

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 2018

Greetings Friends of Reeds Mill Church ~

At our annual meeting on June 10, those present voted to continue holding Sunday services in July and August at 2:00 PM beginning July 1. Following are the speakers for those Sundays:

<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
1 – Susan Tierney	5 – Rick Dubuc
8 – Russ Karvonan	12 – David Smith
15 – Mike Senecal	19 – Andrew Neal
22 – Ben Witherill	26 – 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. Each speaker is responsible for selecting the scriptures we hear, the closing hymn, any additional worship forms (such as liturgical drama or additional music) and of course their message! Each gives their time prior to the service as well as during it. 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. Last year, Nancy Cureton from Wilton also played for us. Thank you, ladies for your time and sharing your talent! Unfortunately they are not able to cover all the Sundays this summer. Open dates this year are July 8 and August 5 and 19. Can you help?

Reeds Mill Church welcomes Naomi Henderson as its new treasurer. Thank you Naomi! The jobs of Clerk and Worship Coordinator are currently open. Some have volunteered to help with some of the jobs involved. If you would like to help in some way please email Ginni at vrobie@live.com. Or perhaps you’d consider being a scripture reader during a service or providing flowers for the pulpit area? Contact the same email address or call 207-639-2713.

Sadly, we lost three people this past year. Wilma Plog, long time member and lover of Reeds Mill Church, passed away December 1, 2017. She knew just about everything there was to know about the church. She always made sure the lanterns were filled and trimmed their wicks. She was the church clerk for many years. She raised her family in this church. Wilma was also a member of the Reeds Mill Ladies Sewing Circle. On February 21, Linda Farwell passed away. Although Linda was not often seen attending a service, she was dedicated to its historical value for this area. She was also a member of the Reeds Mill Ladies Sewing Circle. Another Circle member, Edith Norton, left us March 7 this year. Edith was also a long time member. And Edith crocheted the beautiful piece that hangs on the wall behind the pulpit. (No picture of Edith available.) All will be missed.



Wilma Plog



Linda Farwell.

The property to east of the church previously owned by the Bunnell family was sold. At the time of the sale, 55 feet of that property was donated to the church from the Bunnell estate. The church is very grateful for this gift. Now the outhouse is sitting on church property! The new owner, Wes Moore, will continue the Bunnell tradition of mowing and supplying electricity to the church when needed. Thanks, Wes! And welcome to Madrid!

The Reeds Mill Ladies Sewing Circle has had another busy year selling quilts, from baby size on up. 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.

Reeds Mill Church is the perfect place for a country wedding! Just ask Niki Hagan and Rob Woodhouse who were joined in holy matrimony August 11, 2017. Congratulations to them!

This year's Old Home Sunday will be August 26. REMEMBER: Pot luck luncheon at noon and the service starts at 1:00+/- . This is the perfect time to share about your association with the church, be it long lasting or your first time attending. 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.

The annual Hymn Sing has seen a decrease in attendance in recent years. Nevertheless, a very loud and joyful noise can be heard emanating from the building as participants sing out beloved hymns. This year's hymn sing is scheduled for September 9, 7:00 PM. Bring your flashlight! And bring some friends!

The Sandy River Ramblers performed their second *annual benefit concert* at the church September 24. They sang a few traditional church hymns, including "Church in the Wildwood" and entertained us with much of their original work, including "Slow Down-You'll Hit a Moose" and "Boots from L.L. Bean." Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 30, 2:00 PM to keep this tradition going.

We were blessed with a particularly beautiful autumn day for our Thanksgiving morning service. Rev. David Smith led 50 people in worship that day. We were reminded of how much we have to be thankful for.

Attendees numbered over 100 at the 2017 Christmas Candlelight Service. During the service we acknowledged long time attendees Joanne & Malcolm Webber - that day was their 67th (!!!) anniversary. It is easy to see the great love that exists between them. After the service, the Reeds Mill Ladies Sewing Circle with the help of others put out quite a holiday spread. It was a great time of fellowship, enjoying the beautiful lighting in this simple setting. Thanks to all who helped.

PS: Found after the service – silver bracelet with bell charms. Use contact info below if it's yours.

**SO REMEMBER! July/August services Sundays 2:00; Old Home Sunday 8/26 Noon picnic & 1:00 Service
Hymn Sing 7:00 Sept 9
Sandy River Ramblers Sept 30 2:00 Thanksgiving Nov 22 10:00
Christmas Candlelight Service-Sunday, Dec 23 at 3:00 PM**

Visit our web site at 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!

*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 Norton. 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 services this summer!*



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