

THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Week of April 7 – April 14, 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: *Cathie Jorgensen & Pat Kaplan*

Approaching a Sacrament: A Holy Communion workshop for those interested in learning to prepare and serve Communion will be held after worship today in the sanctuary. Led by Pastor Kate and sponsored by the First Church Diaconate and Communion Team. All are welcome.

Religious Education - The Religious Education Department is creating a mural of Our Church Community. We would love it if you could just draw (and color if you choose) your face or a portrait from the shoulders up on the colored paper rectangles provided in the parlor for this mural. There will be pencils, colored pencils and crayons for your use. If you would rather take it home with you to complete, please do and bring back the next week and place it in the basket in the parlor. This will be displaced for Holy Week.

Easter Flowers – Order forms for Easter flowers for the altar are available on the table between the sanctuary and parlor. Please return to the office no later than April 15.

Lenten Luncheon Series: The GBAM Lenten Luncheon Series will conclude with our last presentation on Wednesday, April 10, with Rev. Kate Winters presenting on the theme: “Faithful Communication.” All are invited to join us from noon to 1:00 pm in the First Church parlor, with your brown bag lunch. First Church members are asked to provide desserts (cookies, bars, fruit, etc.). Hope to see you there!

Spring Book Study: Join us this Saturday, April 13 for our second session of study on the book “The Underground Church: Reclaiming the Subversive Way of Jesus” by Robin Meyers. We meet in the church library at 10:00 am. Study chapters 3, 4, 5 and 6 for this session. Led by Rev. Dr. Kate Winters and Rev. Dr. Deb Jenks. All are welcome.

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.

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

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

Readings for next Sunday – Ps 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40; Isa 50:4-9; Psalm 31:9-16; Phil 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49.

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Today	Apr	7	8:30am	Choir Rehearsal
			10:00 am	Worship/Communion
			11:30 am	Communion Workshop
Tuesday	Apr	9	10:00 am	Tall Pines Worship
				Food Cupboard Board- parlor
			5:30 pm	Trustees
Wednesday	Apr	10	12:00 pm	Lenten Luncheon Series
Thursday	Apr	11	10:00 am	Centering Prayer
			3:30 pm	Eight O’Clock Club
			5:30 pm	Diaconate
Saturday	Apr	13	10:00 am	Lenten Book Study -library
Sunday	Apr	14	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.
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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."