the sanctuary and the black shrouding of the cross leading to Good Friday. Easter Sunday, on April 9th, will bring the joy of the resurrection with our special greening of the cross.

In March the Mission Committee provided a wonderful opportunity for us to think about what it means to be a friend as they provided worship.

On April 23 the Deacons will be hosting a Hymn Sing and shared readings for our Sunday service. If there is a hymn that you would like to have included, please let a deacon know **by April 3**. If you would like to share your reason for your selection, please let us know and that can happen.

Another reminder, if you would like to offer a tulip in honor or in memory of someone, please let a deacon know by April 3.

Peace to you all,

Claire Chase and Lucy Simonds, Deacon Co-chairs



Buildings and Grounds Committee Rick Baker

Technically spring is here but it doesn't look like it. B&G has been focusing on a couple of pertinent issues.

1. Little Mountain School has again developed a leak from an ice dam by the dormer on the back side of building. This had been remedied before but fall storms and this winter have exacerbated the problem. There is water damage and we been in contact with our insurance. We are currently trying to find someone to give us a quote and commitment to fixing it this non-snow season. It's so hard to find someone to do small jobs.
2. In the same thread of discussion is the maintenance and work that needs to be done on the 100 year old structure where LMS is housed. Over past few years we have not found committed contractors to do work. They have pulled out at last minute. There is approximately \$40K of work to be done and that is not structural but "bandaid" or cosmetic work. The question to be put forward will be how much of our very limited financial resources should go to this aged structure? Tough decisions will need to be made down the road.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Baker

Committee: Kirby Holcombe, Don Chase, Bob Silva & Fred Dubay





Nancy Zambraski

The start date for in-person Women's Fellowship meeting is May 12th and will continue the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 10 am to 12 noon in the Barn. A blast email will go out prior to this date. If you are not on our women's fellowship email list and would like to receive these infrequent (but important) emails, please let me know. The first meeting will be an organizational meeting for the upcoming year where we will decide what festivals we want to be involved in, and any other business of our Women's Fellowship and Prayer Shawl ministries.

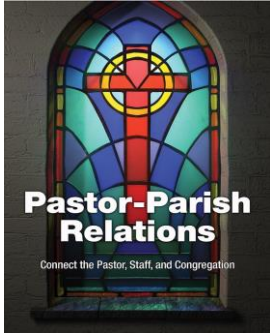
Prayer Shawl Ministry News

Several prayer shawls have been distributed since January. To date more than 1,800 shawls have been given. Thanks to all who have picked and delivered or mailed shawls to those in need (and for documenting them on the list inside the prayer shawl cabinet). Ten shawls were mailed out to the Maine Seacoast Mission in Cherryfield, ME. They provide items of warmth for folks living on the islands off the Maine coast. Special thanks to Martha Bicknell for the contact information. Several thank you notes were received from the prayer shawls. There is a folder placed on the bulletin board in the Barn sharing the thank you notes for everyone to appreciate how these shawls touch those who receive them.

Thank You from the Co-chairs of Women's Fellowship

Thanks to Marcia Baker for organizing the *Women's Winter Social* this past winter season. Many women of the community came together to knit, play games, put puzzle's together and just gather for fellowship and a soup lunch. All were invited and it was a huge success.

A big thanks to all those who have signed up for Coffee Hour. Let's keep it going!

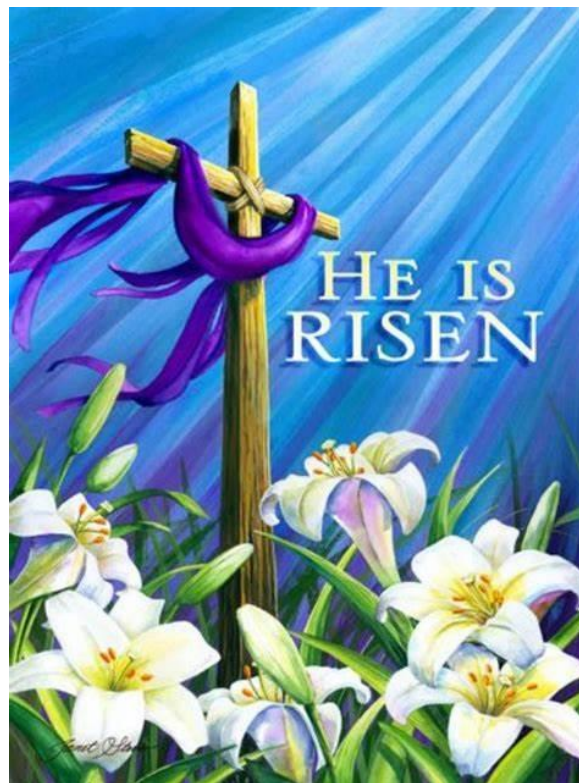


What is the PSP COMMITTEE? P stands for paster, S stands for staff; and P stands for Parish. We advise, assist and promote open and healthy relationships among all church members. There are regular interviews with pastor and staff including the Zoomigo's. We invite any parish member to approach us about any concerns they may have.

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April-May Facilities and Events Highlights Calendar

Activity	Day	Apr. Dates	May Dates	Time	Place
Worship	Sunday	Apr. 2 Apr. 9 Apr. 16 Apr. 23 Apr. 30	May. 7 May. 14 May. 21 May. 28	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Coffee Hour	Sunday	Apr. 2 Apr. 9 Apr. 16 Apr. 23 Apr. 30	May 7 May 14 May 21 May 28	11:00 am	Barn
Finance Committee	Monday	Apr. 10	May 8	2:45 pm	East Room/Zoom
Church Council	Monday	Apr. 10	May 8	4:00 pm	East Room/Zoom
Winter Women's Social	Friday	Apr. 17 Apr. 28	May 12 May 26	10:00 - 12:00 pm	Barn
Deacons	Monday	Apr. 17	May 15	2:00 pm	East Room/Zoom
Pastor "Walk-In" Hours	Monday & Tuesday	Apr. 3 & 4 Apr. 10 & 11 Apr. 17 & 18 Apr. 24 & 25	May 1 & 2 May 8 & 9 May 15 & 16 May 22 & 23 May 29 & 30		By Appointment
Spiritual Direction Group	Monday	Apr. 24	May 29	7:00 pm	East Room/Zoom
Piano Lessons w/ Erin S.	M,W,T, F	Apr. 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 19, 20, 21, 24, 26, 27, 28	May 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, 19, 22, 24, 25, 26, 29, 31	3:00 – 5:00pm	East Room