

THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC
An Open and Affirming Congregation

Week of June 9 – June 16, 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*

Salad Supper - The 8 O'clock Service Club is holding their annual salad supper on Thursday, June 13 at 5:30 PM. Church members and friends are warmly invited to join us; bring your favorite salad to share. Club members should arrive by 4:00 to assist with setting up and a brief meeting before the supper. All are welcome to attend!

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 not meet this Wednesday, June 12 or at all for the rest of the summer. We will however gather for a picnic at the parsonage (22 Crocker Rd.) on Friday, June 14 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Hot dogs, burgers and brats will be on the grill and all are invited to bring a dish to share. All who have ever been involved in House Church or are interested, are welcome!

Listening & Learning Sessions - The Maine Conference is hosting a series of listening & learning sessions with members and clergy from across our Conference in order to listen and engage in some dialogue regarding some of our current strengths, challenges, tensions and aspirations. As you may know, there have been some changes in recent years in how the Conference does its work together and these listening & learning groups are a way for us to reflect upon our varied experiences and our common hopes, as we determine some possible ways to move forward. Please consider signing up for a morning (9am-noon) or afternoon (1-4 pm) session on Friday, June 14th or Saturday, June 15th at Waterville UCC (7 Eustis Pkwy, Waterville). To learn more or to register, please go to the Maine Conference website: <https://www.maineucc.org/> Pastors Joel & Kate plan to attend the Saturday afternoon session.

Centering Prayer will be on a summer hiatus for June, July, and August.

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 money so we are prepared when we have students of camping age. We will have a pie sale for Father's Day on June 16, which means we will have a "baking frenzy" on June 15 starting at 12:30 pm. 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. There is a sign-up sheet for preordering pies.

Readings for next Sunday – Prov 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Rom 5:1-5; John 16:12-15.

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 Cherryfield.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Today	June	9	10:00 am 11:15 am	Worship/ Children's Sunday/Pentecost Message Musings
Tuesday	June	11	10:00 am 10:00 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Food Cupboard Board MESOM Board Trustees Nar-Anon
Thursday	June	13	5:30 pm	Salad Supper – Eight O'Clock Club
Friday	June	14	8:15 am 5:00 pm	Food Cupboard Distribution House Church Picnic @ Parsonage
Saturday	June	15	12:30 pm 10:00 am	Pie Baking Circle of Presence
Sunday	June	16	10:00 am	Worship

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Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.

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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."