

# 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*

Greetings Friends of Reeds Mill Church ~

June, 2019

At our annual meeting on June 9 those present voted to continue holding Sunday services in July and August at 2:00 PM beginning July 7. Following are the speakers for those Sundays:

## July

- 7 – Doug Dunlap
- 14 – Russ Karvonan
- 21 – Rick Dubuc
- 28 – Carl Beu

## August

- 4 – Phyllis Blackstone
- 11 – Steve Mitchell/Dean Olmsted
- 18 – Laura Church
- 25 – John Gensel *Old Home Sunday*  
(Potluck at noon, service at 1:00)

We have some speakers who haven’t been able to help in a while and some who are new to Reeds Mill Church. All are greatly appreciated. They bless us and we hope we bless them. We are also blessed to have organists scheduled for all Sundays: Pat Matulaitis, Paula Kane and Robert Ludwig.

Matt Ransom, from Jay, spent an entire day cleaning the “original” organ with only a few felts needing replacement. 1965 was the last time there had been major work done on that organ. Matt will join us July 21 as the service organist.

We encourage our speakers to add something extra to the service if they want. A special song, a liturgical drama, musicians on instruments. Last year Mike Senecal brought his friends Denise Moore Reynolds and her husband Eric.



They came in period clothes and sang to the delight of the congregation.

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We continue to offer special services each year, including Old Home Sunday. This year’s Old Home Sunday will be August 25. **REMEMBER: Pot luck luncheon at noon** and the **service starts at 1:00+/-**. Last year Matt Turner from Strong UMC played trumpet at the service. He accompanied Pat on the organ for “How Great Thou Art” and played “In the Garden” and “Sweet Hour of Prayer” solo. Such a treat! This is the perfect time to share about your association with the church. Sometimes our Old Home Sunday services run *just a wee bit* longer than our typical Sunday service; be prepared for that possibility. This year we will be honoring 2 women who passed away in 2019. Both have long been associated with the church:



Mertie Abbot  
June 6, 1924- March 13, 2019



Marylyn Beryl Raymond Bachelder  
May 15, 1930-April 20, 2019

Our 2018 September Hymn sing had 43 joyfully worshipping with song for an hour. This year's hymn sing is scheduled for September 8, 7:00 PM. Bring your flashlight! And bring some friends!

There was a bit of snafu on Thanksgiving...remember how it was below zero that morning??? Paula, the organist scheduled, couldn't get her car to start. Robert Ludwig came with his wife, Nancy, both accomplished musicians. Robert had helped us out during the summer and, without hesitation, took a seat at the organ and played for the service. Just one more thing to be thankful for! The Christmas Candlelight Service was December 23; 90 in attendance. As the line to come in went out the door, one person was overheard saying, "I never had to wait on line to get into church before." What a testament! As you may recall, we had plenty of snow by Christmas last year. Josh Plog and Kevin Norton kept the church's driveway plowed. Thanks!

The Sandy River Ramblers will hold a benefit concert at the church on September 29, 2:00 PM. They've got some new music and will have their new CD, "Home in the Heart of Maine" with them. We are grateful for their interest in assisting the church in this way.

We think it is worth repeating our thanks to the Bunnell family for donating a piece of their property to the church allowing ownership of all the space we use. Neighbor, Wes Moore, deserves our thanks, too, for keeping the grass mowed last summer and has agreed to continue with that this year.

The Reeds Mill Ladies Sewing Circle have kept their sewing machines very busy. They gave quilts to a family who'd had a fire, brought baby booties to Franklin Memorial Hospital, and provided items to be purchased at the local Children's Christmas Shopping event. They also sold 7 quilts along with many other things. Are you interested in joining the Circle? 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 Terri Plog, 639-3276.

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There is always something that needs doing on an old building like Reeds Mill Church. Last year we hired Josh Plog to repair and reroof the belfry. It is through the generosity of those who have a heart for this church that we are able to keep it going. By the way....do you have any photos (weddings, baptisms, funerals) or memorabilia the church could have or borrow? There is a large span of time for which there are no pictures of the church. We'd like to keep the history alive as much as the church itself and could use your photos to add to a "scrap book" page to our web site.

On occasion we get a call from someone looking for the Reeds Mill Church Cemetery. There are 2 cemeteries on Reeds Mill Rd.: The Dunham, on the corner of Winslow Pond Road, and the Centre Cemetery, half way between the church and Center Rd. which is the one many refer to as the Reeds Mill Church Cemetery. To get to the latter there is a right of way through a field on the south side of the road with the cemetery sitting at the back end of the field.

This year's trustees are Nicole Norton, Claudia Boucher, Mike Malesky, Carl Beu, Naomi Henderson and Steve Mitchell. Just like you, these folks love Reeds Mill Church and want to see it remain an active house of worship. Donations are always appreciated. But it is the presence of worshipers joining together to sing His praises and hear His word, to pray for one another and enjoy the fellowship – these together - define the church. Hopefully you will be able to attend services this summer!

**SO REMEMBER!**

**July/August services Sundays 2:00      Old Home Sunday 8/25 Noon picnic & 1:00 Service**  
**Hymn Sing Sunday Sept 8-7:00      Sandy River Ramblers Sunday Sept 29-2:00      Thanksgiving Nov 28-10:00**  
**Christmas Candlelight Service-Sunday, Dec 22 at 3:00 PM**



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