

Mountain Reflections

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Cyndy Egan

Happy Spring Everyone!

Church Council is gearing up for the coming budget preparation as well as updating our membership list. Council has also discussed further revision of our Church By-Laws as it relates to membership and involvement on certain Boards and Committees. Stay tuned for future discussion and perhaps another vote this Annual Meeting on By-Laws revisions.

Council accepted the resignation from Mary Richards as Chairperson of Christian Education. Mary cites her responsibilities as Chairman of the School Board is quite time consuming. *The Board of Christian Education shall oversee youth programs, adult education and any nursery care during church services as needed.* If anyone is interested in this Board please contact any Church Council member.

Folks have expressed an interest in bible study, if anyone is interested in facilitating this group please let a Council member know.

Millie is working on an RCC Handbook, which includes some day-to-day information from how to run the kitchen dishwasher and gas stove to emergency contact numbers and where the water heater is in the Annex building. Thank you so much Millie!

Rangeley is gearing up for an estimated 20,000 to 30,000 visitors to see the total solar eclipse on April 8th. Out of an abundance of caution we will have the Church doors locked after service on April 7th and opened back up on April 9th.

That's all for now folks!!

Many Blessings,
Cyndy Egan, Council Moderator`



Music Notes

Sue Downes-Borko

The handbell choir has been extraordinarily busy this March. During the first week, eight ringers gathered in Ocean City, Maryland for the Area 3 Spring Festival. Linda Wendelken joined us from Kentucky, and Ana Wetherill’s sister joined us from upstate New York. About 300 ringers, mostly from the mid-Atlantic area, rehearsed and performed several pieces of prepared music under the direction of a skilled clinician.

During the week, we shared meals together, visited the wild ponies of Assateague, and enjoyed seeing daffodils!

For our shared Palm Sunday service, I put together a joint choir to sing a Lenten anthem, and the handbell choir played two contemplative pieces. Without a musician for the



time being, Good Shepherd was especially appreciative of all the music we offered.

Susie Welch requested “Bridge Over Troubled Water” recently, and after playing it at worship, two others came up to thank me. If you’ve got a request, please let me know, because chances are someone else will also enjoy it!



Mission Board

Sue Downes-Borko
Don Miller

Our Ham and Bean Supper in late February brought in \$533. This includes two very generous donations. Mission will be discussing distributing funds and future dinners at our next meeting. The Five-For-Five Offering "One Great Hour of Sharing" was ongoing through March. This offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ.

Thank you to all who helped with the supper and who give so generously!



Deacon News

Claire Chase
Lucy Simonds

Dateline March 22, 2024 - Looking out the window the sky is blue and without a forecast telling us that more snow is on the way who would know? Perhaps it was like this for those in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. How could they have known of the crucifixion and resurrection that would come in the days ahead?

Such is life. We know this moment and lean into our faith to help us navigate whatever the next moment brings our way. All the while knowing that God is watching over us. We are blessed. We are grateful for the opportunity we had to participate in Bible study and Palm Sunday worship with our friends and neighbors in faith at Church of the Good Shepherd. We look forward to more opportunities to be in community with them.

As we look to the weeks beyond Easter, we are grateful for our regular worship leaders and also trust that the ways that we are meant to gather in worship and community that are unknown at this time will be made clear. God is good. We are blessed.

April 7 - Rev. Tony MacNaughton

April 14 - Rev. Stan Wheeler

April 21 - Unknown

April 28 - Unknown



May 5 - Pastor Scott Hatfield

May 12 - Rev. Tony MacNaughton

May 19 - Rev. Stan Wheeler

May 26 - Unknown

Please reach out to a Deacon if you have an idea for worship or would like to work with someone to lead worship. We enjoy learning from our members!



Buildings and Grounds Committee Rick Baker

We were to darn busy saying “what a lack of snow” and “Looks like an early spring!” Well, as many know, Mother Nature decided to check us on that. Earlier in the month we had icing issues that required sanding, and on Palm Sunday “eve” we had 20-24” of snow. Our services were held at the Good Shepard Church, so there was time to clear the property. We appear to have secured a contractor to do the siding around Little Mountain School. It’s the only part of our building that has not been covered, and it looks like it. It will hopefully happen during the summer. When spring truly is here, we’ll schedule a “cleanup Sunday Service” as we did in the fall.

Respectfully submitted, Rick Baker



Women’s Winter Social Marcia Baker

Women’s Winter Social has had a good turnout all winter. Everyone decided that WWS would continue through April.

Marcia Baker



April / May
2024 Facilities and Events Highlights Calendar

Activity	Time/Day	April Dates	May Dates
WORSHIP Sanctuary	10:00am, Sunday	April 7 April 14 April 21 April 28	May 5 May 12 May 19 May 26
COFFEE HOUR Barn	11:00am, Sunday	(see dates above)	
FINANCE COMMITTEE East Room & Zoom	2:45pm, Monday	April 8	May 13
DEACONS' MEETING East Room & Zoom	3:00pm, Monday	April 15	May 20
WOMEN'S WINTER SOCIAL Barn	10:00-12:00pm	April 12 & 26	May 10 & 24
PIANO LESSONS Sanctuary	3:00-5:00pm	April. 1-5, 8-12, 22-26, 29 & 30 May 6-10, 13-17, 20-24, 27-31	
East Room	3:00- 5:00pm	April. 4, 11, 25	May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30