



THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC

*An Open
and Affirming Congregation*

Week of January 7 – January 14, 2018

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*

Deacons of the Month: *Roger Haynes & Richard Fiske*

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF AND CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 28, 2018—11:30 a.m. First Church Fellowship Hall

The Annual Meeting and pot luck will be held on Sunday, January 28 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 2018 slate of officers and board and committee members for approval. The 2018 Budget will also be presented for approval.

Linda Smith & Nancy Brown

Co-Clerks

Annual Report – Reports from all boards and committees are due to the church office by Tuesday, January 16 to allow time to assemble the annual report and distribute by Jan. 21.

2018 First Church Calendars – *The calendars are here.* If you ordered a calendar you can pick it up after church or from the church office. If you didn't order one, you can still get one, as we have extras! They are \$15 each. Filled with all kinds of interesting historical information and pictures of First Church. You need to have one of these *and they still* will make a great Christmas or New Year's gift!

Readings for next Sunday – 1 sam 3rd 1-10, (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Cor 6:12:20; Jn 143:51.

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

"What's that kid doing?" - Our children need our support, acceptance and encouragement as they grow in their ability to fully participate in worship according to their own unique abilities and experiences. Some may have a shorter attention span, may need activities to help them quietly attend to the service, may need to physically move their bodies, some may only attend for part of our opening. As a welcoming congregation, we honor the path each child takes, at their own pace, to becoming a full participant in worship. If you would like a visit or more information about the church, please call the church office at 338-2282.

Children are always welcome at First Church during the church service. There is **nursery care**, with an attendant, available for infants to preschoolers (through the door to the right of the pulpit area) during the service. There are rocking chairs available in the narthex for those with very little ones and a diaper changing station in the ADA rest room in the Parish House. Also, children and youth in grades K-12 are welcome to attend Sunday School class after the Young People's message.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Today	Jan	7	8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
			10:00 am	Worship/Communion
Monday	Jan	8	6:30 pm	NA
Tuesday	Jan	9	9:00 am	CCPC
			10:00 am	Food Cupboard Board
			4:30 pm	Diaconate
Wednesday	Jan	10	4:30 pm	House Church
Sunday	Jan	14	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: John Cameron

Custodial Staff: Allen Eldridge Sexton: Rowena Lisa

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 with our God."