

***Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC***

*Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!*

**February 25, 2018: Second Sunday of Lent**

*Please silence all electronic devices. Thank you!*

*\* indicates times when you're invited to rise in body or spirit*

**Gathering Music & The Ringing of the Church Bell**

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Centering Prayer**

**Prelude and Lighting of the Altar Lights**

*Meditation on 'Wondrous Love'*

*Herbert Colvin*

**Call to Worship (from Psalm 30)**

We are called forth out of the winter of ourselves

**To re-imagine our relationship with God.**

As buds swell, snow melts and sap runs,

**Our questions rise. Our thoughts bleed through.**

Is there green under the grey? What dies to give way to life?

**Here, we name the broken. We seek the holy.**

**Near river & cross, grave & tree, Jesus: show us your Way.**

**\*Hymn:** The God of Abraham Praise (NCH 24)

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**Gathering Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

**Inviting God, you have given us this time to reflect, to reconsider.**

**You have given us this time to slow down, on this Lenten journey.**

**You invite us to humble ourselves.**

**God, on this dusty road, we carry our questions: what lies ahead?**

**Will I be able to accept the challenges? Will I be enough? When you**

**call my name, will I respond with fear or joy? Where will you lead?**

**Strengthen our will and open our hearts. We pray, following Jesus:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in**

**heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our**

**trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And**

**lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For**

**thine is the kingdom, & the power, & the glory, forever. Amen**

**Gloria Patri: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end! Amen, Amen!**

**Lectionary Reading:** Romans 4:13-24      KJV 832/ CEB 860/ MSG 1545

**Time for All God's Children**

**\*Hymn:** Our God, Our Help In Ages Past (verses 1-3) Pilgrim Hymnal 1

**Pastoral Prayer:** May the Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up unto the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord

**It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

**Offertory:** *Meditation from Organ Sonata No. 3 F. Mendelssohn*

**\*Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise God, all creatures here below**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host:**

**Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 1:40-45

KJV 732/ CEB 762/ MSG 1378

**Message:** Living In The Open

Rev. Holly S. Morrison

**\*Hymn:** Here I Am, Lord

Hymn Binder

**Benediction**

**Extinguishing the Altar Lights: *Take the Light of Christ into the world!***

**Postlude:** *Praise*

*Philip Nicolai*

***Thanks to today's service participants:***

Organist: Sharon Bond    Lay Reader: John Bond

Head / Asst Deacons: Kathy Totten / Mare Hartman

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**Welcome to the Phippsburg Congregational Church!** Please sign our guest book in the narthex and stay for refreshments and fellowship in the Linden Tree Meeting House following the service. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

**Need a Large-print bulletin, bible, or hearing-assist device? Please ask one of our deacons for these.**

### CALENDAR

- Sun. Feb 25: Worship 10 AM  
Lenten Lunch, 11:30 AM*
- Mon. Feb 26: Restorative Yoga, 6-7:30 PM, LTMH*
- Tues. Feb 27: Church Council Mtg, 7 PM, LTMH*
- Wed. Feb 28: Tai Chi: 10:30 AM, LTMH*
- Fri. Mar 2: Lectionary Bible Study, 12-2 PM, LTMH*
- Fri. Mar 9: CONCERT: Jimmy Jo & The Jumbol'ayuhs, 7 PM*
- Sat. Mar 10: Deacons' Retreat, 11-3 PM, 1774 Inn*
- Fri. Mar 16: Community Song Circle & Potluck, 5-8 PM*
- Thurs. Mar 29: Tenebrae / Service of Shadows: 7 PM*
- Sun. April 1: Easter Sunrise Service, 6:15 AM  
Easter Sanctuary Service: 10:00 AM*

### PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS FOR FEBRUARY 26 – MARCH 4

Mon: Day Off / Tues: Office 12-8 PM / Wed: On the road (call or text) / Thurs: Office 10-3 PM / Fri: Bible Study 12-2 PM / Sat: work from home (call or text)  
Please contact Holly as needs arise: 207-504-0107/revcelt@gmail.com

### LENTEN LUNCHESS: Sundays, Feb 18-March 18 11:30-1 PM

Gather in the Meeting House after worship for soup, bread, & spiritual exploration. We'll be using Eric Elnes' book, "Gifts of the Dark Wood (Copies available at the Mustard Seed Bookstore in Bath.)

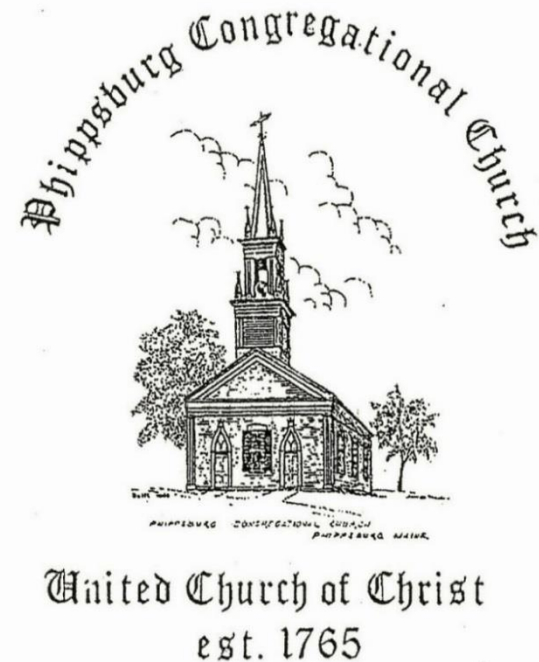
**FEBRUARY FOOD FLURRY:** Bath Area Food Bank collection: *Canned goods* still needed: Soup, pasta, spaghetti sauce, chicken, tuna, & baked beans.

### LENT IS FOR HEIFERS:

Two ways to contribute to this global mission partner during the Lenten season:

*Giving Calendars:* Daily invitations to learn and give—pick up calendars and coin-boxes in the Narthex, return boxes at Easter.

*Eggs 'til Easter:* Pick up farm-fresh eggs in the Meeting House—suggested donation \$5/dozen. All proceeds from egg sales will once again be donated to Heifer Project International.



We honor and respect those who have gone before, lighting the candles of our faith and opening the doors of our beloved church in welcome to all who enter. We acknowledge and accept our responsibility to be good stewards of this church and faith community. We believe Jesus fully revealed our living God's unconditional love and calls us to share that love with all so that we may help transform the world and ourselves. We value community and celebrate those distinct gifts we each bring to our community. We strive to actively practice generosity, hospitality, and stewardship of all of God's creation. And in all things we seek the Righteousness, Justice, and Peace that is God's Shalom on earth as it is in heaven.

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**Rev. Holly Morrison, pastor & teacher**

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