

THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Week of July 18, 2021– July 25, 2021

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 like and put it in the offering box.

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 know of a member of our congregation who is, please let Pastors Kate or Joel know.

Ushers: *Gary Grant & Roger Haynes*

Deacons of the Month: *Valerie Haskins & Richard Fiske*

Protocol –Please be respectful of one another’s distance as we come together again. If you are fully vaccinated, you are not required to wear a mask but if you are not fully vaccinated, we ask that you wear one while in the church building and while mingling with others outside on the church grounds. For those desiring to practice more caution, there are areas in the sanctuary reserved near windows for more ventilation. Also, those who wish may wear masks while singing though this is no longer required. We are so glad you have joined us today!

Boards, Committees, Teams, Clubs- Please notify the office of upcoming meetings in the church. These can than be noted on the calendar.

UCC General Synod 33! – On Sunday, July 11, Monday, July 12 and Tuesday, July 13, the United Church of Christ General Synod will be held via Zoom! That makes it much easier to attend than in previous years where you would have to travel to some distant location. General Synod is our meeting of the whole national church, which happens every 2 years. There are workshops to attend, worship services to take part in, and much to learn from our brothers and sisters within the wider UCC. There is a cost (\$100 for Visitors) to attend via Zoom. See the UCC website (<https://www.ucc.org/>) or go right to the General Synod site to register (<https://www.generalsynod.org/>). Everyone is welcome to attend!

Videographer Needed – This summer our church videographer, Kathleen Kearns will be away a number of Sundays, so we are looking for people to fill in for her. This involves learning how to operate the video camera and/or how to edit the program. Kenn Ortmann has already volunteered for one Sunday. You can talk to Kenn if you are interested or have questions.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed – We are once again having Coffee Hour after worship time. We need people to take turns preparing the coffee and making sure it gets out to the Narthex for the fellowship time after the service. If you are interested, please speak to Vicki Keller.

Readings for next Sunday – 2 Sam 11:1-15 and Ps 14; 2 Kings 4:42-22 and Ps 145:10-18; Eph 3:14-21 and Jn 6:1-21.

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Today	July 18	10:00 am	Worship
Friday	July 23	12-4 pm	Bridge/Parlor
Sunday	July 25	10:00 am	Worship

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Music Director: Amy Kerckmar
Custodial Staff: Heather Wren
Treasurer: Chair Trustees, Todd Hall Financial Secretary: Joan Mills
Moderator: Kenn Ortmann 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 10:00 am & 6:00 pm, Mon 10:00 am, Wed. 6:00 am; Thurs 2:00 pm; Fri 6:00 am, Sat 5:30 pm
Searsport: Sundays 9:00am & 6:00pm and Mondays 9:00am
Church services can also be viewed through our website: www.firstchurchinbelfast.org
or on Vimeo at: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/1947758>
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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