



THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC

*An Open
and Affirming Congregation*

Week of May 6 – May 13, 2018

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: *Roger Haynes and Pat Kaplan*

Eight O'clock Club – will meet on Thursday, May 10 at 3:30 pm in the library.

Community Supper – First Church will host a Spaghetti Public supper on May 12. Menu will include a variety of sauces, meatballs, a vegetarian dish, salad, beverages and a yummy dessert! Serving will begin at 5pm, followed by a cake and pie auction! A 50/50 raffle will also be available. This event will benefit Pilgrim Lodge camper scholarships and is “by donation” For more information/volunteering, please contact Vicki Keller.

Pies for Pilgrim Lodge: On May 12 there will be a public supper where pies and cakes will be auctioned off with the proceeds going to our Pilgrim Lodge camperships account. See Vicki Keller if you are interested in donating either pies or cakes. She has a list of the types of pies and cakes already donated.

Pentecost May 20 - Children in second grade will be receiving study Bibles on this day. All children will be taking part in the benediction and other parts of the service. Come and congratulate them for “moving” up in their Christian studies.

Take A Friend For A Walk: Also on Pentecost Sunday the Religious Education Team is encouraging people to take a friend for a walk. We will be walking along the Harbor Walk and the Rail Trail. There is no special distance - everyone will pick how far they want to go. Bring a bike if you would rather pedal instead of walk. We will “pray” for good weather that day. Bring a snack to eat along the way or pick up lunch before you go. We will head out after church.

A Big Thank You From Margaret – “Thank you for the surprise 100th birthday party at church on April 15th. The cards and cakes were wonderful.

Syria Relief - First Church is now holding its annual Syria Relief Clothing Drive. Please bring gently-used clothing, sheets, towels, etc. to the church parlor during the month of May. On Saturday, June 2nd, we will pack up and deliver all donated items to Maine Syria Relief, based in Camden. Your help is always appreciated. Thank you, The Missions Team.

When you Walk – please take a bag and pick up pine cones for our wreath project!

Readings for next Sunday – Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 Jn 5:9-13; Jn 17:6-19.

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

"What's that kid doing?" - Our children need our support, acceptance and encouragement as they grow in their ability to fully participate in worship according to their own unique abilities and experiences. Some may have a shorter attention span, may need activities to help them quietly attend to the service, may need to physically move their bodies, some may only attend for part of our opening. As a welcoming congregation, we honor the path each child takes, at their own pace, to becoming a full participant in worship.

If you would like a visit or more information about the church, please call the church office at 338-2282.

Children are always welcome at First Church during the church service. There is **nursery care**, with an attendant, available for infants to preschoolers (through the door to the right of the pulpit area) during the service. There are rocking chairs available in the narthex for those with very little ones and a diaper changing station in the ADA rest room in the Parish House. Also, children and youth in grades K-12 are welcome to attend Sunday School class after the Young People's message.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Today	May	6	8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
			10:00 am	Worship
			11:30 am	New Members Reception @ Manley Rogers
Monday	May	7	6:30 pm	NA
Tuesday	May	8	10:00 am	Food Cupboard Board – parlor
			2:00 pm	CPPC
			4:30 pm	Diaconate
			5:30 pm	Trustees
Wednesday	May	9	6-8 pm	Maskers Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall
Thursday	May	10	3:30 pm	Eight O'clock Club - Library
Friday	May	11	6-9 pm	Left Bank Books - tentative
Saturday	May	12	5:00 pm	Community Supper/Pie Auction
Sunday	May	13	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.

Office Administrator: Nancy Brown

Religious Education Director: Beth Haynes Nursery Attendant: Brenda Warman

Organist/Choir Director: John Cameron

Custodial Staff: Allen Eldridge Sexton: Rowena Lisa

Treasurer: Chair Trustees, Todd Hall Financial Secretary: Nancy Rice

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