

# Reeds Mill Church

“The church’s object shall be to promote an earnest Christian life among its members, to increase their mutual acquaintance, and to make them more useful in the service of God.” *Declared in 1892*

June 2017

Greetings Friends of Reeds Mill Church ~

At our annual meeting on June 11, those present voted to continue holding Sunday services in July and August at 2:00 PM beginning July 2. Following are the speakers for those Sundays:

<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
2 – David Smith	7 – Rick Dubuc
9 – Andrew Neal	13 – Susan Tierney
16 – Doug Dunlap	20 – Mike Senecal
23 – Russell Karvonen	27 – John Gensel <i>Old Home Sunday</i>
30 – Carl Beu	(Potluck at noon, service at 1:00)

We are truly grateful for those who serve our church by leading worship each summer. This year we welcome two new speakers, Russell Karvonen and Rick Dubuc. Did you know each speaker selects the scriptures we hear, our closing hymn, any additional worship forms (such as liturgical drama or additional music) and of course their message? Each speaker always brings a unique blessing to the congregation. And it is our hope that each speaker is uniquely blessed by being here! Thank you!!!!

Pat Matulaitis and Paula Kane will also continue using their musical talent in the pumping and playing of our organ. Unfortunately they are not able to cover all the Sundays this summer. Open dates are July 23, 30 and August 6, 20. Can you help?

Speaking of liturgical drama.... Each year we celebrate Old Home Sunday the last Sunday in August. We enjoy fellowship during a potluck picnic then move into the sanctuary for our service. Rev. John Gensel, pastor of the Dixfield Congregational Church, has led our Old Home Sunday service since at least 2003. John likes to enrich that service with special music and liturgical drama. Dramas like this bring points home so well! There is a liturgical drama planned for this year. So, CALLING ALL THESBIANS! If you’d like to be a part of this fun and meaningful part of worship, email [vrobie@live.com](mailto:vrobie@live.com).



And while on the subject of Old Home Sunday (this year August 27, picnic at noon, service starts at 1:00 +/-)...just a reminder that this service is the perfect time to voice your memories of the church out loud. Many of you knew this church as children, and some not until later in life. If you’re in attendance, there’s probably a reason why worth sharing. Maybe your association has been through the Reeds Mill Ladies Sewing Circle. Many of the Circle’s members have attended this church, some have not. But ALL were recognized at last year’s Old Home Sunday. It was just another beautiful part of the service. A portion of the service was dedicated to their ongoing commitment to Reeds Mill Church. The congregation was treated to hearing about the fun things the original Circle (The Ladies Union Circle of Reeds Mill) did back in 1892. A song was written and sung in honor of the current Circle. Each Circle member was given a corsage and everyone enjoyed a special cake.

Sometimes our Old Home Sunday services run *just a wee bit* longer than our typical Sunday service. It being the last service of the summer, it’s really ok, right? Just be prepared for that possibility.



Perhaps reading scripture during a service would interest you? If you sign up you’re guaranteed to get the reading in plenty of time to become familiar with it before the service. There’s a sign-up sheet by the door.

The Reeds Mill Ladies Sewing Circle has had another busy year selling 5 quilts and donating another 3 to families in need. As additional community outreach they also donated booties to the maternity ward at Franklin Memorial Hospital and items to the annual Children's Christmas Shopping Day in Avon. And Edgewood Rehabilitation/Living Center was the lucky recipient of dining room curtains and pretty cases for body pillows also donated by the circle. Are you interested in joining? ALL ARE WELCOME! Meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of the month at 10:00 AM. A lovely time to socialize as well as work for the glory of God. If you would like to join or want to order a quilt, call Marie Bubier at 207-639-4666.

On October 2 last year the church hosted the local band The Sandy River Ramblers. Their offer to do a benefit concert for the church was gratefully accepted. 65 people attended, clapping their hands and swinging in their seats to hymns, gospel music and some of the Rambler's original songs about our great state of Maine. It was amazing!!! And everyone left with a smile on their face. They've offered to do it again this year, **so mark your calendar for Sunday, September 24, 2:00 PM.** No price per ticket, but a love offering will be taken. (And let me just say if you come to this instead of staying home for a baseball or football game, you will receive an *extra* blessing!☺)

Two couples were united in holy matrimony in 2016. Deedra Berkey and Gary York were wed on a chilly October 29 with the wood fire going to keep guests comfortable. Gabe Gunning and Lotus Wing recited their vows to each other on December 21, the winter solstice, at exactly 12:00 noon. May they always remember where their marriages began!

In 2013 a memorial garden was established with perennial plants at the front of the church. There is plenty of room for some annuals, though. Feel free to bring an annual plant with you when you come to service through July 16. We'll make sure it gets into the garden and is well taken care of.

Additional Special Services (but, really, they're ALL special!)

***Hymn Sing on Sunday, September 10 at 7:00 PM.*** Bring a flashlight and your best singing voice for an hour of praising God with music.

***Thanksgiving service at 10:00 AM (November 23).***

***Christmas Candlelight Service will be held Sunday, December 17 at 3:00 PM*** – another time to join your singing voice with others as we enjoy the carols of the season.

*It is difficult to adequately thank everyone who assists in maintaining Reeds Mill Church, which includes our trustees Pete Plog, Carl Beu, Claudia Boucher, Mike Malesky and Nicole Wakefield. We'd also like to thank Karl Bunnell for year after year of mowing and raking around the church. Thanks is also extended to YOU! Your donations, love gifts, and memorial gifts keep Reeds Mill Church going. And although it is good to have the financial needs of the church met, the gathering of worshipers joining together to sing His praises and hear His word, to pray for one another and enjoy the fellowship – these together create what is **most** important. Hopefully you will be able to attend a service or two this summer! As you may know, if the church ever ceases to operate as a church, the building and land it sits on will be absorbed by whoever owns the land next to the church driveway. Our goal is to keep the church going and going and going. With this kind of help, how can we fail???*

Visit our web site at [www.reedsmillchurch.org](http://www.reedsmillchurch.org) to learn more about the church. Weddings, baptisms, celebration of life and memorial services, retreat bible study time and special services are all welcome. Reeds Mill Church does not charge for its use; however, donations are gratefully accepted!

If you have received this through the U S Postal Service and have an email address, we would appreciate having it; please send it to [vrobie@live.com](mailto:vrobie@live.com). Church information is all you will receive via email.



Reeds Mill Church

c/o 956 Reeds Mill Road - Madrid Twp., ME 04966 207-639-2713

[www.reedsmillchurch.org](http://www.reedsmillchurch.org)

Email: [vrobie@live.com](mailto:vrobie@live.com)

Find us on FaceBook, too.