

THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Week of April 14 – April 21, 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*

Holy Week Schedule:

Maundy Thursday Service – April 18, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall/Upper Room – A light meal of soup and bread will be shared as we revisit the story of Jesus' last supper with his disciples.

Good Friday Open Sanctuary – April 19, Noon to 3:00 pm – The sanctuary will be open for those who would like to come in for meditation and prayer on this holy day.

Good Friday Service – April 19, 6:00 pm – The First Baptist Church of Belfast will host the ecumenical service, led by members of the Greater Bay Area Ministerium. All are welcome.

Easter Sunday – April 21

Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service – 5:30 am, Belfast Boathouse – Join us as we gather along the waterfront for this informal service led by members of GBAM.

Easter Breakfast – 6:00-8:30 am, First Church – Our cooks are cookin' up scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, gravy & biscuits, fruit, pancakes and whatever else they can find! Will be delicious!

Easter Worship – 10:00 am, First Church Sanctuary – Invite everyone you know! Our celebration of Easter will include wonderful choral music, inspirational messages from our pastors, heartfelt prayers and joyful hymns. The Easter garden will be waiting for you to come and discover the Spirit and presence of Christ! After worship we will gather in the parlor for fellowship, food and Easter Basket fun for the kids!

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.

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@waldocountymca.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!

May Messenger – Items for the May Messenger are due to the office no later than April 24. Thank you.

Readings for next Sunday – Acts 10:34-43 or Isa 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-42; John 20: 19-31.

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Today	Apr	14	8:30am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Choir Rehearsal Worship/Palm Sunday RE
Wednesday	Apr	17	2:00-5:00 pm	Community Training - Parlor
Thursday	Apr	18	6:00 pm	Maundy Thursday – Meal & Message
Friday	Apr	19	Good Friday	Sanctuary open noon-3:00 pm
Saturday	Apr	20	10:00 am	Decorate for Easter
Sunday	Apr	21	5:30 am 6:00 am 8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Sunrise Service – Boathouse Breakfast – First Church Choir Rehearsal Worship Easter Basket Fun

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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

Music: Amy Keresamar Choir Director: Isaac Bray

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

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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."