



## THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC

*An Open  
and Affirming Congregation*

**Week of March 4 – March 11, 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:** *Roger Haynes*  
**Deacons of the Month:** *Linda & Dick Smith*

**Maine Interfaith Advocacy Days** – On March 19 & 20, people of all faiths will gather together in our state capital to worship, learn, and advocate effectively with Maine's legislators on the issues of immigration, poverty, health care, and climate justice. Please join us as we lift our voices on these important issues. Sponsored by the Maine Council of Churches and others. For more information, please talk to Judy or Dana Williams. Scholarships for both registration fees and travel expenses are available on a first-come, first-served basis and registration is required.

**March Messenger** – is available for pick up on the table between sanctuary and parlor and on the church web site..

**Readings for next Sunday** – Num 21:4-9; Ps 107:1-3, 17-22; Eph 2:1-10; Jn 3:14-21.

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

**"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	Mar	4	8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
			10:00 am	Worship/Communion
Monday	Mar	5	6:30 pm	NA
Wednesday	Mar	7	8am-3pm	Tobacco Fair
			4:30 pm	House Church - parlor
Thursday	Mar	8	8am-3pm	Tobacco Fair
Saturday	Mar	10	10:00 am	Circle of Presence
Sunday	Mar	11	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