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Dear Friends,

It has been quite the ride these past several months with no fixed minister at the helm. But after some unfortunate set-backs beyond our control, the Executive Committee has hired an Interim Minister to guide us through this time of grieving and transition. The Rev Peter Ilgenfritz (pronounce Il-jen-fritz) comes to us on February 1st. He is lately of Seattle, where he served for 25 years in a team ministry with three full-time pastors that acted as the senior pastor. He writes that besides providing pastoral care, preaching, and teaching, he has experience in all aspects of the church's life and leadership, including Administration, Christian Education, Music Ministry, Missions and Social Justice, and Elementary and Youth Programs. This past year, Peter felt called to leave Seattle, and he founded a new ministry called *Navigating Through Change*. This ministry "...provides coaching, spiritual companionship, consultation and retreats for individuals in times of change and transition." Peter is also a relatively new, but avid sailor, a passion he delights in sharing.

In his letter to the Executive Committee, Peter writes, "My hope and prayer for this journey we embark on together is that as you get to know me, you will get to know yourselves in new ways. That as you introduce me to your communities and to the mystery that is Maine you will learn about and experience your own community in new ways. I trust that we will have some great fun together on this journey as we listen, discover, wonder, and explore where the Spirit is whispering, leading, and calling each of us and your church community to be and go."

As we welcome Peter into our midst, we must say a sincere and heartfelt thank you to the pastors who filled our pulpit during the last several months: Tom Lenhart in November, Brian Donovan on Christmas Eve and Martin Luther King weekend, and Ken Bradsell, through December and most of January. We owe you a huge debt. Your grace, warmth, humor, and moving messages have nurtured and reassured us during a very unsettling time. We are very grateful to you all.

Yours in faith,

Ella Long, Deacon Chair

TRUSTEES' NEWS

The Trustees reviewed and approved the final budget for 2020 which will be presented at the Annual Meeting on January 26th. Many thanks to Treasurer Jeff Long for his work on putting together the budget figures for the new year.

Building and Grounds Chair Jon Dunsford reported he will be updating the sign at the front of the church to add Peter Ilgenfritz, our new Interim. Jon is looking into options for covering over Sarah's name with Peter's. The broken sign at the back entrance will be repaired and replaced in the spring.

It was reported that there is room in the budget for completing the enlarging of the A/V room and some painting that needs doing.

The Trustees discussed a request from the Bell Choir to remove some front pews to allow for permanent setup of the Bell Tables. The Trustees feel this is not practical at this time and prefer that the tables remain set up in the Chapel as they have been. They also discussed a request from the music Committee to make the choir loft and pulpit more accessible, but concluded that the space needed for a ramp that meets code is not practical and a chair lift too costly.

Sandra Leonard, Senior Trustee

HOSPITALITY & FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday, February 2, we will welcome our new interim minister, Peter Ilgenfritz. Let's make that a special day by hosting a special coffee hour following worship!

Instead of our traditional small group hosting coffee hour, let's make this an all church event! Even the good old favorites will be special!

As always, please sign up downstairs so we will know how to plan. Thanks, everyone!

DIACONATE NEWS

On behalf of the Deacons, I would like to thank all of you who came out in support of Brian Donovan during his Ecclesiastical Council on Sunday, January 12. It was a momentous occasion for us all, and a great show of love and respect for Brian. I am so proud of the way our church members continue to support each other and carry on, even during an unsettling time of transition. We have much to celebrate and explore together as we go forward with our Interim Minister.

On a different note, the Deacons wish to recognize and honor Tom Knobloch and Laura Honey as they step down from their Deacon duties. Both have served the church as Deacons for six years, and Tom has been a Co-chair for the past two. They have served with enthusiasm, distinction, and reverence. We are very grateful for all they have done. Thank you, Tom and Laura!

Ella Long, Deacon Chair

YOUTH GROUP NEWS



JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGHS

Help us spread the love this month! Join us at the church Sunday, February 16 at 11:30 AM for Valentines making.

We will then go to the Boothbay Green to distribute the valentines and play Bingo at 1:00 PM with their residents!

As always, the more the merrier, so please bring a friend!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

February is here and we have some SUPER FUN things going on in Sunday School!

On February 2nd if we FILL THE BOX in the Sunday School room with donations for the Food Pantry we will have a SUPER BOWL OF CARING party at the end of Sunday School!! So make sure you bring in your donations and we FILL THE BOX!



Please join the Sunday School on February 9th after church in the Fellowship Hall for our annual HEIFER HOOTENANNY! The Sunday School Kids have worked

hard fundraising this year and we would like to celebrate with you and thank everyone in our congregation for all their support! The Sunday School will be serving pulled pork, pulled chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, and rolls. YUMMY!!

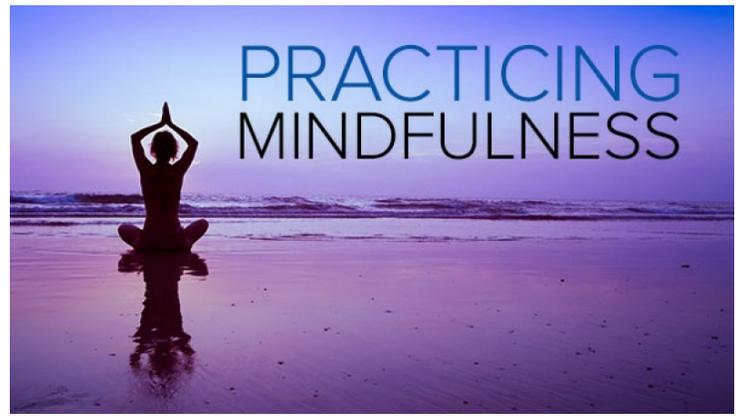
We would like to ask all our fabulous bakers in the congregation to donate a pie for our celebration. Your favorite pie would be perfect! All flavors are welcome! There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for pie donations.



February 23rd (the Sunday after February vacation) is a Family Sunday. There will be Sunday School.

If you have any questions please contact Magen congokids@gmail.com

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Practicing Mindfulness: An Introduction to Meditation Sunday Mornings at 8:25 AM

Taught by Professor Mark Muesse, Ph.D., Rhodes College. This is the same professor who presented the last series we all enjoyed so much, comparing Jesus, Mohammed, Confucius and Buddha.

The course is divided into 24 lectures which will take us into June. Each session starts with a lecture on CD that lasts about 30 minutes. The rest of the time is spent discussing what we just saw. Everything is very informal and each lecture stands alone, so you can come to individual or multiple sessions as you are able. We meet at 8:25 AM before church so choir members can attend the lectures before choir rehearsal.

Please join us.

2/2	LECTURE 4	Preparation: <i>Taking Moral Inventory</i>
2/9	LECTURE 5	Position: <i>Where to Be for Meditation</i>
2/16	LECTURE 6	Breathing: <i>Finding a Focus for Attention</i>
2/23	LECTURE 7	Problems: <i>Stepping-Stones to Mindfulness</i>
3/1	LECTURE 8	Body: <i>Attending to Our Physical Natures</i>



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

*“Lord, even as we enjoy
the Super Bowl football game,
help us be mindful of those
without a bowl of soup to eat.”*

On average, the number of families attending the pantry increases during the winter months. Last year the BR Food Pantry served 232 separate peninsula families, comprised of 530 family members, for a total of over 1190 visits.

Food and monetary donation can be brought to worship and left by the pulpit before the service begins or during the first hymn. Volunteers will also be accepting donations at the Boothbay Region Food Pantry on Super Bowl **Sunday, February 2** from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. Drop in with your donations of non-perishable food and money gifts. One dollar from your pocket will buy four meals from the Good Shepard Food Bank. Checks made payable to Boothbay Region Food Pantry.

**Shrove
Tuesday**



**Pancake
Supper**

Tuesday, February 25th

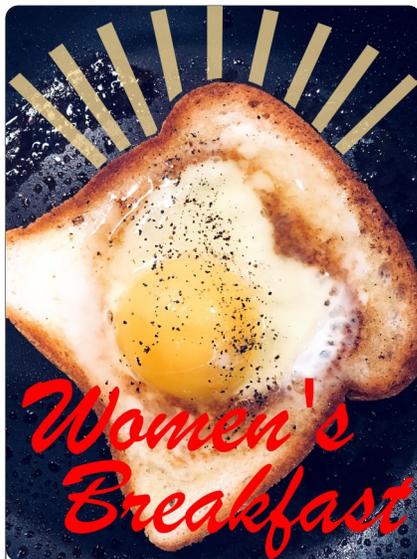
5-6:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

Please join us for a celebration of Shrove Tuesday with a Pancake Supper hosted by the choir. All you can eat pancakes and bacon, served with juice and coffee.



**MONDAY,
FEB. 10
8 AM AT
MAMA D'S**



Women's Breakfast will be held on **Thursday, February 13 at 8:30 AM** at Mama D's. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

If you find that you are unable to attend, remove your name from the list by Sunday, February 9 or call Arlene Smith 633-2383.

NOTICE THE NEW DAY!



Did you know? *Our television and internet Sunday morning viewers really enjoy seeing and recognizing their friends in the pews each Sunday. It makes them feel even more connected to the service. However, for them to see you, it really helps if you sit toward the front of the sanctuary. If you are comfortable, please sit toward the front and enrich the service for our viewers at home. Thank you!*



COMMUNITY LUNCH

The fourth lunch to be hosted by our church at St. Columba's is Thursday, February 6.

8 soups, chilis, or stews are needed, as well as 5 interesting breads and 5 desserts.

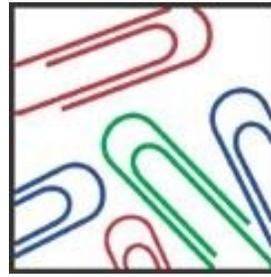
New participation is needed, as church members travel to warmer climates in the winter. Consider a donation of food to this worthy event. Just sign on the line in Fellowship Hall.

In case the weather is frightful and school is cancelled, then there is no community lunch. Channel 6 TV does televise such a cancellation early.

Thank you! The Congregational Team.

Ways you can **SERVE**

Please consider volunteering to do an invocation, provide flowers for worship, or provide refreshments for Sunday coffee hour. You may sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or online at www.congochurchbbh.org/signupcentral.



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

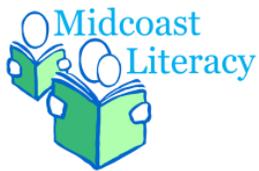
New Email Addresses

Please be aware the church staff is using new email addresses as of November 1st. Please see the changes below and update your contacts for email.

Pastor: pastor@congochurchbbh.org

Heather Lorrain, Church Administrator:
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Kathleen Humphrey, Church Bookkeeper:
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Midcoast Literacy is looking for volunteer tutors to work with both children and adults in the Boothbay Region. We provide one-on-

one tutoring services for adults through our Literacy Volunteers Program. We help adults improve their skills in reading, writing, comprehension, math, computer literacy, English language learning, and literacy-based life skills so they can enhance their lives and achieve their personal goals. If you are interested please contact Don Lader at d.lader@midcoastliteracy.org or 207-443-6384.

NEWS FROM THE BOOKKEEPER

Donation statements for year end 2019 were sent email on Jan.9. If you do not have an email on file with the church office, look for your statement in next week's U.S. Mail. If you do not receive your statement or have questions, please contact Kathleen Humphrey at bkk@congochurch.org or call the church office on Monday or Thursday.

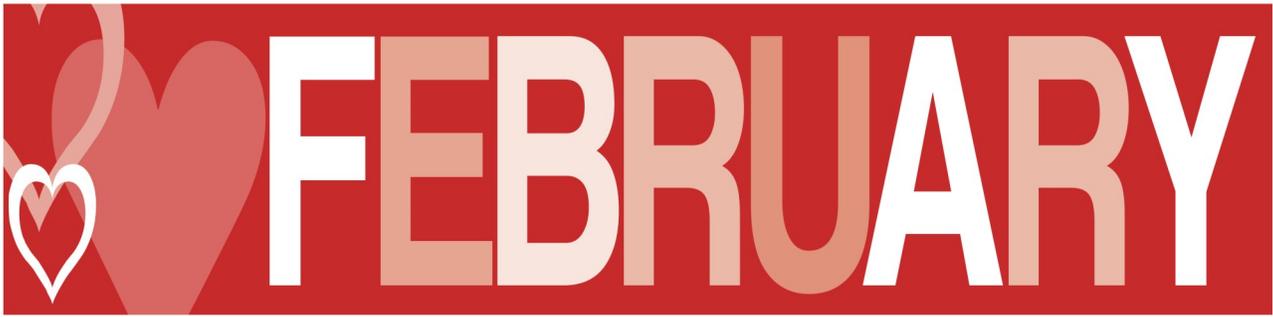
16TH ANNUAL TALENT SHOW



& COMFORT FOOD DINNER SUNDAY, MARCH 8th

**Talent show starts at 4 PM - Dinner to follow
Not to be missed!**

**Sign up to participate in the talent show
and/or bring a comfort food dish**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Super Bowl/Groundhog Day 8:25am Adult Christian Education 10am Sunday School 10am Worship-Souper Bowl of Caring Collection 11:30am Souper Bowl of Caring	3	6:45am Book & Meditation 7:15pm Bells Rehearsal	5	6 11:30am Community Luncheon at St. Columba's 12pm AA Meeting 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	7 11:30am Food Pantry	8
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE **SUNDAYS 10 AM**

- February 2** **HOLY COMMUNION, INTERIM PASTOR WELCOME & SOUPER
BOWL OF CARING COLLECTION**
Rev. Kenneth Bradsell and Rev. Peter Ilgenfritz, Interim Pastor
Food and monetary donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring collection can be brought to worship and left by the pulpit before the service begins or during the first hymn. Please help support the Boothbay Region Food Pantry.
Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship for a special coffee hour to thank Rev. Ken Bradsell for his service to our church over the past two months and to welcome our interim pastor.
- February 9** **Rev. Peter Ilgenfritz**
Heifer Hootenanny following worship!
- February 16** **Rev. Peter Ilgenfritz**
- February 23** **Rev. Kenneth Bradsell**