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*Faith is what makes life  
bearable, with all its  
tragedies and  
ambiguities and sudden,  
startling joys.  
— Madeleine L'Engle*

# SHEARINGS

## FROM THE FLOCK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

### Church of the Good Shepherd, Rangeley Maine

#### Shearings – 2020 Issue I

Good Shepherd sends Epiphany blessings and greetings to all with this issue of Shearings. Since our last issue we have been busy with many seasonal activities.

- An interesting variety of supply priests have blessed us with their presence. We thank the Reverends Paul Schmiede, Barbara Clarke, Nancy Platt, Pamela Brouker, Amelia Hagen, Tim Walmer, Regina Christianson, Bill Blaine-Wallace, and Shirley Bowen for sharing their ministries with us.
- The annual Senior's Thanksgiving Dinner was a blessing for many people – those who came to the Undercroft for fellowship, those who lovingly prepared and served the meals, and those who received meals delivered at home. One special delivery was to Millie Vankeuren, the Rangeley current holder of the Boston Post Cane who was celebrating her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on that day. Good Shepherd even sent along a special birthday cake for her.
- The Walk to Bethlehem was, as always, a lovely community gathering with beautiful music and a beautiful Pageant.
- Three Christmas Eve and Day services celebrated in the beautifully decorated church. Our choir sang at both Christmas Eve services, offering an especially moving setting of *O Holy Night*. In the words of the Rev. Shirley Bowen, they were a "small, but mighty, choir!"
- Guest priest, Regina Christianson and her husband, Stephen Whitely, are both professional musicians. On the Sunday after Christmas Day they provided beautiful music for concert harp and guitar.
- Great success with the annual Holiday

Fair

- Hard work and a busy time at the Thrift Shoppe
- Soup and Study every Wednesday night in the Undercroft
- ECW and Daughters of the King
- A Grief and Bereavement Group met twice each month throughout the fall.
- *Christmas in the Air* was a fun carol sing that included performances by several local music students.
- A visit from the Rangeley Handbell Choir on December 9
- Morning Prayer and Healing Litany every Wednesday at 9:30 am
- Great singing in church by our faithful choir and congregation
- Continued hard work on the Rector Search by the Good Shepherd's Discernment Committee
- The winter Annual Meeting and Brunch on January 19

#### *Affirming Statement of The Church of the Good Shepherd*

*As a Christian community welcoming all people,  
The Church of the Good Shepherd  
Rangeley,  
believes that we are all children of God  
and loved just as we are.*

*Jesus asks us to love our neighbor as ourselves and that kindness includes non-violent speech as well as welcoming those who are different from us who want to work for a better life.*

*We value caring for mother Earth in a sustainable way knowing such beauty here in Maine.*

*Let us come together across all religions and political views and not be afraid to be all that God wants us to be.*



## From the Senior Warden



Another winter is in full swing, it is a beautiful time of year, the snow is here and the people are enjoying it.

The church had a wonderful Christmas season and now we are getting ready for Lent. A new start for the church year and a time for us to reflect on what has past and welcome Easter and spring, an a rebirth of all that is around us in God's beautiful plan.

The finances are as you would expect this time of year, but thanks to Joan and the finance committee we are on track.

This is also a time to thank all the people that volunteer at the Thrift Shop they do a Great job and help keep our Church going.

This coming year we hope to get new lights for the undercroft, these are the original, put in in 1964. We want to put in the new LED fixtures, this will save on our light bills and give us much better lighting at a lower cost for electricity. Thankfully Russell is looking into this for us.

Please know that the search committee is still working on getting us a new Minister. Things are looking good.

If you have questions or ideas on we are here to listen or answer the need.

Yours in Christ  
Barry

## ECW

The Episcopal Church Women met January 9, 2020 for their Annual Meeting to plan for 2020. (Also to enjoy a delicious Sarges)

Those present voted Tinker Dunham for Vice President and Heidi Ross as Secretary. Also voted the first Wednesday of each month as our business meeting. The third Wednesday of each month as a craft day. Crafts to be determined and the second, fourth and fifth Wednesday's meeting to be determined as needed.

We also voted to open a ECW Louise Doak Scholarship Fund to deposit funds earned and donated over the year. We voted to open the account with the money received from Rotary for the Christmas Thrift held at RLRS . A Scholarship Savings account has been opened at Franklin Savings Bank. Friends and family of Louise Doak can contribute to this fund. See Mary Etta, Heidi or Franklin Savings Bank.

The Lightning Bug Fair will coincide with the Logging Museum Festivities in July. Saturday July 18 from 9:00 to 3:00 with a Luncheon planned from 11:00 to 1:00. Heidi Ross has agreed to be in charge of planning this event. This will be open to Vendors. There will be room inside and outside.

The ECW Holiday Fair will coincide with the Holly Fair. More information will be available as we get closer to the event.

Donations of toiletries are currently being accepted, we will be making individual bags and packing them for giving out at the food pantry and some homeless shelters.

The Thrift Shop continues to be a success. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers who continue to give of their time and talent to make this service available to the residents and visitors to the Town of Rangeley. Also thank you to those who donate their items to us. Most items donated are used here and the overflow is passed on to other Thrift Shops in Farmington, Wilton or Rumford.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ivy Berry

## Church of the Good Shepherd—A Brief History

### **Part 4 – From the 1934 Consecration of the Church through World War II**

The first chapters of this history showed how the Episcopal Church in Rangeley had its formation as a result of the efforts of Margaret Soule and Della Lydick to organize a church school and Episcopal Guild, eventually leading to summer services and the renovation of a Main Street barn/stable into a church located on Lake Street. The early years of the church had a thriving Sunday School, but many years had a priest present throughout the summer, but only once a month (at most) for the remainder of the year. As crucial as the lay leadership was during those lean years of pastoral care, it also appears that there were inevitable conflicts and misunderstandings. The Rev. James Leslie Hayes, one of the most beloved summer priests, wrote in August of 1934 of trying to straighten out the duties of various individuals, reorganize handling of monies according to the constitution of the church and canon law, and develop loyalty to the diocese and the bishop. Fr. Hayes served at St. Barnabas, Rumford, and was also Priest-in-Charge at Good Shepherd during 1934-35.

The church building was consecrated by Bishop Brewster on August 30 of 1934, the congregation having paid off the indebtedness on the building. The reporting of the service says that the church was beautifully decorated and reminded one of a forest of flowers. The choir sang a Solemn Te Deum in procession about the church.

In the summer of 1935, Mrs. Soule was moving from Rangeley and she offered to sell her house to the church as a vicarage. Enough money had been saved by the church that they were able to purchase the house for \$3500 cash. The house was purchased completely furnished, with nine rooms, oil furnace, and a Frigidaire! Located at 5 Pleasant Street, it was called the Margaret K. Soule rectory, and it was in the living room of that house that Episcopal services were first held in Rangeley, with Mrs. Soule officiating at Evening Prayer. It served as the Rectory for Good Shepherd from 1935-1999.

The Rev. Arthur Glasier, who was Dean of St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland, conducted the services at Good Shepherd during the month of September 1936 and reported that the people of the parish were friendly, chock-full of enthusiasm for the little church, and most anxious to have their own priest. He also reported that, of the 1,360 residents of Rangeley 200 were members of the Baptist church, 30 Roman Catholic, and 46 Episcopalian. He said there were 40 or 50 on the Church School list, but said that a rector's guidance was needed there. Another letter that same month written by the church's Executive Committee emphasized that they have felt for some time that they needed more pastoral care than monthly services in the winter and vacationing clergymen in the summer can provide. They also commented that their Church School was in a "deplorable state."

Fr. Hayes was followed by the Rev. John Robert MacFarlane (1937-1940), who also served as Vicar at Rangeley and at Rumford. In April of 1937 he wrote to Bishop Brewster about the Rangeley residents, their church, and the need for diocesan financial support – "The people are ready to work, and work hard to keep this mission going, and they feel that the prospects here are really worthwhile...If you could only see the interest and willingness of these people to make all the sacrifices to keep going, you would understand the situation more fully." Mr. MacFarlane and his family resided in the Rangeley Rectory, and gave alternate Sundays to Rumford and Rangeley. By August of 1937, the Executive Council was petitioning the Bishop to have Mr. MacFarlane assigned to Good Shepherd fulltime. There are enthusiastic reports from the summer and fall of 1937 about attendance at services and Church School, and a thriving Young People's Fellowship was organized. By the summer of 1938, Good Shepherd was reporting seventy-seven children in Sunday School and an active Boy Scout troop. In April of 1940, Mr. MacFarlane left Rangeley to accept a call to the rectorship of St. John's, Presque Isle.

The Rev. Richard Morton Fenton was Good Shepherd's next Vicar, moving to Rangeley in 1940 from St. Paul's, Portland, where he had been Rector for twenty years. One of Mr. Fenton's advantages in the position, according to Bishop Brewster, was that he had his own car and was able to visit the "outlying districts," even though he was "not a young man, indeed a little past middle age." Mr. Fenton's wife had a stroke in the late 1930s and was incapacitated throughout their time in Rangeley. There was some resistance to Mr. Fenton from parishioners and town residents who wanted someone more able to mingle comfortably with both residents and summer people. In spite of any concerns, though, Good Shepherd was lauded by the Diocese in October of 1940 for having a 32% increase in pledges over 1939. April, 1941 had a report of a Choir Club being organized by Mrs. Harold Kempton, Organist and Choir Mistress, with more than thirty enrolled. The Ladies' Guild was busy at work making crimson cassocks, which were worn for the first time on Easter Day.

One memorable occurrence during Rev. Fenton's tenure was the tragic fire that destroyed the Baptist Church on

## CALENDAR: March/April

<b>Tuesdays:</b>	10:00 a.m. Ecumenical Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. AA meets in Undercroft
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	9:30 Morning Prayer & Healing Litany 5:30 p.m. Soup & Study
<b>Fridays:</b>	8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Thrift Shoppe
<b>Saturdays:</b>	8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Thrift Shoppe
<b>Sundays:</b>	7:30 & 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

<b>March 4</b>	10:30 am ECW
<b>March 5</b>	10 am-2 pm Senior Social
<b>March 5</b>	5:00 pm High School Sports Banquet
<b>March 8</b>	1:00 pm Democratic Caucus
<b>March 12</b>	10 am-2 pm Senior Social
<b>March 12</b>	9:00 am Daughters of the King
<b>March 12</b>	5:30 pm Vestry
<b>March 18</b>	10:30 am ECW
<b>March 19</b>	10 am-2 pm Senior Social
<b>March 26</b>	10 am-2 pm Senior Social
<b>March 26</b>	9:00 am Daughters of the King

<b>March 30</b>	2 pm-6 pm Red Cross Blood Drive
<b>April 1</b>	10:30 am ECW
<b>April 5</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> 7:30 & 9:30 Services
<b>April 9</b>	9:00 am Daughters of the King
<b>April 9</b>	5:30 pm Vestry
<b>April 10</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> Noon Liturgy of the Day 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross
<b>April 12</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b> 7:30 & 9:30 Services
<b>April 15</b>	10:30 am ECW
<b>April 23</b>	9:00 am Daughters of the King

**Spring Training**  
**In the Episcopal Diocese of Maine**  
Gather—Learn—Share  
Saturday, March 21, 2020  
South Paris Congregational Church  
9 Church Street  
Augusta, Maine

### News from your Postulant

I was recommended by the Diocesan Commission on Ministry and accepted by Bishop Thomas as a postulant to the Priesthood on November 14, 2019. I continue to try to fill gaps in my theological education in part to pass the General Ordination Exam; in addition, I am required to do a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education training, which I hope to do this summer in Bangor. The Bishop will place me in a parish for six months' training. All of this is accomplished in God's time and by His will, and with Bishop Thomas approval. I thank all of you in my prayers each day for your prayers and support. – Nancy Ludwig

### Sunday School

Exciting news! We have a new member of Sunday school. This young man and his mom have come several times. His little sister may be joining us as well. We are looking forward to plenty of learning to love the lord with games and crafts thrown in.

The school room also seems to be a busy place as several groups meet in there during the week. Am looking to change up the room a bit, so if anyone has curtains, tablecloth, material or other things to help us with that it would be greatly appreciated.

~Heidi Ross

### DOK (Daughters of the King)

We have been meeting on a pretty regular basis, twice a month. The group made prayer bracelets and had them on a table for those who would like one during the Holly Fair. Recently we have started a new study with a lady who would to join our group. Our purpose is to help the Priest or anyone else with prayer or helping hands. ~Heidi

### Thanksgiving Senior Dinner

This year approximately 105 were served in house with close to 40 takeout and deliveries. Again this year Robert and Nancy Ludwig delivered meals. Lincoln Libby along with his wife and youngest daughter helped make and serve the meal. Without all the volunteer turkey bakers and servers it would not have gone off so well. Several door prizes were donated and games were played to win, along with names drawn. ~Heidi Ross

### Wednesday Nights Soup/ Study

During the Epiphany season, we looked at the Gospel of John with a companion book by Jean Vanier, founder of the international L'Arche communities – homes for people with mental and physical disabilities. Through Lent, we will study the Book of Job, with companion reading from Gustavo Gutierrez, the South American Liberation theologian. We gather at 5:30 for a simple dinner and share ideas and holy conversation until 7.

Please join us! – Nancy Ludwig

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December 11, 1941. Good Shepherd immediately offered its facilities, and for more than ten months the Baptist Church held their evening services at Good Shepherd, while they were able to hold morning services at the High School building.

The war years were challenging and difficult for all congregations, and Good Shepherd was no exception. Parishioners Earl Fraser and Howard Ardine Doak were both in the service in the Philippines and forced to make the infamous Bataan Death March in 1942, a seventy mile transfer of some 80,000 prisoners of war. The large cross that dominates Good Shepherd's Sanctuary was hand-made by Earl Fraser from California Red Wood, and is given in memory of Howard Doak, who gave his life in defense of the Philippines. During the war, Good Shepherd placed an honor roll in the church containing the names of those from the parish who were active in the Armed Forces. By March of 1944, Mr. Fenton is listed as retired on the Diocesan Clergy List, and it appears there were long clergy vacancies at Good Shepherd. The Rev. David Montgomery, Rector of the prominent parish of St. Peter's, Morristown, NJ, was in Rangeley for the summer of 1944, but was unable to return the following summer, having entered the Chaplaincy in the Navy.

The story will continue in the next issue through the 40s and 50s, and Daniel K. Sullivan arrives in Rangeley in 1956.

**From Our Membership*****PTA***

Again this year the PTA has various craft days which they hold here at Good Shepherd Undercroft. The last one two days before Valentines Day, 16 kids and three adults came. The girl scout troop walked over from the Congo Barn. We decorated cookies and made heart crafts. Laughter and smiles echoing around the church was a blessing.

~Heidi Ross

***Teacher's Lunch***

Last September the Retired Teachers met in the Undercroft for their annual meeting. There were 26 teachers in attendance. I was approached by a member of RTA and asked if I would cook a meal for them. Which consisted of a green salad, cheater lasagna with garlic bread and blueberry crisp. The money generated from the ;lunch went to the church. Barry and Ivy helped serve and clean up.

~Heidi Ross

***DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution)***

I was called by a member of the DAR who had heard about the teachers luncheon. This menu was basically the same, except blueberry cake was the dessert. 16 members were served this day. Again Barry helped serve and clean up. All monies generated from this meal went to the church as well.

~Heidi Ross

***Winter Senior Social***

Winter Senior Social meets on Thursdays from 10-2 during the months of January through March.

At WSS, the seniors play cards, dominos, color and do puzzles.

The volunteers have coffee, tea and morning snacks for them.

At noon they are served lunch that consist of two different homemade soups, bread and dessert.

After lunch they continue to play their games until 2. It's a great time for all.

This year visitors have included the high school chorus, Pre-K, 1st grade, Fire Chief, Robert Ludwig, pianist, RLHT and Boarder Patrol.

~Mary Etta Targett

**Search Committee**

The Search Committee is currently working with two candidates. Weather, illness and general winter doldrums seems to have slowed us down but we are still working. Please keep us in your prayers as this is the most critical time in the process.

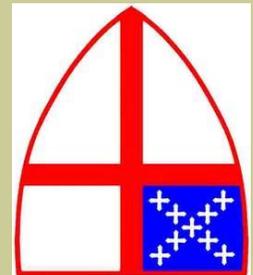
~Joanne Dunlap

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## SERVICE SCHEDULE

**SUNDAYS:** 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Services

**9:00 a.m. Sunday School**  
**WEDNESDAYS:** 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer & Healing Litany

The church is open daily for personal meditation and prayer.