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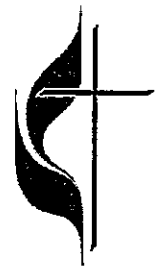
Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church

We are a Welcoming, Inclusive, and Reconciling Congregation

9 Church Ave., Peaks Island, ME 04108

Rev. Angela Tarbox, Pastor

207-766-5013; www.brackettmumc.org; brackettmumc@yahoo.com



Anyone is welcome to join any of our worship, fellowship, or mission opportunities.

Sunday Morning Worship at 10am. Followed by an informal time of food and fellowship in the church hall.

Adult Scripture Study Thursdays, 10-11:30am at Claire Dahl's home (13 Sunset). Dec. 4 will be held at the parsonage (9 Church Ave.). No Study on Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Fridays 10:30am – 12:30pm at the parsonage (9 Church Ave.).

Peaks Island Food Pantry at Brackett Church Mondays, 3:30-5pm. If you would like to donate non-perishable food, there are drop-off locations at the Community Center and Brackett Church.

After School Bible School Wednesdays, 12:30-2:30pm. Children in grades K-5 are invited to join us for some fun, snacks, and games as we learn through the Bible how to recognize God in the world and to treat one another with love and compassion. No Bible School on December 24 or December 31

SPECIAL EVENTS IN DECEMBER:

Saturday, December 13, 10am – 2pm: Jingle Bell Fair. Santa Clause is coming to Peaks! Crafts by island artisans, fabulous silent auction, Christmas decorations, and lunch of homemade soup, bread and beverages. Remember the silent auction will also be available during the intermissions of the Peaks Island Music Association Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 14 as well, so be sure to attend and get in your bids!

Wednesday, December 17, 7pm: Blue Christmas service. This sacred time of year can also be a difficult one as we remember those who are suffering, those who are alone, and those who are no longer here to celebrate with us. Our Blue Christmas service is a candlelit time of Scripture, contemplation, and music to remind us that the Christ child was born in the midst of suffering and oppression. Emmanuel (God With Us) experiences our pain alongside us and is our source of hope in times of sorrow as well as joy.

Friday, December 19, 6:30pm: Faith & Films. Bring your snacks, maybe a comfy cushion and your family for a fun, free, community movie night at Brackett Church. This month, we'll be watching **The Nativity Story** (Rated PG). All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Wednesday, December 24, 7pm: Christmas Eve Service of Word and Song. All are welcome as we incorporate sacred Scripture, traditional carols, inspiring music and modern parables to tell the story of the Christ Child's birth. Islanders and friends of all ages offer their voices and instrumental gifts in celebration.

Peaks Island Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

**Our CERT Team is planning a refresher course
to update those who have been CPR certified.**

For more information, call Al Bleau at 766-0007 or 781-962-2662.

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St. Christopher's Catholic Church

Rector: Father Michael Seavey at 773-7746

Sunday Mass is at 10 AM followed by fellowship in the Parish House.
All are welcome. Details for other Masses at www.cluster21portland.org.

For questions concerning Baptism, Reconciliation & Marriage, please contact Father Mike.

Christmas Day Mass is at 10 AM December 25th.

New Year's Eve Mass is at 4 PM December 31st.

Share Scripture with Islanders from 9:30 to 11 AM each Thursday in the Parish House.

Cancer Support Group meets from 7 to 8 PM on Tuesday, December 16th in the Parish House.

AA meets Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Parish House.

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PO Box 22, Peaks Island, Me 04108

PEAKS ISLAND COUNCIL (PIC)

Next Peaks Island Council Meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2014, at 6:30 PM in the Community Center. This is a special meeting where newly elected Councilors will be sworn into office.

NEED BASED FERRY TICKETS

Tickets are available through the Baptist Church, Brackett Church, Food Pantry, Peaks Island Health Center, St. Christopher's Church and the Peaks Island Senior Center.

Bike Tickets for Island Residents - Program suspended during winter months. ↙

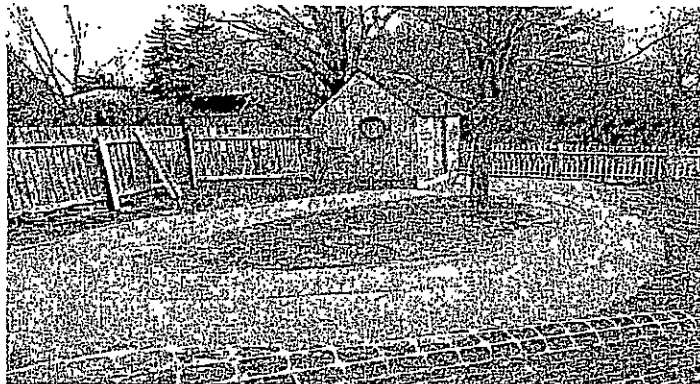
Regularly scheduled Peaks Island Meetings are held the 4th Thursday of every month, 6:30PM at the community room.

PEAKS ISLAND CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP: 71 Herman Avenue: 766-2854

www.picw.org



PICW will be closed Wednesday, December 24th and reopen Monday, January 5th for Winter Break



A **BIG** thank you to the Peaks Island Fund, Welch Charitable Fund and private donors for helping us with the funding to build a tricycle track on our playground. We are now safely able to pedal trikes and bikes at PICW!

PICW is accepting applications for full time care on our WAIT-LIST. Part-time care is available.
Contact Celeste at celeste@picw.org for applications

The Board of the PICW is always open to suggestions and communication from the community. Please contact us through Board Chair, Gerry Ney at gerryney3@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF TEIA

The Friends of TEIA annual appeal for YOUR financial support begins in November and runs through December. The Friends of TEIA provides all year round resident Peaks Island children with the opportunity to participate in the summer programs offered at TEIA without cost to the families. Last summer 46 island children were involved in the sailing, tennis, kid's camp, theater camp and the pre teen programs. Each summer the enthusiasm of the children radiates on each and every face as they learn new skills and make new friends from afar. Many parents have told us over the years: "My child enjoyed learning the basics of sailing, gaining confidence and the water safety skills needed on the bay." "Kids camp is awesome...we get to play so many games and do craft projects." "Pirate's day is the BEST."

To make this all happen each summer we encourage you to think about Friends of TEIA and what it offers to your child or your neighbor's children and support us as you can.

Your tax deductible contribution may be sent to FRIENDS OF TEIA PO Box 87 Peaks Island ME 04108.

Thank you for helping to make special summer memories and learning opportunities for our Peaks Island children.

December at the Peaks Island Branch Library

in the Community Building 766-5540 email peaks@portland.lib.me.us
Hours Open: Tues 2-8 Wed 10-4 Fri 10-2 Sat 8-12

Would you like a break from the hustle of the holidays? The library can be a nice place to get away from it all. Sit and read a magazine, lose yourself in a book, or find some music or an audiobook. Stop by and take advantage of a quiet escape.

First Tuesdays Book Discussion is reading *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion for the next meeting, which is on Tuesday, January 6, at 7 pm. The book tells the story of Don Tillman, a professor of genetics, who sets-up a project designed to find him the perfect wife. He starts with a questionnaire that has to be adjusted a little as he goes along. Then he meets Rosie, who is everything he's not looking for in a wife. A light-hearted and enjoyable read for this busy time of year. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Middle School Book Club's next meeting: Tuesday, December 16, 5:45 pm. Who doesn't like hot chocolate and cookies? This month come in your pajamas, bring your favorite picture book and enjoy sugar cookies and hot chocolate.

During the first 3 weeks of December we will have:

Nursery Rhyme Time for Infants and Toddlers: Wednesdays at 10:15

Story Time for PreSchoolers: Fridays at 10:15

If your child does not attend the Peaks Island Children's Workshop or not on those days, come join us. It's a young group this year, but they are terrific and we have a lot of fun.

NEWS FROM PEAKS ISLAND SCHOOL

Over the past couple of weeks the students at the PIES have undertaken an investigation of the place we all call home. Every class has brainstormed a list of things they want to know more about on the island in an effort to bring our local experts into our classrooms and to bring our inquisitive students out into their island laboratory. We took classroom teachers out into our community and the students showed them the lay of the land. Our teachers are curious about our community.

Here is a list of things that came up in all three classrooms: natural, military, and geological history of Peaks Island, trails, animals, seals, porpoises; how to build and how to take apart things on Peaks Island, Battery Steele, intertidal zone, the shore, waves and erosion. How did the island get here? Who settled Peaks Island?

If you have something to share with our students and staff please let me know.

We hope you all are as curious about us as we are about you.

Thanksgiving is upon us and we at the Peaks Island Elementary have so much to be grateful for. This month has been full of community. Last Thursday we hosted over one hundred people for lunch at our school. Families and staff decorated the gym, set the tables and filled the dessert trays so that together we could share an hour and a meal while celebrating the season together.

We have held our first Reading Mentor training and are always looking for more mentors. If you feel that you have something to share with our student scientists please contact me at the school. Ellen Mahoney mahone@portlandschools.org 766-2528

PEAKS ISLAND LIONS CLUB

Peaks Island Children's Christmas Party

The annual Peaks Island Lions Club and Peaks Island American Legion, McVane, Post 142 Children's Christmas Party will be held at the Peaks Island Elementary School on Tuesday, December 23rd beginning at 2:30 pm. All Peaks Island children from birth through grade five are invited to attend.

Signup sheets for children who do not attend the Peaks Island Elementary School can be found at the Hannigan's Market, the Peaks Island Café and the Peaks Island Library beginning November 23rd.

If your child does not attend the Peaks Elementary School, please sign up to assure that your child will receive an age appropriate gift.

Lions Club Grants

The Peaks Island Lions Club recently distributed funds to numerous community organizations. Additionally, a one thousand dollar scholarship was granted to 17 Peaks Island students who are attending a college or a technical school during the 2014 - 2015 school year.

Grant funds were obtained from Lion's volunteer and fundraising activities including: lobster bakes, pancake breakfasts, the variety show, the road race, club rentals and private donations.

PEAKS ISLAND TAXI NEWS

Hooray for the Holidays! The question that pops into your head may be "Now, what do I get for my Aunt, Uncle or special friend?" May we suggest a Gift Certificate of prepaid Taxi rides for that person who is hard to buy for or who has everything. The certificates cost \$30 for 10 rides in Zone 1 and \$50 for 10 rides in Zone 2. Please see one of the drivers in the Taxi to purchase these Gift Certificates.

We want to remind you that the Taxi may not meet every boat on Christmas Day and New Years Day, but will be on call during our normal operating hours. Please call (518-0000) to make a reservation. Signs will be posted listing the holiday schedule.

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season!

Thank you for your continued support and let's "Keep the Wheels Rollin!"

SENIOR LUNCHEON NEWS

It's time for our Holiday Potluck Luncheon!! On Monday, December 8th, we will be dining on roast turkey, compliments of the Peaks Island Lions Club. Come join us at the Fay Garman House at 12 noon for this festive luncheon. Please bring side dishes or desserts to compliment the turkey. Also, the Seniors will receive a visit from the Children's Workshop prior to our lunch.

Peaks Island Health Center

87 Central Ave.

Hours: **Monday and Thursday: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

Kitty Gilbert, Family Nurse Practitioner, provides care for all ages.

Please call either **766-2929** or **874-2466** for an appointment.

Holiday Schedule: Please note that Christmas and New Year's Day will be celebrated on Thursdays this year. The Peaks Island Health Center will open on Monday 12/22/14 and Monday 12/29/14.

Vial of Life: What is the Vial of Life?

If a medical professional comes to your home to provide assistance when you are not able to communicate, it is enormously helpful for that responder to be informed of medical circumstances that may have contributed to your condition. The Vial of Life is a very brief medical history, encompassing your meds, your allergies, your general condition. The object is to have this list in a baggie, on your refrigerator, labeled with a decal for fast access by the medical professional, only. A secondary decal will be posted on a main entrance to notify the medical pro that this is available.

When you are critical, information is also critical.

The name: 'Vial of Life' is a throwback to days of yore, when people kept this info in a medicine vial inside their refrigerator. The Health Center has these packets available and will be collaborating with other groups on island for distribution.

Annual Fund Campaign: Mailings will be sent in November. Your continued support of the Health Center is appreciated. Happy Holidays!



News from Fay Garman House - Senior Housing

89 Central Avenue - Peaks Island

As some islanders are aware, there are openings at the senior housing property on Peaks Island. Apartments are filled from a waiting list. Some who are newer may not know the background of this independent senior housing property.

Fay Garman House is an 11-unit Affordable Senior Housing property named in honor of Fay Garman, a Peaks legend who wanted to bring affordable housing to the island.

- **Age criteria:** Head of Household or Co-Head of Household must be 62 yrs. of age or older
- **Income criteria:** Income limits apply.

The Fay Garman House is managed by Volunteers of America Northern New England. For more information or to receive an application, contact Volunteers of America at help@voanne.org or (207) 373-1140. Learn more at: www.voanne.org.

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND

Sponsored by Portland Recreation and Facilities Management

To reserve space and equipment in the community building, you must contact Denise at least two days in advance. Please plan ahead as Denise works just part-time on the island – Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Denise will be away from the office from December 19 – January 1. All reservations for that time must be made by December 18. Denise will be back on the island on Friday, January 2. Best way to contact Denise is via email at d1m@portlandmaine.gov or you may leave a message (766-2970).

COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

This annual community-wide event takes place at the living tree “down front” from 4:00 – 5:00 pm. Join in the fun as we decorate the tree, sing and then count down for the lighting of the tree. We will then gather at Peaks Café afterwards for refreshments. Please bring food or monetary donations for the Food Pantry. Also accepting travel size shampoo, lotion and soaps for shelters.

MAKE DECORATIONS/ORNAMENTS (com. rm)

Monday, December 1 Drop in from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm
Open to all ages. Make ornaments for the island “living tree” and for home using recycled cards. Share your creative ideas! BYO lunch if you’d like to have lunch together.

SALE: HATS, SCARVES and DISHCLOTHES

Thurs., Dec. 4, 11 AND Mon., Dec. 8 10:30 – 11:45am
Come to the com. rm. to see and buy the beautiful hats (\$7), scarves (\$7) & dishcloths (\$2) the knitters have made this year. These items will be donated to local charities between Dec. 12 – 19 so this is the last chance to purchase for 2014. All proceeds from sales go to purchase gloves and socks for charity.

WEEKLY THURSDAY GET-TOGETHERS: KNIT, CHAT and BYO LUNCH

Thursdays, December 4, 11, 18 10:45am-12:00pm
Stop by the com. room between 10:45am and 12:00pm to knit or crochet items for charity. We are ending our 4th year of knitting for charity. This project will continue in 2015. Please bring travel size shampoo, hand lotion and soap so we can add them to the items we donate to local shelters.

CARD-WRITING SOCIAL (com. rm)

Friday, December 12 Drop in from 11:00am-1:00 pm
If you like having company while writing out your holiday cards, stop by the community room to socialize, have a cup of tea or hot chocolate & get something done. All welcome.

CELEBRATE BINGO’S BIRTHDAY (com. rm)

Monday, December 15 Drop in from 10:45am-1:00 pm
BYO lunch-make this a “marathon” celebration of BINGO! Hot beverages, some sweets and PRIZES will be available.

2015: START the NEW YEAR w/ LAUGHTER

Friday, January 2 11:00am – 2:00 pm (com. rm)
Stop by for some stress-relieving laughing! Look back on the years with photos/videos. Learn the benefits of laughter, do some playful exercises, see classic TV episodes, and have FUN! Bring your own jokes/riddles/stories to share.

On-going exercise programs for Adults

Mondays & Thursdays: Low Impact Aerobics w/ Weights
9:30 – 10:30 am (com. rm.)

Tuesdays: Adult Basketball
6 -8 pm, PI School Gym Fee: \$2 res/\$3 non-res



December Movies – Saturday Nights – FREE

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| 6PM 6 | <i>Arthur Christmas</i> , 2011, PG, 97 min | 8PM 6 | <i>The Selfish Giant</i> , 2013, NR, 91 min |
| 13 | <i>Paranorman</i> , 2012, PG, 92 min | 13 | <i>13 Conversations About One Thing</i> , 2002, R, 94 min |
| 20 | <i>The Lion King</i> , 1994, G, 88 min | 20 | <i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest</i> , 1975, PG-13, 131 min |
| 27 | <i>How to Train Your Dragon 2</i> , 2014, PG, 102 min | 27 | <i>The Big Lebowski</i> , 1998, R, 119 min |

Saturday Night Movies are a program of the Friends of the Peaks Island Library and are shown on a large screen in the Community Room by volunteers. Children must be accompanied by adults.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH’S STAR: Thursday, December 25, by 6 pm. Bring articles, copy-ready, to the library. You may put them in the Book Return or under the door if the library is closed. Early articles are welcome. Happy Holidays!