

THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Week of January 13 – January 20, 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: *Nancy Rice & Manley Rogers* **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 meet again starting January 16th and every Wednesday, from 11:00 am to noon at the church parsonage (22 Crocker Rd.). Join us for this time of scripture, reflection, discussion on the passages and related contemporary issues, and communion. All are welcome.

Martin Luther King Day Event - On **Monday, January 21st**, we will be holding the 30th annual Martin Luther King Day celebration here at First Church. We meet at 4:30 pm at Post Office Square and march together, singing all the way, to the First Church, where we enter the sanctuary through the front doors together. At 5:00 pm we begin our event in the church. Singing, hearing some of King's words, and guest speaker Kirsten Daley, will highlight the event. Those wishing to be part of a **choir** to sing "Lift Every Voice and Sing" will rehearse on **Saturday, Jan. 19th at 1:00 pm at First Church**. All are welcome to join us as we remember this great man and activist and continue his call for freedom and justice in our land.

200th Anniversary Directories – The new Directories are here and will be distributed to all at Annual Meeting. There is no cost for these, though donations will be accepted to help defray the cost.

Centering Prayer Meditation will continue every Thursday in the library from 10-11 am. If you have questions, please talk to Pat Kaplan.

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.

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 62:1-3; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Cor 12:1-11; John 2:1-11.

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Today	Jan	13	8:30am	Choir Rehearsal
			10:00 am	Worship
			11:30 am	OSG
			11:30 am	Music
Monday	Jan	14	6:00 pm	Flash Mob Rehearsal
			6:30 pm	NA
Tuesday	Jan	15	5:30 pm	Trustees
			6:00 pm	Nar-Anon
Wednesday	Jan	16	9:30 am	Maine Seacoast Mission – Library
			11:00 am	House Church – Parsonage
Thursday	Jan	17	10:00 am	Centering Prayer – Library
Friday	Jan	18	1:00 pm	MLK Planning Meeting
Saturday	Jan	19	10:00 pm	Circle of Presence
			1:00 pm	MLK Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	Jan	20	8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
			10:00 am	Worship
			11:30 am	Council

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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