

# Mountain Reflections

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Cyndy Egan

Happy Easter to All,

In a small rural Church like ours, Easter isn't just a date of the calendar it is a symbol of what and who we are. Easter is a reminder that new beginnings are real and transformations of many types are possible. The empty tomb is God's way of saying that chaos and violence do not get the final word- Love Does. No matter how fractured life can be at times, there is a power at work that can mend, heal and roll away the heaviest stones.

The UCC asks us to remember that justice and peace are our way and to be there for our neighbors in need. We may be a small church, but we serve a God of big miracles. Therefore, let us be the light. Carry your light out into the world.

God is still speaking.

Blessings to All,

Cyndy Egan, Council Moderator



Mission

Don Miller

Mission will be holding our One Great Hour of Sharing offering on May 3. We will be making it a fun and educational event and hopefully you will be able to attend. We will also be having another Quaker style church service in the not-too-distant future. We'll have more on this soon.



## Buildings and Grounds Committee Rick Baker

- The East Room flooring saga has a great conclusion. Bob Gaudreau has donated the materials and his time to replace the flooring in the East Room. This is a huge savings for us and very generous of Bob. Thank you so much. Please go out of your way to thank him!
- Winter is still with us. The cycles of snow, thaw, freeze, rain is a challenge to keep parking lot, stairs and ramps clear under foot. Our grounds service only clears snow if there is 3" of snow or more. They will sand parking lot if need (not cheap). Otherwise, everyone should feel free to clear small amounts of snow, put down sand or ice melt. B&G is a very small # of folks (Bob S, Don C, me) who cannot always take care of things in a timely way.
- Sanctuary heat: during week it is kept at 62F. On Saturday the heat is manually turned up to 68F, then after service it is turned back down. The heater cannot be programed for this special need.
- The Smoke-CO detectors in Sanctuary and fellowship hall are to be replaced. As they are hard wired and a public place, I've asked John Pape (master electrician) to do it.
- The barn post will be replaced by Patrick Egan as soon as weather is better. Thank you, Patrick!

Respectfully submitted, Rick B



Deacon News

Claire Chase  
Lucy Simonds

It seems we often begin our Newsletter bits with a discussion of the weather. Perhaps we do this because the weather in Rangeley often reflects what is going on in the liturgical calendar and in our hearts. We may experience an ever-changing forecast but know, with confidence, that the sun will rise each day, the snow will melt, flowers will bloom, and God's majesty will continue to surprise us and God's love will embrace us.



As we write this, we are holding the memory of our shared Palm Sunday worship with the Church of the Good Shepherd in our hearts. The united churches made for a robust procession of palms and our Rev. Stan Wheeler offered the homily. Apologies to those who attempted to participate via the YouTube link. It appears that the camera didn't make it into the sanctuary until partway through the service.

This week we will be Draping the Cross at 5:30 on Maundy Thursday, April 2nd and celebrating Christ's resurrection on Easter when we adore the cross with flowers and are offered Communion under the worship leadership of Pastor Scott Hatfield.

Linda Caspar, in particular, has worked diligently to fill in our pulpit supply calendar for the coming months. Please see the list of blessings below.

The Deacons

April	May
2nd - Maundy Thursday 5:30 Draping of the Cross	3rd - Communion with Pastor Scott Hatfield
5th - EASTER and Communion w/ Pastor Scott Hatfield	10th - Mother's Day Pot Luck
12th - Pastor Scott	17th - TBD
19th - Rev. Stan	24th - Gretchen Legler
26th - Sarah Johnson	31st - Rev. Stan Wheeler



Nancy Zambraski

Women's Fellowship will start back up on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10-12 am in the Barn. This first meeting is very important as we will be distributing proceeds from last year's festivals to well-deserving charities of **our** choice. If you have any suggestions of a new organization, please come prepared to "make your case." Everyone has a "say." If you can't make the meeting and have a suggestion, please contact me and I will present your suggestion. Prior to the meeting I will be



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sending out a blast email with a list of our previous recipients. We will also be de-briefing the Holly Fair, so any suggestions are welcome.

We will also be planning for the upcoming festival season. Crafting, knitting, and fellowship will be on the agenda for our meeting, so grab a friend and join us. Women's Fellowship will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month throughout the summer.

And for those of you who are doing some "Spring Cleaning" please keep us in mind to donate any gently used Christmas items, baskets, or craft supplies that we might be able to use.

Many thanks to Marcia Baker for organizing the very popular Women's Winter Social AND Mahjong in the Barn over the winter months. Her time and effort are much appreciated! *Way to go, Marcia!*

Last but not least, we are organizing a very fun "All Women's Event" in late May, so to all you women who head south for the winter, "Hurry Back!"

*Can't wait to see you all!*

Nancy Zambraski

Women's Fellowship Co-chair



April/May

2026 Facilities and Events Highlights Calendar

Activity/Event	Time/Day	April & May Dates
<b>WORSHIP</b> Sanctuary	10:00am, Sunday <b>Maundy Thursday</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b>	April 2 – 5:30pm April 5 – Pastor Scott Hatfield April 12 – Pastor Scott Hatfield April 19 – Rev. Stan Wheeler April 26 – Sarah Johnson May 3 – Pastor Scott Hatfield May 10 – Mother’s Day Pot Luck May 17 – TBD May 24 – Gretchen Legler May 31 – Rev. Stan Wheeler
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b> Barn	11:00am, Sunday	(see dates above)
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b> East Room & Zoom	3:15pm, Monday	April 6      May 11
<b>COUNCIL COMMITTEE</b> East Room & Zoom	4:00pm, Monday	April 13      May 11
<b>DEACONS’ MEETING</b> East Room & Zoom	3:00pm, Monday	April 20      May 18
<b>MAHJONG IN THE BARN</b> Barn	1:00-3:00pm, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays	April 6 & 20      May 4 & 18
<b>WINTER WOMENS SOCIAL</b> Barn	10am-12pm , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Fri’s.	April 9 & 23      May 14 & 28