

Mountain Reflections

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Spring has Sprung!

Well, the Rangeley area hasn't experienced Spring yet but it's coming! I truly enjoy this time of year and the stillness it brings. The madness of snowmobile season is over, ski season is winding down and our Main Streets are quiet- it's the visual version of a deep calming breath. Our Church Council has fortunately not had any emergencies to deal with. Our monthly meetings are of the usual business and I'm so thankful we have folks able to be generous with the time they can spare to keep the Rangeley Congregational Church thriving.

A reminder if you wish to donate your returnables to the Church we have green "Clynk" bags for your use in the Narthex- please help yourself. Your filled bags can be dropped off at the Farmington Hannaford Store and they will credit our account.

We have hired Johanne House to clean once weekly. The Barn is being used more regularly, and the messy winter and spring seasons require a more thorough vacuuming, etc. in the Church.

The upcoming business consists of preparing the Church budget for vote this July. We are working on Church By-Laws revisions that will also need to be voted on in July. Council will be posted a vacancy for musician services. Sue's music ministry will take a hiatus as she follows her calling to serve in the Peace Corps for two years. Sue and I have worked on a job posting, if you know of anyone who would like to share their musical talents during a Sunday Service please let a Council member or Sue know.

Easter Blessings!

Cyndy Egan, Council Moderator





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Music Notes

Sue Downes-Borko

We have two weeks

of special music coming up that you won't want to miss! Gia Walton is a professional clarinetist who will be playing for our April 6 service. Then, on Palm Sunday at our joint service with Good Shepherd, the handbell choir will be ringing.

The Peace Corps process is on track and I've been assured the funding is already secured. I've been discussing music needs for RCC in my absence with a variety of people in the church family. We do still have CDs that include accompaniments for all the hymns in the New Century Hymnal. If you have a favorite hymn or congregational song that is not included in either the NCH or Pilgrim Hymnal, please let me know by June 1 and I can record it prior to departure.



Deacon News

Claire Chase

Lucy Simonds

The forty days of Lent are often seen as a time for reflection, sacrifice, and the deepening of one's faith as we journey, with Jesus to the cross and resurrection. From times of uncertainty and despair to joy and renewal.

Climatologically, this year these same forty days will take us from the coldest days of winter to the hopeful, warmer, days of late April (dare we say "Spring"?). Soon we will begin to welcome back our snowbirds and enjoy the opportunity to hear their stories and to share our own.

For now, though, we are focused on the final days of Lent and the unique worship opportunities that present themselves. Below you will find our worship schedule for the coming weeks.

April 6th - Pastor Scott Hatfield

April 13th - PALM SUNDAY - Joint worship at Church of the Good Shepherd, **9:30**. Pastor Scott will be serving with Fr. Thom Rock. Information about how to view using their Facebook Live feed will be shared.

April 17 - MAUNDY THURSDAY - Draping of the Cross at **5:30** in the sanctuary. This will be Zoomed. There is a service at Church of the Good Shepherd at 6:00 that we are invited to attend.

April 20th - EASTER - Rev. Stan Wheeler



April 27th - Rev. Stan Wheeler
May 4th - Pastor Scott Hatfield
May 11th - TBD
May 18th - Rev. Stan Wheeler
May 25th - TBD



Blessings to all as we walk the Lenten journey.



Nancy Zambraski

Women's Fellowship will be starting up again May 9th, from 10-12 in the barn. We will be distributing funds from last year's festivals, so mark your calendar. Also, get those craft ideas flowing and bring any lightly used wicker baskets that you'd like to donate. If you know of anyone needing a prayer shawl, please let me know. See you in May! Think Spring!

Nancy



Buildings and Grounds Committee
Rick Baker

We seem to have weathered this winter well so far. It doesn't look much like spring though.

- ⊙ We're in the process of organizing some roof work and looking into a new sign for the church.
- ⊙ We have someone who vacuums the sanctuary and cleans the Barn floor weekly during this time of tracking in sand and salt.
- ⊙ There will be a spring "Service Sunday" probably towards end of May. It will be announced as we get closer to that time.
- ⊙ Hopefully this weekend's predicted weather will be the last of the season.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick B



April/May

2025 Facilities and Events Highlights Calendar

Activity/Event	Time/Day	April & May Dates
WORSHIP Sanctuary	10:00am, Sunday Palm Sunday Maundy Thursday Easter Sunday	April 6 – Pastor Scott Hatfield April 13 –Pastor Scott Hatfield & –Father Thom Rock April 17 – April 20 – Rev. Stan Wheeler April 27 – Rev. Stan Wheeler May 4 – Pastor Scott Hatfield May 11 – TBD May 18 – Rev Stan Wheeler May 25 – TBD
COFFEE HOUR Barn	11:00am, Sunday	(see dates above)
FINANCE COMMITTEE East Room & Zoom	3:15pm, Monday	April 14 May 12
COUNCIL COMMITTEE East Room & Zoom	4:00pm, Monday	April 14 May 12
DEACONS' MEETING East Room & Zoom	4:00pm, Monday	April 21 May 19
MAHJONG IN THE BARN Barn	1:00-3:00pm, 1 st & 3 rd Mondays	April 7 & 21 May 5 & 19
RANGELEY RINGERS REHEARSAL Sanctuary	8-9:30am, Mondays	April & May
MOM/BABY SOCIAL HOUR Barn	9:00am, Each Wednesday	April & May
PIANO/VOICE LESSONS Sanctuary	3-5pm, Tues, Wed & Fri's.	April & May
WINTER WOMENS SOCIAL Barn	10am-12pm , 2 nd & 4 th Fri's.	April 11 & 25 May 9 & 23