



THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC

*An Open
and Affirming Congregation*

Week of August 5 – August 12, 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.

Head Usher: *Gary Grant*

Deacons of the Month: *Pat Kaplan & Pam Burrows*

Communion Team: *Pam Burrows & Connie Leslie*

Project Learning Tree Grant – Pollinator Garden Needs: We are looking for donations of the following perennials: dogbane, white & yellow fennel, yarrow, milkweed, thistle, aster, columbine, phlox, purple coneflower, Joe-pye weed, buttonbush, violets, golden rod, and harebell. We are planning to plant on August 12th. Please talk to Beth Haynes for more information.

Puppet Show – The Sunday School is making puppets for Spirit Sunday. If you have scraps of material and recyclables, please give to Beth Haynes.

Pie-Makers Needed: The Religious Education Team is having a sale on August 19th with proceeds going to Pilgrim Lodge. We need pie-makers on August 18th from 9-noon. We will make blueberry, apple, and strawberry- rhubarb pies only this time.

Wreath Project- Please save peach pits and pick up pine cones for our wreath project. We also need acorns when ready in the fall. They may be left upstairs in the craft room or in the downstairs kitchen.

TANSY: Tansy (Yarrow) is a yellow flower that dries well and is used in our wreath project for decorating wreaths. The tansy blossoms will be ready to cut soon—hopefully between the 10th to 14th of August. We will need about 5 people to cut the tansy and about 8 people to strip some of the leaves and tie the stalks in bundles of 25 for drying. Please speak to Gretchen Daly if you have any questions. We work together as a group and have fun socializing at the same time.

Readings for next Sunday – 2 Sam 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130 or 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Eph 4:25-5:2; Jn 6:35, 41-51.

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

If you would like a visit or more information about the church, please call the church office at 338-2282.

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	Aug	5	10:00 am	Worship/Communion
Monday	Aug	6	6:30 pm	NA
Wednesday	Aug	8	7:00 pm	Village Harmony Concert - sanctuary
Saturday	Aug	11	9:00 am	Pie Making for Pilgrim Lodge
Sunday	Aug	12	10:00 am	Worship
				Pie Sale
			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:

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