

THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Week of March 17 – March 24, 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*

Deacons of the Month: *Deb Jenks and Joy Longfellow*

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

Trustees Note. Trustees are hosting coffee hour today after worship. Everyone is invited to join us in the parlor for food, coffee and conversation. And, we ask other First Church teams, groups and groups of friends to sponsor a coffee hour sometime soon. Just check with Vicki or Patty to find an open Sunday and give our regular hard-working coffee-hour-crew a break.

The Missions Committee will be accepting the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering today, and the following two Sundays. The theme of this year's campaign is "Imagine". We are invited to imagine a world where all are safe, all are loved, all are fed. Can you imagine these things? Through our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing what we imagine becomes ever more a reality for more and more people.

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

Lenten Luncheon Series – The GBAM Lenten Luncheon Series continues from noon to 1:00 pm, this Wednesday, March 20, with presenter Jim Dickson. Jim is the Branch President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. We invite everyone to come with your brown bag lunch and join us for good discussion on the theme of "Faithful Conversations." Anyone interested in helping set up the coffee and beverages, talk to Pastor Kate or Pam Burrows.

Easter Egg Hunt – Volunteers are needed to help with this year's YMCA Easter Egg Hunt. Adults are needed to help on Friday, April 19, from 4:30-7:30 pm and on Saturday, April 20, from 9:00-11:00 am, at the Y. If interested, talk to Pastor Joel or contact Jan McIntyre at the YMCA at jmcintyre@waldocountyyymca.org or call 338-4598.

Lenten Luncheon Series – First Church will host the GBAM Lenten Luncheon series this year. Continuing on Wednesdays throughout Lent (March 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.

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.

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 – Isa 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Cor 10:1-13; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32;

The Sunrise Association has invited us to pray each week for a sister church. This week we hold up in our prayers United Church of Northeast Harbor and Seal Harbor.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Today	Mar	17	8:30am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Choir Rehearsal Worship Council
Monday	Mar	18	6:30 pm	NA
Tuesday	Mar	19	10:00 am 6:00 pm	CPPC Board Mtg. Nar-Anon
Wednesday	Mar	20	12:00 pm	Lenten Luncheon Series
Thursday	Mar	21	10:00 am 11:00 am	Centering Prayer Social Justice Team
Friday	Mar	22	8:00 am	Piano Tuned – Frank Fisher
Sunday	Mar	24	8:30 am 10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal 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: 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."