



THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC

*An Open
and Affirming Congregation*

Week of August 12– August 19, 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*

Pie-Sale Today with proceeds going to benefit Pilgrim Lodge. Blueberry, apple, and strawberry- rhubarb pies are available for purchase.

Council meets next Sunday, August 19 at 11:30 in the library.

Eight O'clock Club – will **not** meet in August.

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

Church History Sleuths Wanted: Now that the parlor has been painted (thanks to all who helped do the painting!), the pictures had to be put back up and so thanks to Gary Grant and Pastor Joel for doing that. We discovered that we still have some pictures of former pastors who are not named and also need to find pictures of the many pastors we do not have. So, if you are interested in learning more about our church history and would enjoy searching online, contacting the Congregational Library and Archives in Boston, our own Maine Conference UCC archives, or any other source of historical information, and just doing some detective work, trying to solve the mysteries about our former clergy, please talk to Gary Grant or Pastor Joel. It's a lot of fun and a great thing to do during this year of our sanctuary bicentennial!

Custodial Work: Now that we no longer have a Church Custodian (Allen Eldridge stepped down on August 7th), we need volunteers to help keep our church clean and cared for until we can hire someone new. Please check out the sign up lists in the parlor, and consider volunteering for one or more jobs. Thank you.

WANTED: The First Church is presently advertising to fill the positions of Church Organist/Pianist, Church Choir Director, and Custodian. If you know of any qualified candidates, please have them contact the church office. Thank you.

Wreath Project- Please continue saving peach pits and picking 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.

Readings for next Sunday – 1 Kings 2:1012; 3:3-14; Psalm 111 or Prov 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58.

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

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	12	10:00 am	Worship
			11:15 am	Pie Sale
			11:30 am	RE
Monday	Aug	13	6:30 pm	NA
Tuesday	Aug	14	10:00 am	Food Cupboard Board – parlor
			2:00 pm	CPPC
			4:30 pm	Diaconate
Thursday	Aug	16	6-8 pm	CPPC Training
Friday	Aug	17	5:30 pm	Puppet Making
Saturday	Aug	18	10:00 am	Communion Workshop for Children & Adults
Sunday	Aug	19	10:00 am	Worship
			11:30 am	Council

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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: 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