

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 2015

Greetings Friends of Reeds Mill Church ~

Reeds Mill Church will be open for nine Sunday services in July and August at 2:00 PM beginning July 5. Here are the speakers for those Sundays:

July

5 – David Smith
12 – Ben Witherill
19 – Mike Senecal
29 – Carl Beu

August

2 – Ken Hinkley
9 – Laura Church
16 – Andrew Neal
23 – Bob Edgerton
30 – John Gensel *Old Home Sunday*
(Potluck at noon, service at 1:00)

As many of you know, one of our musicians, Maggie Schlemmer, passed away last July. Maggie brought her keyboard and her big smile every time she played for us. She usually played several times throughout the summer as well as at the Thanksgiving service. Pat Matulaitis generously provided music for all but one Sunday last summer. She will continue to pump the old organ again this year, but with others stepping up will not be responsible for every Sunday. Many thanks and much gratitude to Paula Kane, who played for our Thanksgiving service and has agreed to play a few times this summer. Also, Sue Borko, who plays for the Congregational Church in Rangeley, has agreed to help us out.

One of our goals last year was to replace the non-conforming handicapped accessible ramp with a new, up-to-code ramp. After only a few glitches, the ramp was completed. This new ramp made it possible for someone to come to our Candlelight Service who otherwise would not have been able to get inside the church. Enough said! EXCEPT...the ramp needs to be stained. Volunteers are needed to help with this project on Saturday July 11, late morning to early afternoon. If necessary we'll schedule another 'painting party' on July 25. Bring a paint brush and a smile. Snacks and water will be provided.

Speaking of the Candlelight Service, there were over 70 people in attendance for the 2014 service. Wow! And the Thanksgiving Service had 63. It is truly wonderful to see the numbers increasing! *Did you know, according to the deed for the land donated for the purpose of building the church from Lewis Reed back in 1892, if the church ceases to operate as a church the building and land will be absorbed by whoever owns the land to the east of the church? Let's not EVER let that happen!*

Old Home Sunday will be August 30th this year. This is a special time of celebrating the church, its history and its people. Potluck picnic at noon; bring your place settings and a dish to share. Also, bring your remembrances of times spent at Reeds Mill Church; perhaps just a story or two or maybe a photo. If this will be your first Old Home Sunday, consider it a memory for next year's service! The service is at 1:00. Johnny Gensel has been leading this service for many years. Johnny brings not only his great love of Christ with him, but also a wee bit of humor and fun! 😊

We are grateful for ALL those who faithfully lead the worship services. Some on the schedule have been helping out for years while others not so long. Each always brings a blessing to the congregation and hopefully have enjoyed a blessing by being there. How lucky we are to hear the voice of so many whose love of God brought them into service, either as ministers or lay people. Thank you!!!!

Another special service is our annual Hymn Sing on Sunday, September 13 at 7:00 PM. Bring a flashlight and your singing voice for an hour of praising God with music. There will also be the traditional Thanksgiving service at 10:00 AM (November 26). Finally, the Christmas Candlelight Service will be held Sunday, December 20 at 3:00 PM – another time to put your singing voice on as we enjoy the carols of the season.

The Reeds Mill Ladies Sewing Circle generously supports the church with the sale of their quilts and other handmade items. The circle, originally known as the Ladies Union, has been supporting the church continuously since its inception. It has always been a hard working group of women who have donated their time and have a wonderful time doing so! Still going strong, the group welcomes new members, no matter the age or experience-ALL ARE WELCOME! Meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of the month at 10:00 AM sharing lunch after the meeting. A lovely time to socialize as well as work for the glory of God. If you would like to join the sewing circle or want to order a quilt, please call Marie Bubier at 207-639-4666.

The church also recognizes the significance of memorial gifts, love gifts, and what goes into the basket each service. ALL of these sources 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 are most important. Hopefully you will be able to attend a service or two this summer!

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!

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. Church information is all you will receive via email.



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