

THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Week of February 3– February 10, 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: *Rebecca, Evangeline and Levi Stauffer*

Deacons of the Month: *Richard Fiske & Cathie Jorgensen*

House Church – Meets 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.

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

City of Belfast Congratulates – In November, the Belfast City Council sent to us a letter of congratulations on our church sanctuary's 200th anniversary. Thanks to Pat Kaplan who put the pages into a frame, it now is on the wall in the parlor, above the proclamation received from the State of Maine. Please take a look at these acknowledgments of our church.

Valentine's Dinner – On Feb. 16, at 5:00 pm we will hold our annual Valentine's Dinner. Again this year the Midcoast Ukes ukulele group will entertain us! If you would like to help with the dinner, please contact Vicki Keller.

New Members Orientation – If you are interested in First Church membership or just would like to come and learn more about our church, we will have a gathering on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 6:00 pm at the church parsonage (22 Crocker Rd.). All are welcome!

GAME DAY IS BACK! On Saturday, February 23 we will be holding another family game day! Games will start at 2 PM, spaghetti dinner will be served around 5 PM. Donations of sides, salads, and desserts would be appreciated. Bring your favorite game, or try one of ours! For more information, please contact Vicki Keller.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS! On March 2, 9 am – 2 pm the 8 O'clock Service Club will be sponsoring an indoor yard sale in Fellowship Hall. The club plans to sponsor a craft table and is looking for folks who are handy with a sewing machine, and would be willing to make bib-front aprons, baby bibs, adult bibs, tote bags, knitting needle keepers, etc. Crafters in all disciplines are encouraged to share their talents; photography, jewelry making, ceramic/pottery, woodcraft, artwork, doll clothes, casserole carriers, etc. Proceeds from the craft sale will benefit our current fund raiser; **"A Helping Hand for the Panhandle"**. This will benefit residents in the Florida Panhandle who were affected by hurricane Michael in October. Further information on the indoor yard sale will be forthcoming. For information, please contact Vicki Keller.

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 6:1-8, (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11.

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 of Hancock.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Today	Feb	3	8:30am	Choir Rehearsal
			10:00 am	Worship/Communion
Monday	Feb	4	6:30 pm	NA
Tuesday	Feb	5	10:00 am	CPPC
			6:00 pm	Nar-Anon
Wednesday	Feb	6	11:00 am	House Church – Parsonage
Thursday	Feb	7	10:00 am	Centering Prayer – Library
Saturday	Feb	9	2:00 pm	Wedding – Von Itter/Ingersoll
Sunday	Feb	10	8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
			10:00 am	Worship
			11:30 am	RE

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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