

# THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC

## *An Open and Affirming Congregation*

Week of May 12 – May 19, 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*

**Syria Relief** - First Church will host the fourth annual First Church Maine Syria Relief drive from May 8<sup>th</sup> through May 29<sup>th</sup>. We will be collecting clothing, sheets, blankets, towels, etc. Please bring gently-used items to the First Church parlor for this important relief effort. Thanks, Syria Relief Team.

**Vacation** - Pastors Kate and Joel are on vacation, returning on Tuesday, May 14.

**House Church** – House Church will meet this Wednesday, May 15, 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.

**Church Council** – meets next Sunday, May 19 at 11:30 in the Library.

**Cakes for Campers**: On May 25<sup>th</sup> 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 students of camping age. If there is enough interest, we will also have a pie sale for Father's Day on June 16<sup>th</sup> which means we will have a "baking frenzy" on June 15<sup>th</sup>. If you can 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, there will be a sign-up sheet for pre-ordering pies.

**Up-Coming Events** – There are flyers in the parlor for 3 up-coming events here at First Church. We need help distributing them around town. If you can help, please take a few.

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

**Readings for next Sunday** – Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Rev 21:1-6; John 13:31-35.

**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.

### **THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH**

Today	May	12	8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
			10:00 am	Worship
			11:15 am	RE
Tuesday	May	14	10:00 am	Food Cupboard Board – parlor
			10:00 am	CPPC – office
			5:30 pm	Trustees
			6:00 pm	Memorial Service/Dody Many
			6:00 pm	Nar-Anon
Wednesday	May	15	10:30 am	Harbor Hill Worship
			11:00 am	House Church @ Parsonage
			1:00 pm	GBAM - Moral Injury - Sanctuary
Thursday	May	16	10:00 am	Centering Prayer – Library
			1:30 pm	M/P/C
Saturday	May	18	10am-10pm	All Roads Music Festival - Sanctuary
Sunday	May	19	8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
			10:00 am	Worship
			11:30 am	Council - Library

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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."