Reeds Mill Church

"The Church in the Wildwood"

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Mission Statement:

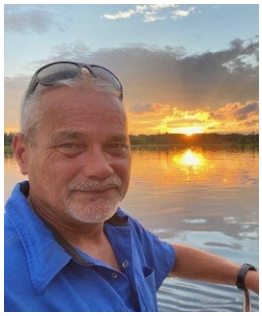
To maintain the structure currently known as Reeds Mill Church in order to provide a house of Christian worship in Madrid Township, Maine, for all who seek or have chosen Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

June 2026

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

2025 Easter Sunday was our first service last year, led by Tony Bachelder where we were asked, "Did you listen to what you heard?" That service and most others can be heard on the church website. Due to engaging in a trial of starting summer services in June, our annual meeting was in May. We discussed the church finances, building maintenance, an application to place Reeds Mill Church on the National Historic Register, what the Sewing Circle has been up to, and, among a few other things, welcomed Ward Bredeau as a new Trustee. Ward has a lifelong association with the church, from growing up in the church (being an instigator for the first September Hymn Sing) and getting married here 2023.
Services began June 1 and ended September 14. Many of the worship leaders brought meaningful messages. 30 people celebrated Old Home Sunday, with worship led by Laura Church. ~ The annual Hymn Sing was September 15, and with only 11 in attendance (including the leader and organist), we wonder if this should continue. This tradition will be 50 years old in 2 years. We hope you'll consider sharing an hour of singing the old-time hymns under the lights of the original kerosene lamps September 13, 7:00 PM this year. ~ It was a GORGEOUS fall day for the Sandy River Ramblers concert. We enjoyed tapping our toes to many of their classic songs. ~ New Trustee Ward delivered a very meaningful Thanksgiving service message. ~ We finished the year with The Christmas Candlelight Service. The caroling was magnificent! The message was about the over 400 names/titles for Jesus we find in the bible. Stars were hung on a tree with many of those names/titles on them. The children hung stars with their own names. I bet Baby Jesus was very glad to have their names with his!

2026 This year began with the loss of one of the church's beloved matriarchs. Marie Bubier (July 8, 1941-February 4, 2026) attended the church as a child and taught Sunday School as an adult. She was the force behind the Reeds Mill Ladies Sewing Circle for many years. She always welcomed and gave hugs. She is greatly missed. The family requested donations be made to Reeds Mill Church in her memory. Sincere thanks to those who honored her wishes.



We also said goodbye to Wade Bredeau (July 14, 1972-May 8, 2026), twin brother to Trustee Ward Bredeau. As a youngster, Wade attended Reeds Mill Church with his family. Wade and Ward were the reason the annual September Hymn Sing started in 1978, satisfying their curiosity about what the church would look like at night with the kerosene lamps lit. For many years the brothers stood side by side, taking the offering during this beloved gathering. This year's Hymn Sing will be dedicated Wade.

Services: We started the year off again with an Easter service. Phyllis Blackstone, story teller extraordinaire, took us through some of the New Testament stories highlighting Jesus's ministry.

The Trustees, after careful consideration, have decided to return to the summer service schedule of July and August. In addition to not being able to easily fill the pulpit June and September last year, there was also the added expenses (including heat, stipend to worship leader and organist) which were not compensated for with the offerings. We hate to make it about the money! Although we don't have many expenses, our mission to maintain the building means we are dependent on income.

Here are the dates for this summer's schedule (and the rest of the year).

July-2:00 PM	August -2:00 PM	OTHER DATES
5 - Don Nelson	2- Phyllis Blackstone	September 13 – 7:00 Hymn Sing
12- Darrell Dyke	9 -John Lockaby	September 20 - 2:00 Sandy River Ramblers
19 - Doug Dunlap	16 – Aaron Ware	November 27 - Thanksgiving 10:00 AM
26 - Peter Farnsworth	23 - Lorrie Aikens	December 20 - 3:00 PM Christmas Candlelight Service
	30 - Laura Church OLD HOME SUNDAY Picnic-noon, service -1:00	**2027** - EASTER March 27, 2:00 PM

Large Print Hymnals/Bibles now available by wood stove.

Trustees - Special thanks to Trustees Pam Searles, Naomi Henderson, Sheryl Mosher, Sherry Nelson, Ward Bredeau, Tony Bachelder and Dean Gray. Your Trustees make all financial decisions regarding the church. Please reach out to any of them with your concerns AND your thanks!

Wedding - June 6 Reeds Mill Church was the venue where Nicole Curran and Ryan Rackliff were joined in holy matrimony. We wish Nicole and Ryan best wishes on this new journey in their life together.

Fund- A new benevolence fund has been established. Please direct your questions to Ginni Robie or one of the Trustees regarding this new policy.

National Historic Register – Last year, at the church clerk's urging, we applied to be recognized on the National Historic Register. As of April 24, 2026 Reeds Mill Church had met 2 of 3 requirements for the application to be sent to Washington, DC where a final decision was made in our favor June 8. This important recognition proves a property's historical significance and makes owners eligible to apply for preservation grants. Once officially listed we would like to place a bronze plaque stating the church's inclusion and welcome any donation toward that purchase.

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. The group continues to meet the first and third Thursdays each month at the Bubier home in Phillips. The Circle does a very thorough annual cleaning of the church as well. In addition to the needs of Reeds Mill Church, they seek to be of service to the community. THANK YOU REEDS MILL LADIES SEWING CIRCLE! If you would like to join (no previous experience necessary) or want to order a quilt, call Circle President, Terri Plog, 207-639-3276. And this year they have started offering sewing classes to young children. Call Terri with questions or to sign up.

How you can help –Attend services, sign up to read scripture during services and/or provide flowers for the altar. Maybe you or someone you know would love to lead a service here? Be a part of the legacy of Reeds Mill Church.

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**.**

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

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