

Mountain Reflections

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Cyndy Egan

Greetings Rangeley Congregational Church Family. It has been so nice to see our summer Church family faces in the pews, we've missed you and are always so thankful to reconnect.

We held our annual meeting last month and I'd like to thank those church members who were able to attend whether in person or via Zoom. A big thank you to those who volunteered to work on Church committees and those willing to be the Church's delegate to the Living Waters Association and to the Maine Conference.

Our local Mason's group has expressed their gratitude for use of the Barn for their monthly meeting while renovations continue at their Richardson Ave. building. The RFA also uses our space for rehearsals regularly during their busy summer months and we appreciate the generous donation they give us each year.

On July 29th Rick, Linda Jones and I met with the Rangeley Code Enforcement Officer about the empty Annex space and what would be required to convert the downstairs to an apartment should we decide to go that route. The F-Team will schedule a Congregational family meeting this Fall to get your feedback.

There's a lot more going on so please take time to read the rest of the reports to catch up on what's happening with the Rangeley Congregational Church!!

Blessings to you all!

Cyndy Egan, Council Moderator



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Mission

Don Miller

The Mission committee has had a slow summer with members going on vacation and other activities. We will be more active in the fall when all five members can get together and plan what we will do. On our agenda so far, are special offerings, a service, as we have done before, based on the Quaker model, and possibly fund raisers.

If anyone would be interested in being on Mission, please call me at 864-5383.

Don Miller



Buildings and Grounds Committee Rick Baker

- ☉ It's been a nice summer so far with no major issues. Kutting Edge continues taking care of our grounds.
- ☉ There was a nice turn out for our June Service Sunday where we got a lot of various tasks done. Thank you to all. We will plan for a fall date sometime in September or October.
- ☉ There was a minor roof/shingle repair result of high winds.
- ☉ I'm still waiting to get the Sanctuary ramp power washed and repainted.
- ☉ Cyndy, Linda J and I did a walk through the old LMS property with the town Code Officer to help assess what would need to be done to utilize the space for new purposing.

Respectfully submitted, Rick B





Deacon News

Claire Chase
Lucy Simonds

As we write it is a beautiful Rangeley summer morning. The trees are lush and green, the sky the color of blue birds, and nature is awakening in song. Nourishing rain is in the forecast as is the promise of more lovely summer days. God's beauty surrounds us.

Each Sunday we read the Prayer List that is printed in the bulletin and lift up other joys and concerns during the service. We hold members of our church family, friends, and folks from our community and beyond in our hearts and prayers as they face health challenges or other obstacles in life and then carry them in our prayers throughout the week. We are doing faithful work. And it matters.

Recently we have heard from folks on our prayer list that the fabric our prayers weave is supporting and strengthening them on their journey through the unexpected challenges that they are now facing. Others, who have been on our Prayer List for many months, share that our prayers have helped to sustain them and continue to be of comfort. Our ministry of prayer matters. Keep it up.

As for things that we "keep up", we continue to be grateful to the worship leaders who guide and teach us each Sunday. The variety of voices, knowledge, and shared messages is a rich blessing. Please see the schedule for worship leadership printed below. And remember, if you have an idea for a worship service, please share it with a Deacon.

Finally, looking ahead, please note that Rev. Marisa Laviola, Maine Conference Minister, will be leading worship on October 11th.

The Deacons.





AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
2nd - Communion with Pastor Scott Hatfield	6th - Communion with Pastor Scott Hatfield
9th - Rev. Jack Zappulla	13th - Rev. Stan Wheeler
16th - Rev. Stan Wheeler	20th - Rev. Stan Wheeler
23rd - Gretchen Legler, MID	27th - TBD
30th - Rev. Stan Wheeler	



Nancy Zambraski

We are so happy to be meeting again in the Barn. Our first meeting was held on Friday, May 8th from 10-12. Our first meeting was wonderful, and we gave away \$12,000 to well-deserved charities. It was agreed that we would be participating in the Strawberry and Blueberry Festivals this summer. The Strawberry Festival was held in Oquossoc on July 9th. We had wonderful weather and a great crowd to purchase our crafts, Rada Cutlery and baked goods and jams. The Blueberry Festival is cancelled this year, so we are contemplating our next move for the summer months.

There was a Celebration of Life for Tony MacNaughton on May 30th and a reception following Gerry Bush on June 27th which we co-hosted with the women of the Catholic Church. Our Women's fellowship ladies put on a lovely luncheon for both events which were very much appreciated by the families.

Both Women's Fellowship along with the Prayer Shawl group meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month in the Barn from 10 am to noon. Grab a friend and join us for crafting, knitting or just fellowship time.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Zambraski`

Women's Fellowship Co-chair





August/September

2026 Facilities and Events Highlights Calendar

Activity/Event	Time/Day	August & September Dates
WORSHIP Sanctuary	10:00am, Sunday	August 2– Pastor Scott Hatfield August 9– Rev. Jack Zappulla August 16 –Rev. Stan Wheeler August 23– Gretchen Legler August 30 –Rev. Stan Wheeler Sept. 6 – Pastor Scott Hatfield Sept. 13 –Rev. Stan Wheeler Sept. 20 –Rev. Stan Wheeler Sept. 27 –Building & Grounds
COFFEE HOUR Barn	11:00am, Sunday	(see dates above)
FINANCE COMMITTEE East Room & Zoom	3:15pm, Monday	August 10 September 14
COUNCIL COMMITTEE East Room & Zoom	4:00pm, Monday	August 10 September 14
DEACONS' MEETING East Room & Zoom	3:00pm, Monday	August 17 September 21
MAHJONG IN THE BARN Barn	1:00-3:00pm, 1 st & 3 rd Mondays	August 3, 17 September 7, 21
WOMENS FELLOWSHIP Barn	10am-12pm, 2nd & 4 th Fri's.	August 14, 28 September 11, 25

