

# Mountain Reflections

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Greetings Rangeley Congregational Church Family,

It's 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.

Council did not meet in July given the Church's Annual Meeting was held. I'd like to thank those church members who were able to attend the annual meeting, 15 members constitute the minimum for a quorum and we squeaked by with the minimum. We have openings for church members to be a Church Delegate on the Living Waters Association (Sue Downes-Borko is already a delegate) and a delegate to the Maine Conference (Lucy Simonds is already a delegate). Also anyone interested in joining Rick Baker, Don Miller and Mary Richards on our ad-hoc By-Laws review committee please let me know, they will begin meeting in September. By-Law revisions must be brought to vote at our next annual meeting in order to be ratified.

We have a new group meeting in The Barn each Wednesday morning. Megan (Crosson) Whitney is coordinating a social/support group of local moms with their babies and meet for an hour or so. We are happy to support our community's young families.

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!!

Cyndy Egan, Council Moderator



## Music Notes

Sue Downes-Borko

How blessed were we to have our good friends Derek and Linda Wendelken, and Tim Wallace here to celebrate Kit's life and bring special music to two of our worship services during July? It was fantastic.

The bell choir has been meeting this summer and will be playing at the Log Church on August 18. They will bring music to our church sometime in September.

Please let me know what campfire songs you would enjoy singing at our outdoor gathering August 24!

Enjoy these precious days of summer.



## Deacon News

Claire Chase  
Lucy Simonds

Rangeley has been enjoying a beautiful summer and RCC has been blessed by wonderful worship leadership, including our guest pastor in July Rev. Jack Zappulla.



We are grateful to the extravagant welcome the Church of the Good Shepherd offered to RCC and the community as we celebrated the life of our dear brother in faith, Kit Caspar, and to Pastor Scott, Sue Downes-Borko, all of the talented musicians of RCC, and Women's Fellowship for creating a beautiful time of remembrance. It's wonderful to see love at work.

Following is the worship schedule as we wrap up summer and move into fall.

August 4 - Pastor Scott Hatfield

August 11 - The Prayer Shawl Ministry and Women's Fellowship will be leading the service

August 18 - Rev. Stan Wheeler

August 24 (SATURDAY) - an outdoor service TIME TBD so stay tuned



September 1 - Pastor Scott Hatfield  
September 8 - Rev. Tony MacNaughton  
September 15 - Rev. Stan Wheeler  
September 22 - Fall day of service  
September 29 – TBD

As always, we welcome ideas for worship and those who would like to facilitate a service.



## Buildings and Grounds Committee Rick Baker

- The summer really has been a summer, as you all know. Kutting Edge has been keeping our lawn in good shape.
- There was a good turn out on June 23 for our “Service for service” morning. Despite the drizzle lots got done. And afterwards we enjoyed sloppy joes, thanks to Nancy Z.
- Some items had to be postponed, like trimming the bushes. Sue D-B came back on a better day and did that.
- The siding around LMS is well underway and should be completed by the time you receive this update.
- CMP has been contacted a couple of times to fix the damage to the sidewalk and end of our driveway. The old pole has to be removed before they can repair the damage.
- The Deacons have asked that we have another Service work Sunday September 22. So please put that on your calendars.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick B, Chair



## Nancy Zambraski

Summer is in full swing here in Rangeley. Women's Fellowship participated in the Annual Strawberry Festival held on July 11<sup>th</sup> in Oquossoc. Even though it seemed it might be a rain out with Hurricane Beryl coming through, the rain held out and our spirits were joyful. Many thanks to all who helped with set-up, work the booth, break-down **AND** those who contributed by making jams, breads, and crafts. All our efforts paid off as we made over \$3,400 for our mission of giving to charities. What a joy to work with you all!

We were all honored to be involved in a very special *Celebration of Life* for our dear friend, Kit Caspar on July 20. The service held at the Church of the Good Shepherd was a wonderful tribute and celebration of a life well lived. It was followed by a light lunch reception at the Barn. Over 100 friends and family packed the Barn and you just knew that Kit would have enjoyed the collection of pictures, video, and laughter coming from that building. Rest in peace, our dear friend.

Women's Fellowship has volunteered to "take over the sanctuary" and provide the Sunday Service on August 11<sup>th</sup>. The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be the focus of the service. It is shaping up to be a wonderful celebration of a ministry that was founded in November of 2004 (*YES! 20 years ago*), by Rev. Anne Roundy, Martha Bicknell & Nini Christensen. You won't want to miss this very special service. Please join us and wear your shawl if you have one. If you can't be here in person, please *Zoom* in. A special thanks to Martha for taking such painstaking records documenting the history of this wonderful ministry. We continue to knit, crochet, and weave these special shawls that can be given in good times or in bad. If you know of anyone who needs a shawl, either for celebration or comfort, please contact me. Thanks to all who continue this great and caring tradition.

Our next endeavor will be the Blueberry Festival held in Rangeley on August, 15<sup>th</sup>. *YIKES! That's right around the corner!* There will be a sign-up sheet in the barn to work the festival. We will need lots of bakers and jam makers. We will be concentrating on anything **BLUEBERRY!**





If you can help (or bake), just let me know.

As always, the Women’s Fellowship and Prayer Shawl group meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month from 10 am to 12 noon in the barn. All are welcome to come and knit, craft or just enjoy fellowship time.

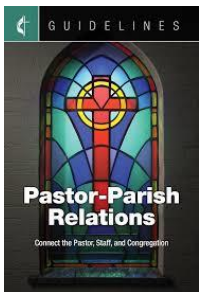
Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Zambraski, WF/PS co-chair.



## Women’s Ecumenical Mahjong Marcia Baker

Women’s Ecumenical Mahjong has been well attended. Approximately half who attend are community members.



## PSP (Pastoral/Staff/Parish)

Marcia Baker

The PSP Committee would like to remind the congregation, that they can be contacted to hear of any concern.



AUGUST/SEPTEMBER  
2024 Facilities and Events Highlights Calendar

Activity	Time/Day	August Dates	September Dates
<b>WORSHIP</b> Sanctuary	10:00am, Sunday	Aug 4 Aug 11 Aug 18 Aug 25	Sept 1 Sept 8 Sept 15 Sept 22 Sept 29
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b> Barn	11:00am, Sunday	(see dates above)	
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b> East Room & Zoom	3:15pm, Monday	Aug 12	Sept 9
<b>COUNCIL COMMITTEE</b> East Room & Zoom	4:00pm, Monday	Aug 12	Sept 9
<b>DEACONS' MEETING</b> East Room & Zoom	4:00pm, Monday	Aug 19	Sept 16
<b>WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP</b> Barn	10:00-12:00pm, Fridays	Aug 9 & 23	July 12 & 26
<b>ECUMENICAL MAHJONG</b> Barn	1:00-3:00pm, Mondays	Aug 5 & 19	Sept 2 & 16
<b>HANDBELL REHEARSALS</b> Sanctuary	8:00-9:30am, Mondays	Aug 5, 12, 19, 26	Sept 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
<b>MOM/BABY SOCIAL HOUR</b> Barn	10:00am, Wednesdays	Aug 7, 14, 21, 28	Sept 4, 11, 18, 25