

THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Week of March 10 – March 17, 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: **Deacons of the Month:** *Deb Jenks and Joy Longfellow*

Council – meets next Sunday, March 17 at 11:30 am in the library.

Lenten Book Study – Pastor Kate and Rev. Deb Jenks will be leading a book study during Lent. The book is The Underground Church: Reclaiming the Subversive Way of Jesus by Robin Meyers. Please speak with Kate or Deb about possible dates to meet and about getting a book. All are welcome!

Lenten Luncheon Series – First Church will host the GBAM Lenten Luncheon series this year. On Wednesdays throughout Lent (March 13, 20, 27, April 3 & 10) from noon to 1:00 pm, ministerium members will present on the theme of “Faithful Communication.” Please bring your bag lunch and plan to join us. **First Church Volunteers** will be needed to help set up coffee and tea. Talk to Pastor Kate if you can help.

St. Patrick's Dinner – Saturday, March 16, 5:00 pm – Let Vicki Keller know if you can help.

CPPC Community Dinner – The Community Partnerships for Protecting Children board is sponsoring a community wide dinner at First Church on Saturday, March 30, at 5:00 pm. We are looking for First Church members to help out. Talk to Pam Burrows if you are interested.

M/P/C Team - Your Publicity Team has created an “Event & Publicity Checklist” form to use for all your upcoming church events. This list is intended to assist you in submitting all necessary info/requests so nothing is left to the last minute or overlooked completely. The forms are located in the M/P/C (marketing/ publicity/communication) mailbox in the hallway. We hope you find them useful. Feel free to direct questions/suggestions to the M/P/C Team. Team Leader, Pam Burrows

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

In Love We Sing - We continue practices at the United Farmers Market every Saturday at 2:00 pm in preparation for a Musical Flash Mob. All are welcome to come and sing! For more information, please see Pat Kaplan.

House Church – We will not meet throughout the Lenten season but will gather again in May. Have a good Lent!

Readings for next Sunday – Gen 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a).

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Today	Mar	10	8:30am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Choir Rehearsal Worship RE Music
Monday	Mar	11	6:30 pm	NA
Tuesday	Mar	12	10:00 am 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	GBAM Board Mtg Trustees Nar-Anon
Wednesday	Mar	13	12:00 pm	Lenten Luncheon Series
Thursday	Mar	14	3:30 pm 5:30 pm	Eight O'Clock Club Diaconate
Saturday	Mar	16	2:00 pm 5:00 pm	Flash Mob practice @ United Farmers Market St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Sunday	Mar	17	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Choir Rehearsal Worship 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: Joan Mills

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."