

THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Week of May 5 – May 12, 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: *Sarah Garbe & Richard Fiske*

Cinco de Mayo Burrito Brunch! – We will celebrate our neighbors to the south and the Mexican culture today after worship in the parlor. Vicki and the cooking crew will serve up some delicious food for us! Bring the whole family, there'll even be a piñata for the kids! You won't want to miss this!

Vacation - Pastors Kate & Joel will be away May 9-13, returning on May 14.

House Church – House Church will meet this Wednesday, May 8, at 11:00 a.m. at the parsonage (22 Crocker Rd.). Please come and join us for study of the scripture, lively discussion and communion.

Postal Service Food Drive - The US Postal Service Food Drive will be held on May 11, 2019. This annual collection provides a significant quantity of donations to the GBAM Food Cupboard. Neighbors help their neighbors to address the problem of food insecurity. Please be generous if your carrier is collecting. We also need volunteers to check expiration dates on donated food on the 11th. You are not required to lift! There is a sign-up sheet in the parlor for 2 hour shifts on Saturday May 11th starting at 12 noon. Families with children are welcome. Many hands will help to complete this important work. If you have any questions, please ask Sarah Garbe or Patty Sheehan.

Cakes for Campers: On May 25th at the public supper we will again auction off cakes (pies) to raise funds for Pilgrim Lodge campers. We have at least two campers again this year but hope for more. Please see Vicki Keller if you plan on bringing an item for this or sign up in the parlor.

Bibles : On Pentecost we will hold a promotional ceremony for the students in second grade. They will receive a study Bible as they move up to a higher- level classroom. Unfortunately, our Bible fund is completely depleted. If you would like to donate toward this need, you can drop it off in the church office. Make sure you designate what it is for. Thank you so much for helping us provide for our young people's education.

Pies for Pilgrim Lodge : Yes, we are still trying to raise more money so we are prepared when we have a number of our students in camping age. If there is enough interest we will also have a pie sale for Father's Day on June 16th which means we have to have a "baking frenzy" on June 15th. If you are either prepared to make some pies at home or could

come and help at the church that day in the early afternoon please sign up in the parlor. If there is enough help we will be putting out a sheet so you can preorder these pies.

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

May Messenger – is available for pick up on the table between the sanctuary and the parlor. It's also available on the church web site <http://www.firstchurchinbelfast.org/>

Readings for next Sunday – Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Rev 7:9-17; John 10:22-30.

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

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| Today | May | 5 | 8:30 am | Choir Rehearsal |
| | | | 10:00 am | Worship/Communion |
| | | | 11:15 am | Cinco de Mayo Burrito Brunch |
| Tuesday | May | 7 | 6:00 pm | Nar-Anon |
| Wednesday | May | 8 | 11:00 am | House Church @ Parsonage |
| | | | 3:00 pm | Polish Silver |
| Thursday | May | 9 | 10:00 am | Centering Prayer – Library |
| | | | 3:00 pm | Eight O'Clock Club Tea |
| | | | 5:30 pm | Diaconate |
| Saturday | May | 11 | 12-6 pm | Postal Food Drive @ Methodist Church |
| Sunday | May | 12 | 8:30 am | Choir Rehearsal |
| | | | 10:00 am | Worship |
| | | | 11:15 am | RE |

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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

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."