

Mountain Reflections

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Breathe the fresh fall air! Autumn is God's way of showing us how beautiful change can be.

Quick Church Council summary this month. In August at our first Council meeting after the annual meeting Millie Hoekstra was voted in as Vice Moderator and I will continue another year as Moderator. If you have any concerns or questions related to Church business, please feel free to contact either one of us. We're thankful for Sandy Reynold's work behind the scenes, ensuring good communication and sharing of information. She's a wonderful Church Secretary and so thankful for her.

The Masons asked to extend the use of our Barn for their monthly meetings as they await the completion of their renovation project. We're happy to help another local group in need and the Barn space has really worked out well for them.

Mark your calendar for Sunday November 11th when the F-Team will hold a Congregational Family meeting in place of worship to discuss the former Little Mountain School space and ideas as to how we could utilize it.

A reminder if you wish to donate your returnables to the Church we have green bags for your use in the Narthex. Filled bags can be dropped off at the Farmington Hannaford Store and they will credit our account.

Blessings!

Cyndy Egan, Council Moderator





Mission Don Miller

Mission has had our first Sunday of Strengthen the Church offering. We will continue this for two more weeks. We will be having our Quaker style church service in December. It will be similar to the service we conducted earlier. We are looking for more members to join our committee. If you are interested, please call Don Miller at. 864-5383.



Buildings and Grounds Committee Rick Baker

- ☉ fall is with us. Kutting edge has continued to take care of our grounds.
- ☉ The office Rinnai was fixed by Dead River. Two igniter parts replaced.
- ☉ Smoke/CO detectors replaced in office and Farmer's space.
- ☉ Church smoke/CO detectors replaced by John Pape.
- ☉ Entry to church was painted (finally)
- ☉ The sanctuary Rinnai has been turned on for the season and set at 65F. On Sundays first person in needs to turn it up. It will then need to be turned back after the service.
- ☉ John Thompson will repair Barn duct work/damper and do annual service to furnace.
- ☉ Sign Works are working on new church sign to update our current one.
- ☉ Church entry ramp and steps were finally painted.
- ☉ Foundation under barn is to be insulated to reduce heat loss from that space.

Respectfully submitted, Rick B



Deacon News

Claire Chase
Lucy Simonds

Two months

ago, we wrote about the trees being lush and green. Today they are dressed up in their finest fall colors. What a wonderful display they are putting on this year! God's beauty surrounds us.

Even so, we have passed the fall equinox and are moving toward the colder and darker months of winter. Brrrr. It is, however, in just such times of chill and darkness that the love of God and the light of our faith sustains us and helps us to offer care, comfort, and support to our church family, community, and world beyond. We are all doing faithful work and it matters.

We continue to hear that our prayers make a difference. They offer comfort, healing, and hope. Let us continue to hold the light for others when they are facing dark times. Our ministry of prayer matters. Keep it up.

As you consider the worship schedule below, you'll see the richness of leadership that we will be blessed with and the first Sunday of Advent. How is that possible? It's possible because of God's blessings.

Finally, please, if you have an idea for a worship service reach out and share it with a Deacon.

The Deacons

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
4th - Communion with Pastor Scott Hatfield	1st - Communion with Pastor Scott Hatfield
11th - Conference minister, Rev. Marisa Laviola	8th - Rev. Stan Wheeler
18th - Rev. Stan Wheeler	15th - F - Team
25th - Jodie Gunther, MID	22nd - TBD
	29th - Rev. Stan Wheeler • First Sunday of Advent - HOPE



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. It's always bittersweet when fall arrives and our summer Rangeley women head out of town. We will certainly miss you all!

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 items 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. 21 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 you may 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





October/November

2026 Facilities and Events Highlights Calendar

Activity/Event	Time/Day	October & November Dates
WORSHIP Sanctuary	10:00am, Sunday	October 4– Pastor Scott Hatfield October 11– Rev. Marisa Laviola October 18 –Rev. Stan Wheeler October 25– Jodie Gunther November 1 –Pastor Scott Hatfield November 8 – F-Team November 15 –Rev. Stan Wheeler November 22 –? November 29–Rev. Stan Wheeler
COFFEE HOUR Barn	11:00am, Sunday	(see dates above)
FINANCE COMMITTEE East Room & Zoom	3:15pm, Monday	October 12 November 9
COUNCIL COMMITTEE East Room & Zoom	4:00pm, Monday	October 12 November 9
DEACONS' MEETING East Room & Zoom	3:00pm, Monday	October 19 November 16
MAHJONG IN THE BARN Barn	1:00-3:00pm, 1 st & 3 rd Mondays	October 5, 19 November 2, 16
WOMENS FELLOWSHIP Barn	10am-12pm, Every Friday	October & November

