

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

Week of September 8 – September 15, 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:** *Sarah Garbe & Pat Kaplan*

**Spirit Sunday** – The Sunday School will hold an Open House today after worship with a display of all the activities students completed over the summer. There will be handouts showing what will be covered this fall. Picnic in the parlor and if weather permits, there will be a wiffle ball game at Walsh Field over by the dog park at noon with an ice cream treat for all. Come and play or cheer the players on.

**Wreath Project** – There will be a brief (30 minutes!) meeting today to discuss this year's project. All interested in helping are encouraged to attend this meeting. Come find out how you can help.

**Council** – meets next Sunday at 11:30 am in the library.

**2019 Belfast Choral Festival Registration is Open!** – Registration forms are available for the Choral Festival planned for October 4-6. Adults and youth 6-12th grade can sign up for the Festival Choir and children K-5th grade can sign up for the Children's Choir. Please feel free to take some forms and share them with your friends.

**Parent Meeting:** On September 22nd the Faith Foundation Team will hold their second Parent Meeting to gain feedback from parents/guardians/grandparents so that the team can meet our children's needs more effectively. A luncheon will be provided for the families and while the adults are meeting, a movie will be shown to the children.

**PRAYER CIRCLE!** Over the past several years, the number of members of the prayer circle has decreased significantly. If you would like to be a part of this valuable, compassionate service of the church, please contact Mary Grant at 342-2813.

**Readings for next Sunday** - Jer 4:11-12, 22-28 and Psalm 14 of Ex 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Tim 1:12-17 and Luke 15:1-10.

**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.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Today	Sept	8	8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
			10:00 am	Worship/Spirit Sunday
			11:30 am	RE Open House/Picnic
Tuesday	Sept	10	10:00 am	Wreath Project Meeting
			5:30 pm	Food Cupboard Board
			6:00 pm	Trustees
Wednesday	Sept	11	11:00 am	Nar-Anon
Thursday	Sept	12	3:30 pm	House Church @ Parsonage
Friday	Sept	13	5:00 pm	Eight O'Clock Club
			5:30 pm	Pot Luck
			8:30 am	Budget meeting
Sunday	Sept	15	11 am-4 pm	Food Cupboard Distribution at BUMC
			8:30 am	Bridge – Fellowship Hall
			10:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
			11:30 am	Worship
				Council

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Custodial Staff: Heather Wren

Treasurer: Chair Trustees, Todd Hall Financial Secretary: Joan Mills

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

### CTV 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 with our God."