

Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC

Open and Affirming: All are Welcome Here!

November 12, 2017: Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

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

Stewardship Moment

Bob Reyes

Centering Prayer

Prelude and Lighting of the Altar Lights

Variations on Nun Danket

Don Freudenberg

Call to Worship (*based on Amos 5:18-24*)

Let God be your God! No stand-ins! No substitutes!

No masks, no fakes, no idols. Nothing between us.

No empty celebrations. Real worship, honest to goodness:

Our honesty, God's goodness. Bring justice. Seriously.

At the inner circle and the farthest fringes: where God waits

God waits for us to do the right thing, to practice what we preach. Let's praise God like we mean it. Seriously.

***Opening Hymn:** Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve PH 251

Gathering Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

In between light and darkness, O God, we seek you:

On our way to someplace else, when the light turns yellow

And we face the decision of when and where to yield...

On days when we find the door open, or the gate closed...

We seek you, God, between light and darkness.

In weariness and triumphs, in our firm beliefs and our questioning,

Walk with us, Holy Friend—and stir us, in Sabbath reflection, to see

you clearly in all the in-betweens. With Jesus, we pray:

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!**

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Amos 5:18-24 KJV674/CEB699/MSG1256

Time for All God's Children

***Hymn:** Let Justice Flow Like Streams Insert

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: *Prelude on St. Peter* Murray Bradshaw

***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

New Testament Reading: Matthew 25:1-13 KJV725/CEB756/MSG1367

Message: Oil and Water Rev. Holly Morrison

***Closing Hymn:** Christ for the World We Sing Pilgrim Hymnal 295

Benediction

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

Postlude: *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* Martha Sobaje

Thanks to today's service participants:

Organist: Ann Hartzler Lay Reader: Sally Haggett

Head/Asst Deacons: George Langbehn/Mary Hartman & Kathy Totten

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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.

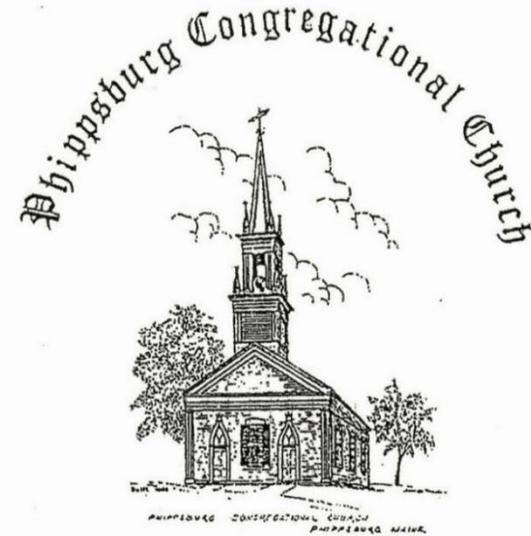
CALENDAR

- Sun. Nov. 12: Worship Planning Mtg 11:15-12, Office
CONCERT: Sara Grey/Ed Trickett, 4 PM*
- Mon. Nov. 13: Lectionary Bible Study 1:30-3 PM, LTMH
Restorative Yoga 6-7:30 PM, LTMH*
- Tues. Nov. 14: Buildings & Grounds Mtg. 3:30 PM, LTMH
Vocal Choir Practice 6 PM
Deacons Mtg. 7 PM, LTMH*
- Wed. Nov. 15: Tai Chi 10 AM, LTMH*
- Thurs. Nov. 16: Bell Choir Practice, 9 AM
Book Group 1:30-3 PM, LTMH*
- Sun. Nov. 19: Worship 10 AM: Stewardship Sunday*

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS FOR NOVEMBER 12-18:

Holly will be in on Monday, 12-5 and Thursday, 10 AM to 4 PM. She can be reached by phone or email as needs or concerns arise: (207)504-0107 / revcelt@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY: Please mail or bring your 2018 pledge cards to church by Sunday, Nov. 19. On that day, we will dedicate and give thanks for all the gifts that enable our shared ministries. (If you have not yet received a stewardship letter and pledge card, please ask a deacon—there are additional copies available in the narthex.)



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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.

Rev. Holly Morrison, pastor & teacher

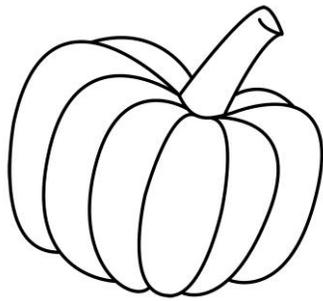
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BATH AREA FOOD BANK THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE!

****Please bring donations to the Narthex by Sunday November 19th:**
Canned Soup, Canned pasta, Cereal, Spaghetti sauce, Canned
tuna/chicken, Boxed Mac and cheese, Baked beans, Canned
Chicken/Turkey Gravy.

This year there is a need for 280 Pumpkin Pies! Any pies you can
make &/or donate will be greatly appreciated, and will decrease the
number of pies that the Food Bank has to buy.



****Please bring to BAFB by November 21st:**
Perishable items, including Pumpkin Pies, Butter, and Cheese
(these items are in great demand but must be kept cold).
Please deliver to 150 Congress Avenue in Bath on
M/W/F before 11 am or T/Th 5-7pm.

If you would like to make a monetary contribution, you may write a
check to the church, and put Bath Area Food Bank on the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity!

