

THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Week of January 6 – January 13, 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A warm and loving welcome is extended to all who worship among us this morning. If you are a **visitor**, please sign the guest book in the narthex, fill out a pew card if you'd like and put it in the offering box. Then join us for coffee and light refreshments in the parlor after the service. We are happy to have you with us!

A Prayer List is available as you enter the Sanctuary. Please feel free to place on that list any joy or concern you may have. These will be read (as they are written) before the prayer time.

If you are hospitalized or you know of a member of our congregation who is hospitalized, please let Pastor Joel or Pastor Kate know.

Head Usher: *Gary Grant*

Greeters: *Cathie Jorgensen & Deb Jenks* **Deacons of the Month:** *Pat Kaplan & Richard Fiske*

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF AND CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 27, 2019—11:30 a.m. First Church Fellowship Hall

The Annual Meeting and pot luck will be held on Sunday, January 27 following morning worship in the upstairs Fellowship Hall. We will begin right after worship with a Potluck luncheon followed by the business meeting. Please bring a dish to share.

The Nominating Committee will present the 2019 slate of officers and board and committee members for approval. The 2019 Budget will also be presented for approval.

Linda Smith & Nancy Brown
Co-Clerks

House Church – We will resume on Wed., Jan 16 at the parsonage (time to be determined). All are welcome.

Centering Prayer Meditation began January 3rd at 10:00 until 11:00 and will continue every Thursday thereafter. We will meet in the library. If you have questions, please talk to Pat Kaplan.

Boar's Head Festival: Yes, we will be celebrating this Epiphany event again this year on January 12, 2019. Please speak to Vicki Keller, Deb Woodbury, Beth Haynes or Larry Philbrick if you are interested in taking part in either serving, cooking, singing, or acting. We will soon have a sign-up sheet in the parlor for those interested in taking part in some way. If not up to helping out, then come and enjoy the feast and entertainment.

Boar's Head Rehearsals – **Today, Sunday, Jan. 6** – after church – confirm parts and costumes; **Thursday, Jan. 10 – 5:30 pm** – Choir and all cast rehearsal in Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Jan. 12 – 3:00 pm – Final walk-through / 5:00 pm – Boar's Head Festival performance! (If you cannot make rehearsals just talk to Debbie Woodbury or Beth Haynes)

200th Anniversary Time Capsule – We have moved the dedication of the 200th Anniversary Time Capsule to the day of our Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 27th. If you have any thoughts as to additional items to go into the Time Capsule, please talk to Pastor Joel.

200th Anniversary Directories – The brand new *200th Anniversary Directories* are coming! Stay tuned!

Interested in becoming a member of First Church? – If you have been thinking about joining First Church, please talk to one of our pastors.

Readings for next Sunday – Isa 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17 and Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.

The Sunrise Association has invited us to pray each week for a sister church. This week we hold up in our prayers First Congregational Church of Ellsworth.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Today	Jan	6	8:30am	Choir Rehearsal
			10:00 am	Worship/Communion
Monday	Jan	7	6:30 pm	NA
Tuesday	Jan	8	10:00 am	GBAM Food Cupboard Board – parlor
			4:30 pm	Diaconate
			5:30 pm	Trustees
			6:00 pm	Nar-Anon
Thursday	Jan	10	10:00 am	Centering Prayer – library
			3:30 pm	Eight O’Clock Club – library
			5:30 pm	Boar’s Head Rehearsal
Saturday	Jan	12	3:00 pm	Boar’s Head Rehearsal & Cast Call
			5:00 pm	Boar’s Head Feast
Sunday	Jan	13	8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
			10:00 am	Worship

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Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.

Office Administrator: Nancy Brown

Religious Education Director: Beth Haynes Nursery Attendant: Brenda Warman

Organist/Choir Director: Larry Philbrick

Custodial Staff: Mandy Everett

Treasurer: Chair Trustees, Todd Hall Financial Secretary: Nancy Rice

Moderator: Jane Grant Co-Clerks: Linda Smith & Nancy Brown

Webmaster: Jim Kuffert Videographer: Kathleen Kearns

Pastors: Rev. Joel Krueger and Rev. Dr. Kate Winters

Ministers: All the people

BCTV Broadcast on Time-Warner Cable Channel 2

Belfast: Sun 9:30 am & 6:00 pm, Mon 10:00 am, Thurs 2:00 pm; Fri 6:00 am, Sat 5:30 pm

Searsport: Saturdays at 6:00pm, Sundays 9:00am & 6:00pm and Mondays 9:00am.

Church services can also be viewed through our website.

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The First Church Welcoming Statement

We, the people of the First Church in Belfast, United Church of Christ, declare ourselves to be a gathered body of Christians, ever open to the voice of the Still Speaking God. In the spirit of those who worshipped here before us for over 200 years, we strive to witness God's love and Jesus' example in the wider community. To that end, we engage and support all people, whoever they may be and wherever they are on their spiritual journey, in worship, fellowship and service. We intentionally and joyfully welcome people of every race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, physical and mental ability, socio-economic situation and faith background into the full life, ministry, sacraments and leadership of this church. We celebrate and support family in all its diverse forms and recognize and bless all loving and committed relationships. Together, we will strive, in the words of the prophet Micah, "to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly