



THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC

*An Open
and Affirming Congregation*

Week of July 1 – July 8, 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.

Greeter: *Pam Burrows* **Head Usher:** *Gary Grant*
Deacons of the Month and Communion Team:
Pat Kaplan & Richard Smith

From the Welcoming Team: Please respond to the **200th Anniversary Questionnaire** that are in the parlor. We are putting together a new First Church directory and would like to have the information in by July 1st. Roger Haynes will be taking pictures after the service beginning today, July 1st. Also, the Welcoming Team is offering to host the **first Sunday of the month for Hospitality** and would **challenge other teams** to take another Sunday. It would simply require making the coffee, setting it out, perhaps bringing a few snacks and clean up. We will teach how to make the coffee! Please talk to Pat Kaplan if your team is interested. Finally – we need **greeters**. We thought it would be lovely if **families or groups of friends** would sign up for the Greeting duty (one of the most fun things to do in the church)! It involves arriving a little early (9:40 a.m.) and then welcoming those who come to worship on Sunday. Children should feel free to bring their friends as well! There is a sign-up sheet in the parlor. **WE NEED YOU!**

Adult Study Part 2 - LTQ2 examines in new light traditional faith topics such as the Bible, atonement, and sexual identification, – **Session #2 is Thursday, July 12, 6:30-8:30 in the parlor.**

EVERYONE CAN HELP: Please continue to gather pinecones for the wreath project wherever you go this summer. We need more than 5,000 pinecones to decorate approximately 600 wreaths. In addition, please save peach pits for decorating the wreaths. Please wash and dry the peach pits and store them in open bags or containers so that they do not mold. Pinecones and peach pits can be left in the craft/work room upstairs or in the downstairs kitchen. Thank you very much!

Readings for next Sunday – 2 Sam 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48 or Ezek 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Cor 12:2-10; Mk 6:1-13.

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

If you would like a visit or more information about the church, please call the church office at 338-2282. Also, if you or someone you know from church is sick or in the hospital, please let the pastors know.

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	July	1	10:00 am	Worship/Communion
			11:30 am	Picture taking for Directory
			3:30-6 pm	Maskers Rehearsal sanctuary
Monday	July	2	6:30 pm	NA
Wednesday	July	4		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Thursday	July	5	3:00 pm	Music Team
Saturday	July	7	12:00 pm	Strawberry Shortcake Festival
Sunday	July	8	10:00 am	Worship - Rev. Marc Stewart
			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