

Mountain Reflections

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Happy Fall Everyone!

You will see another year of Council summaries from me as I have been elected to serve again as Council Moderator and Millie Hoekstra as Vice-Moderator. Council met in August and September and topping off the celebratory items on the agenda is the completion of the new siding on the Annex! This has been years in the making and now this space, currently used by Little Mountain School, is homogeneous with the rest of our buildings. Speaking of Little Mountain School, with all the recent press about the Beth Brunswick daycare/preschool project questions have arisen about whether LMS will continue to be here. At this point in time the LMS Board has not made any plans to move on. The Beth Brunswick day care is hoping to open in some capacity in September 2025 and LMS will wait and see.

Our Barn space has worked well for the local Moms and Babies social group, they will continue to meet once weekly for the foreseeable future. The Women's Fellowship and Mahjong groups continue to utilize the Barn space weekly as well.

Our Church grounds are looking quite spiffy after the Sunday of Service on September 22, I was sorry to miss that while I was out of town. It's always a wonderful feeling of fellowship and camaraderie participating in these service Sundays.

Our ad-hoc By-Laws Review Committee could use a couple more folks. This won't be a deep dive to re-write the By-laws, but to analyze those parts that may be outdated, review committees and their roles and requirements for participation, and work on the membership portion. Committee members can participate from afar via zoom and must be willing to communicate/check your email regularly, and to carve out time to participate as needed. If you're interested, please reach out to me or Millie and we'll bring your name forward. Rick Baker is heading up this Committee.



Well friends, we are in the home stretch of the Presidential election and our country's divisiveness seems more apparent than ever. Let's pray for peace during this time. Our pastors at the pulpit have had some enlightening sermons with the ever-present message that we are ALL God's children. I'll conclude with Rev. Stan Wheeler's parting words on his Sundays with us and I paraphrase: as you go about your business over these next few weeks preach the Gospel at all times, and if necessary, use words.

Blessings to you All!!

Cyndy Egan, Council Moderator



Deacon News

Claire Chase
Lucy Simonds

As the trees begin to dress themselves in color for the *Fall Foliage Show* we know that cooler temperatures and snow will be arriving sooner than we realize. The changing seasons remind us that there is a rhythm and flow to life and that the Holy Spirit is with us always.

We are grateful for the many ways that we were able to gather in worship over the summer, including the Prayer Shawls service and Songs and S'mores, and the wisdom that our worship leaders offer us each week. We are blessed.

Our blessings continue as we have a full schedule of worship in the months ahead.

October 6 - Pastor Scott Hatfield

October 13 - Rev. Tony MacNaughton

October 20 - Rev. Stan Wheeler

October 27 - Mission Committee Harvest Breakfast

November 3 - Rev. John Fiscus, Associate Maine Conference Minister will offer Communion

November 10 - Rev. Tony MacNaughton

November 17 - Rev. Stan Wheeler



November 24 - Pastor Scott Hatfield

We'd ask that you make a particular note of November 3rd when Rev. Fiscus will be leading worship. Rev. Fiscus is new to Maine and we'd like him to experience a true Rangeley Welcome.



Buildings and Grounds Committee Rick Baker

The most significant item is that our siding around LMS finally has gotten done. It's a four-year-old item that a contractor finally followed through on.

The next bit of news is that we had a service Sunday on September 22 that was well attended by an enthusiastic group of 20 people. All got done on the to do list including a long overdue cleaning of the East Room carpet. There were enough folks that we had good overlap on tasks so it only took about an hour to finish, 2 hours with the carpet. Tim and Sarah Johnson had a great "coffee hour" for us afterwards.

Thank you to all who helped out! Linda J, Linda C, Joanne B, Bob S, Fred D, Less, Millie, Don C, Claire C, Don M, Marge M, Tim J, Sarah J, Kathy B, Lucy S, Marcia B, Hillary S, Cooper S and Sue D-B.

Thank you to all for turning out and getting the "job" done!

Respectfully submitted, Rick B Chair





OCTOBER/NOVEMBER
2024 Facilities and Events Highlights Calendar

Activity	Time/Day	October Dates	November Dates
WORSHIP Sanctuary	10:00am, Sunday	Oct 6 Oct 13 Oct 20 Oct 27	Nov 3 Nov 10 Nov 17 Nov 24
COFFEE HOUR Barn	11:00am, Sunday	(see dates above)	
FINANCE COMMITTEE East Room & Zoom	3:15pm, Monday	Oct 14	Nov 11
COUNCIL COMMITTEE East Room & Zoom	4:00pm, Monday	Oct 14	Nov 11
DEACONS' MEETING East Room & Zoom	4:00pm, Monday	Oct 15	Nov 18
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Barn	10:00-12:00pm, Fridays	Oct 4, 11, 18 & 25	Nov 8, 15 & 22
ECUMENICAL MAHJONG Barn	1:00-3:00pm, Mondays	Oct 7 & 21	Nov 4 & 18
MOM/BABY SOCIAL HOUR Barn	11:00am, Wednesdays	Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Nov 6, 13, 20, 27
HOLLY FAIR Barn & East Room	10:00am -2:00pm, Sat.	Nov 23	
PIANO/VOICE LESSONS Sanctuary	3-5pm, Tues, Wed & Fri's.		