Reeds Mill Church

"The Church in the Wildwood"

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Mission Statement:

To maintain the structure currently known as Reeds Mill Church in order to provide a house of Christian worship in Madrid Township, Maine, for all who seek or have chosen Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

June 2025

Greetings from Reeds Mill Church! Here's what's going on at The Church in the Wildwood!

2024

SERVICES: 2024 services began Easter Sunday with a trip through Holy Week. Summer services in 2024 spanned July 7 through September 15. We were very blessed to have meaningful messages from people who have a real heart for Jesus Christ. We were also very blessed to have someone pump the organ for most of those services. Debby Bliss Bujnocki, a guest musician, admitted she had fallen in love with Reeds Mill Church. That was the beginning of a match made in heaven…and Reeds Mill Church! Debby also led worship twice during the year. ~ ~ Old Home Sunday was a beautiful day. The newly formed Reeds Mill Players performed a skit clearly showing that, although hiking on a summer Sunday afternoon was a fun thing, attending services at Reeds Mill Church was even better! ~~ We had a sweet Hymn Sing September 8. This year's is September 14, 7:00 ~~ The Sandy River Ramblers put on another stellar performance September 22. This year they will bring their music September 28, 2:00 PM. ~~ Thanksgiving was a bit of a messy day, so many stayed off the roads. Better to be safe than sorry! But we still enjoyed many hymns of praise and a great message. ~~ The Christmas Candlelight Service saw over 100 people fill the pews. The caroling was magnificent! The message was about a stocking for Jesus. What would YOU put in a stocking for Jesus?

Thanks to Doris, Sherry, Pam, Ginni, Jen, Frank, Steven, John, Naomi, Dean, and MaryKate for helping to keep our mission alive by attending a work day July 27. Windows were cleaned inside and out, and there was a whole lot of scraping, priming, painting and staining going on.

Shortly before Thanksgiving, Michael G. from Christianpost.com inquired if we were going to have a Thanksgiving service. He was asked, how did you even find Reeds Mill Church? "A good old fashioned Google search" was his reply (so google is now old fashioned???) As it turns out RMC and one other church responded to his inquiry…the Washington National Cathedral! If you'd like to read the article, you can go to https://www.christianpost.com/news/churches-hold-thanksgiving-day-worship-services.html

2025 SCHEDULE – {Services are at 2:00 PM unless otherwise listed.}

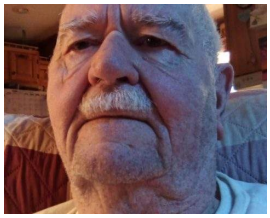
June	July	August	September	November	December
1 - Dean Olmstead	6 - Doug Dunlap	3 - Debby Bujnocki	7 - Phyllis Blackstone	27 - Thanksgiving 10:00 AM	21 - Christmas Candlelight Service 3:00 PM
8 - Mac Whitfield	1 3- Phyllis Blackstone	10 - Frank Militello	14 - Tony Bachelder		
15 - Steve Mitchell/ DeanOlmstead	20 - John Lockaby	17 - Aaron Ware	14 - Hymn Sing 7:00		
22 - Kelley Dyke	27 - Don Nelson	24 - Laura Church OLD HOME SUNDAY Picnic @ noon, service 1:00	28 - Sandy River Ramblers 2:00		
29 - Peter Farnsworth		31 - Ginni Robie			

(**2026** - EASTER April 5, 2:00 PM)

Fire – It was with great sadness we learned of the fire that devasted our neighbor's home and lives on March 2. Jen and Frank lost everything in the house and barn. Thankfully, they have begun the rebuilding process. Frank will share about this experience when he leads the August 17 service.

Trustees - Special thanks to our Trustees: Pam Searles, Naomi Henderson, Sheryl Mosher, Sherry Nelson, Dean Gray and Tony Bachelder. We welcome Ward Bredeau for a 3-year term, replacing Steve Mitchell who has served for 3 years (thank you Steve!). Ward has attended RMC since he was very young and was instrumental, along with his brother Wade, it starting the annual Hymn Sing. If you have the opportunity, please thank your trustees for their service to the church.

Saying Goodbye It is with sadness we acknowledge the loss of friends and neighbors.



Joanne Webber left us August 1. Her association with the church goes back many years. Franklin Huntington passed September 5. Franklin attended this church as a young boy and continued until during this past summer. Ben Witherill led worship here for 16 years. He passed December 30. And Carl Beu, who had attended services and was a trustee for many years went home to the Lord February 2. All are missed.

ETC….

Here's a little history refresher for you. It was April of 1892 when Lewis Reed, owner of Reeds Mill and land along the Orbeton Stream, sold the 103 ft X 160 ft lot to the congregation of the Reeds Mill Free Baptist Parish for $1.00. Records indicate the members of the congregation donated enough to be able to purchase the materials to build the church, and it was the church members who built it. Through the last 133 years those who support the church have been able to keep it going, despite periods in time when so few came it looked like it was going to have to close its doors forever. It is our fervent hope that these doors will remain open as long as the building stands, no matter how many come here to worship.

Ladies Sewing Circle -The Circle, originally the Ladies Union, was formed to support the church's financial needs. They met this goal by selling beautiful quilts and other hand sewn items. The group has always put in a lot of time and effort and each year gives a portion of its proceeds to the church. Times have changed, though, and quilts are not in demand quite as much anymore. This year, the Circle was given a shopping list of "office supplies", i.e. paper, envelopes, ink and stamps. A little less for them to spend and one less trip to the store for the Clerk. The group continues to meet the first and third Thursdays each month at Marie Bubier's home in Phillips. In addition to the needs of RMC they seek to be of service to the community. If you would like to join (no previous experience necessary) or want to order a quilt, call Circle President, Terri Plog, 207-639-3276.

How you can help - Our mission, as stated above, is about maintaining this beautiful, old place. Can we let you know when our next work day will be? See contact info below. This is a good opportunity for community service. We also appreciate someone to read scripture during services, and providing flowers for the altar is always welcome. Maybe you or someone you know would love to lead a service here?

Our website, www.reedsmillchurch.org, has all the info you need about Reeds Mill Church: Services/events with dates/times; Worship Leaders; recordings of services; history of the church; past newsletters and Sewing Circle info**.**

If you have ANY questions please don't hesitate to email or call. 207-639-2713/vrobie@live.com.

May you be blessed with good health, safety, and uplifted spirits!

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