

# THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC

## *An Open and Affirming Congregation*

Week of June 2 – June 9, 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:** *Pat Kaplan & Joy Longfellow*

**Pentecost Sunday!** – Next week, June 9th, is Pentecost Sunday. Show your Pentecost spirit by wearing red and come cheer on the kids as they lead us in worship this day.

**Signed up for Camp?** – Are your kids or you signed up for camp at Pilgrim Lodge yet? Check out the poster in the parlor by the piano for information about all kinds of camp opportunities! Scholarships are available.

**House Church** – House Church will meet this Wednesday, June 5, 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.

**Belfast Has Pride Parade** - The First Church will again be gathering folks to participate in this year's Belfast Has Pride Parade. We will meet at the High School on June 8 at 9:30 am with the parade beginning at 11:00 am. This event is for kids and adults alike and a time to recognize, support and walk beside our brothers and sisters of the LGBTQ community. And if you aren't able to participate in the parade, please come and line the streets to cheer us on! We hope to see you all there.

**Buy A Chair** - The “Buy a Share of a Chair” fundraiser got off to a great start! But we are still a long ways from our goal, so get your share while you still can. If you have already bought a “share“, you can still buy additional ones at only \$5 apiece. Thanks!

**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 16th which means we will have a “baking frenzy” on June 15th. 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 preordering 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.

**June Messenger** is ready for pick up on the table between the sanctuary and parlor. Also available on our web site.

**Readings for next Sunday** – Acts 2:1-21 or Gen 11:1-9; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Rom 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17, (25-27).

**The Sunrise Association** has invited us to pray each week for a sister church. This week we hold up in our prayers Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine, UCC.

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

Today	June	2	10:00 am 11:15 am 11:30 am	Worship/Communion Message Musings Diaconate
Tuesday	June	4	6:00 pm	Nar-Anon
Wednesday	June	5	10:00 am 11:00 am	By-Laws Mtg. House Church @ Parsonage
Thursday	June	6	10:00 am 5:30 pm	Centering Prayer – Library Diaconate
Saturday	June	8	9:30 am	Belfast Has Pride Parade
Sunday	June	9	10:00 am 11:30 am	Worship/Children's Sunday/Pentecost 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."