

Mountain Reflections

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Cyndy Egan

Happy Fall Church Family! As we move into this beautiful season, I can't help but reflect on how quickly summer went by and all we have to be grateful for. We were blessed with the presence of Dr. Rev. Marisa Laviola, the Maine UCC Conference Minister at our August Council meeting, leading us in worship on September 10th and then participating in our congregation meeting after the service. Rev. Laviola has been a resource, provided feedback and suggestions as we move forward through this transitional time. We again saw strong attendance at this congregation meeting and Council is so grateful to have your input and feedback. The consensus from our Congregation is that folks want to continue in this manner another 6 months or so and the Visioning/Sustainability Team will schedule another gathering later this year.

Kudos to our Deacons for the pulpit supply leading our worship and to those providing a creative approach to Sunday service when a minister isn't available.

Some housekeeping matters: The church website has been updated with more current information, Little Mountain a school has installed the playground fence that was required by their insurance company. There are access gates so folks can go through to get back and forth to the parking lot.

Blessing to you all- Cyndy Egan, Moderator





Buildings and Grounds Committee Rick Baker

- “Service Sunday”, September 17, was a great success. Over 20 people provided their time to work on an endless list of tasks. Thank you. We’ll do it again; the list is not finished.
- The fence for LMS was installed to help keep the kids safer.
- Roof work for this year was completed. Now we just need to find someone to install some heat tapes.
- The annex / Barn structure was inspected by an appropriate engineer. We will receive a report.
- We need to find a contractor to do siding on LMS. Previous contractors back out with very little notice over past three years.
- The “pre-buy” of heating oil and LP was done.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Baker



Mission Board

Sue Downes-Borko
Don Miller

This year’s Neighbors in Need Offering will be taken at the **October 15** worship service. Neighbors in Need is one of our annual 5-for-5 UCC offerings. 2/3 of the proceeds support Justice and Witness needs, and the other 1/3 supports the American Indian Ministry. Our committee will give a short presentation during the October 8 service. Thank you for your generosity!



Nancy Zambraski

Happy Fall to you all! The leaves are turning, the days are getting shorter, and our summer women are departing. Women's Fellowship has had a great summer. We have participated in the Strawberry Festival and more recently, the Blueberry Festival. Both with great success. Now it's on to preparing for the Holly Fair. Starting in October, Women's Fellowship will be meeting **every** Friday in the barn from 10-12 to prepare for the Holly Fair which will be held Saturday, November 18th from 10 am – 2 pm in the Barn. We will be crafting during those Fridays, so bring a friend and join us. And while you're cleaning out those closets, feel free to donate gently used Christmas items AND any baskets you are no longer needing. We can always use baskets for our famous "gift baskets" which are put together and sold at the Holly Fair. We will also be looking for bakers and candy makers for the Holly Fair, so let me know if you can contribute.

But it hasn't been "*All Work, and No Play.*" Women's Fellowship held an "All Women's Event," Basic Barn Quilt painting, on Thursday, September 14th in the barn. WOW! What fun we all had! *Check out the picture.* I think we have some budding artists in the crowd.



Al Heinzman's Memorial Service was Saturday, September 16 at 2 pm at the Episcopal Church. Women's Fellowship supplied desserts for the luncheon following the service. A big thanks to all who baked.

Our Prayer Shawls are still being knitted and given to any who are in need (in good times or in difficult times), so don't forget to ask if you or a friend needs one. Prayer Shawl meets at the same time as Women's Fellowship so grab your yarn, or just come and pick up yarn from the Prayer Shawl cabinet and join the fun.



If you are not on our Women's Fellowship email list and would like to be included, please let me know. I send out Email Blasts with important and fun information on upcoming events.

And to all, take time to enjoy this beautiful season that is upon us.

Nancy Zambraski
Women's Fellowship Co-chair



Janice Bredeau
Sue Downes-Borko

Living Waters Association Meeting

It was a spectacular sunny afternoon for us to attend the fall meeting of our association at Pilgrim Lodge in West Gardiner on Sept 17. Approximately 50 people from across the area gathered for a service on the shores of Cobbosseecontee Lake at the tranquil outdoor chapel.

Service was followed by a migration to an indoor meeting room for the business portion of the day.

The next meeting will take place in the spring.



Deacon News

Claire Chase
Lucy Simonds

As we move into the fullness of Fall the Deacons are grateful for all who have shared their talents, wisdom, and knowledge with us through worship leadership. It was wonderful to lift our voices in song, our hands in service, and to be together in community.

We enjoyed having Rev. Laviola, Maine Conference Minister, leading worship and also guiding us in a discussion about the future of RCC and what the next months will bring.

With the encouragement of the congregation, we have found consistent worship leadership for the next 6 months or so. We are pleased to share that Pastor Scott Hatfield will be leading worship and serving Communion once a month. You should know that Communion Sunday may not always be the first Sunday of the month as we honor his need for flexibility. Stan Wheeler has



agreed to lead worship on the third Sunday. The other Sundays/days of worship will continue to be a variety of services offered by the congregation. As always, we welcome ideas and worship leaders. Please reach out to a Deacon if you have an idea or would like to lead worship

October 1 - Pastor Scott Hatfield

October 8 - *Indigenous People's Weekend* - A conversation with Anne and Lyla Crump

October 15 - Stan Wheeler

October 22 - Breakfast organized by Linda Jones

October 29 - TBD

November 5 - TBD

November 12 - Pastor Scott Hatfield

November 19 - Stan Wheeler

November 26 - Les Hoekstra



Mary Richards

Each year the Rangeley Congregational Church supports students in our congregation who are seeking a post-secondary education. This coming academic year, 2023-2024, the scholarship committee has selected three deserving students. The scholarship committee was comprised of Marge Miller, Joann Bean and Mary Richards, as chair.

Our first recipient is Brooke Egan. Brooke is the daughter of Patrick and Cyndy Egan and is a senior at the University of Maine, Orono. Brooke will be graduating this winter with a degree in psychology. Brooke has made an enormous contribution to the Church over the years attending Youth Retreats, serving as an usher, participating in Christmas Eve services and volunteering at the annual Turkey Supper. We wish her much success in the upcoming year.



Our second recipient is Haley Morrill. Haley completed a bachelor's degree with honors, as well as receiving the Latin Honors Summa Cum Laude from the University of Maine the spring, 2021. She is attending graduate school at the University of New England College of Pharmacy and is pursuing a doctoral degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences. Haley has successfully completed the second year of a four-year program. This past year she has been working in retail pharmacy, and as a teaching assistant and tutor at UNE. Haley is currently participating in a national program for students interested in pursuing pharmacy as a career. Additionally, she was employed in a research lab studying antimicrobial resistance in pathogens. We know she is going to continue to be highly successful at UNE and we are especially proud of her!

Our third and last recipient is Evan Smith. Evan is the son of Shawn and Erin Smith. Evan is a sophomore at the University of Southern Maine where he is pursuing a BSN degree in nursing. Evan's mother has been very involved in the Rangeley Congregation Church through her contributions to the bell choir, singing during services and teaching piano. Evan's long-term plans involve receiving a nursing license and ultimately working at Franklin Memorial Hospital. We are pleased to have begun supporting his education.

We had the opportunity, thanks to generous contributions from our church family to award a total of \$10,500.00 to these deserving students. We are also fortunate the Rangeley Congregational Church has this many gifted students affiliated with our congregation. Congratulations to them all and the Congregational Church wishes each of them a successful academic year.



Music Notes

Sue Downes-Borko

I will be away for three Sundays in October/November for vacation. Dave Walker will be returning for two of those weeks so that I can prerecord music! Yay!

A reminder that music requests are always welcome.



October-November

Facilities and Events Highlights Calendar

Activity	Day	Oct. Dates	Nov. Dates	Time	Place
Worship	Sunday	Oct. 1 Oct. 8 Oct. 15 Oct. 22 Oct. 29	Nov. 5 Nov. 12 Nov. 19 Nov. 26	10:00am	Sanctuary
Coffee Hour	Sundays	(see above)	(see above)	11:00am	Barn
Finance Committee	Monday	Oct. 9	Nov. 13	2:45pm	East Room/Zoom
Church Council	Monday	Oct. 9	Sept. 13	4:00pm	East Room/Zoom
Deacons	Monday	Oct. 16	Nov. 20	4:00pm	East Room/Zoom
Women's Fellowship	Friday's	Oct. 6 Oct. 13 Oct 20 Oct. 27	Nov. 3 Nov. 10 Nov. 17	10:00am- 12:00pm	Barn
Holly Fair	Saturday	Nov. 18		10:00am-2:00pm	Barn & East Room
Piano Lessons w/ Erin S.	M, T, Th & F	Oct.	Nov.	3:00pm-5:00pm	Sanctuary