

Mountain Reflections

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Cyndy Egan

It is well, it is well in my soul- and at the Rangeley Congregational Church!

It has been a rather uneventful couple of months for the Church Council - no complaints here!!

We have a wonderful group that keeps many facets of our Church running smoothly behind the scenes. Kudos to the Deacons for the variety of folks providing services for us at the pulpit this Summer! Erin Smith's moving vocals as she sings her solos and leads us in song brings tears to our eyes some Sundays. We appreciate all Erin brings to our worship services. Three cheers to our Music/Hymn Committee of Zenna, Les and Jeff. As Rev. Stan mentioned last Sunday, hymns also often provide a key component that helps bring the scriptures and sermons messages together. We appreciate the time you've devoted to this.

We continue to pray for Rev. Tony as he heals from his hospitalization and will keep you posted on his progress.

The F-Team hosted a congregational family meeting on September 28th, please see that summary in this newsletter.

I think that's it this time around- Wishing ya'll a blessed Fall!

Cyndy Egan, Council Moderator

F-TEAM SUMMARY CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY MEETING 9/28/25

We had 23 present for our family discussion, this conversation's focus is on our three buildings: The Barn, Annex (former LMS space) and the Church.

The following items were brought forward as needs for the Barn: Replace flooring in East Room and offices to match what is currently in the main room, sub floor insulation under these same rooms there currently isn't any or is very sparse.



The following are needs for the Church: complete cleaning of the church basement including storage for those items not in use, removal of old electrical equipment, go through closets that are storing never used items, obtain a backup power source/generator for the sump pump. The old musty smell upon entering the Church is not welcoming. The rug in the narthex covering the power cords should be looked at for safety, paint/repair the sanctuary ceiling, curtains in sanctuary need replacing.

The annex building: This building is empty both upstairs and down. Ongoing discussions over the years has been the possibility of renovating either space to an apartment. Ray Franson drafted renovation drawings years ago and those are stored in our safe. Others present asked what else is needed in our community that could benefit more people as opposed to one tenant. Perhaps reach out to the Chamber, Morton & Furbish rentals, other organizations that are exposed to discussions we may not be aware of. Another important point made was a second opinion on the condition of the Annex foundation- we shouldn't plan any projects without a written engineer's report. At this point we'll gather information and bring this discussion back at a future meeting. For those who provided their top three priorities: the most votes went to replace flooring in East Room and offices, insulate under those rooms that need it, purchase a generator. Written comments state to proceed gradually with any Annex project and make sure the foundation is sound and there isn't a mold issue beneath the building.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyndy Egan, F-Team chair





Deacon News

Claire Chase
Lucy Simonds

Yes, fall has arrived with some color and a bit of rain. Let's pray for more rain!

Throughout August and September, we have been led in worship by our stalwarts Pastor Scott Hatfield and Reverend Stan Wheeler. We were also fortunate to welcome Rose Stansfield (MID - now pastor in Auburn) and Kit Ripley to lead us in worship. Erin continues to lead us in music with her amazing voice. We held a new member meeting last Sunday and will welcome our two new members at a service soon. Looking forward, the F-Team will be leading us on September 28 in the Barn, and on October 12, Building and Grounds will put us to work.

Looking further ahead, Pastor Scott will be leading an Advent sermon series in November. Because of Rev Tony's loss of Jane and his own health issues, we do not know how available he will be to us. This means we will be asking the congregation for input and involvement in service ideas and implementation.

We had a surprise Zoom visitor one Sunday when Sue Downes joined us from Botswana.

Blessings to all.

Claire and Lucy



Nancy Zambraski

The leaves are turning, the mornings are brisk and we know that Fall is in the air. Such a spectacular time of year in Rangeley. The Women's Fellowship group has had a very productive summer. It's always bittersweet when fall arrives and our summer Rangeley women head out of town. We will certainly miss you all!

It was a perfect Rangeley day for the Blueberry Festival. We sold just over \$2,400 worth of "everything blueberry." Jam, muffins, breads, crafts, and Rada Cutlery were flying out of our



booth. Many thanks to all who volunteered by baking, working or setting up and tearing down. It was a good day.

On Saturday, August 30 we celebrated the life of Greg Silloway by holding a reception in the barn following his memorial service. It was a wonderful way to touch base with the family and offer our sympathies and condolences.

Starting in October Women's Fellowship is meeting **EVERY Friday from 10-12** to get organized for the Holly Fair. We will be counting on our fabulous bakers and candy makers, so expect an email to be coming your way. If you can contribute to baking, or if you have any baskets that are just sitting around your house gathering dust, please consider donating them to us. We can **ALWAYS** use baskets for our special "gift baskets" that we fill and sell at the Holly Fair. As always, the Holly Fair will be held the Saturday before Thanksgiving, Nov. 22 from 10-2 in the Barn. Mark your calendars!



Our Prayer Shawl ministry continues. We have filled several prayer shawl requests and the prayer shawl closet is dwindling, so with the cooler weather, it's time to get those needles going. Anyone needing yarn or knowing of someone in need, please contact Sandy, at the church office and she will forward to me (or contact me directly).

There's lots going on for Women's Fellowship, so grab a friend and come join us for crafting, knitting or just great fellowship time. And again, to our friends who are heading out of town, safe travels to you all!

Nancy Zambraski, WF/PS co-chair



Buildings and Grounds Committee Rick Baker

- Things have been quiet, which is a good thing.
- Fall is here and grass growing days should be about over. Kutting Edge has kept our lawn looking good all season.
- The roof over the annex on north side is to be re-shingled by Tim Haley this month.
- The de-humidifier on the counter in Fellowship Hall got shifted and the drain hose got re-routed out of sink and it started to leak. The leak was fixed and repositioned and a boot tray put under the unit in case of further dripping.



- We are in the process of looking into replacing the old carpet in the East Room and office. No schedule yet.
- Finally, we are going to have another Service Sunday on October 12, 10-12. A sign-up sheet is in the barn for a variety of tasks. Also, if you see something that needs to be taken care of, don't be shy.

Respectfully submitted, Rick B



October/November

2025 Facilities and Events Highlights Calendar

Activity/Event	Time/Day	August & September Dates
WORSHIP Sanctuary	10:00am, Sunday	Oct 5– Pastor Scott Hatfield Oct 12 – Building & Grounds Oct 19 – Rev. Stan Wheeler Oct 26– Gretchen Legler
COFFEE HOUR Barn	11:00am, Sunday	(see dates above)
FINANCE COMMITTEE East Room & Zoom	3:15pm, Monday	Oct 13 & Nov 10
COUNCIL COMMITTEE East Room & Zoom	4:00pm, Monday	Oct 13 & Nov 10
DEACONS' MEETING East Room & Zoom	4:00pm, Monday	Oct 20 & Nov 17
MAHJONG IN THE BARN Barn	1:00-3:00pm, 1 st & 3 rd Mondays	Oct 6 & 20 Nov 3 & 17
MOM/BABY SOCIAL HOUR Barn	9:00am, Each Wednesday	Oct & Nov
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Barn	10am-12pm, 2 nd & 4 th Fri's.	Oct 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31. Nov 7 & 14
HOLLY FAIR Barn	10:00am-2:00pm Saturday	Nov 22