

THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Week of September 19, 2021 – September 26, 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: *Richard Fiske & Joy Longfellow*

Protocol – Due to the recent uptick in Covid-19 cases in Waldo County we are asking that **everyone** who comes to worship **wear a mask** and safe distance from others. Please be respectful of one another's distance as we come together again.

Food Cupboard – it is our turn to help at the food cupboard on Friday, Sept 24, at 9:00 for food distribution at the United Methodist Church on Mill Lane.

The Love Lights—The Love Lights for our tree are now on sale! Please remember a loved one with this Christmas tradition. Names will be read at the Love Light ceremony at First Church on November 28th at 5 pm. Love Light order forms are available at the First Church office. For more information, please call 207-338-2282.

October Messenger – Items for the October Messenger are due by September 22nd, in the church office.

Readings for next Sunday –Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 and Ps 124; Num 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 and Ps 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mk 9:38-50

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

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| Sunday | Sept 19 | 10:00 am | Worship |
| Friday | Sept 24 | 12-4 pm | Bridge/Parlor |
| | | 9:00 am | Food Cupboard / <i>Methodist Church</i> |
| Saturday | Sept 25 | 12:00 pm | Baby Shower/Parlor |
| Sunday | Sept 26 | 10:00 am | Worship |

The First Church in Belfast, U.C.C.
Covid 19 Pandemic Facility Use Policy
(adopted 9/15/2021)

Waldo County has been identified, during the summer and Fall of 2021, as a community with a high risk of Covid 19 transmission and infection, these rules apply to *all* First Church meetings and events, whether conducted by Church members and/or staff, or convened by outside users who seek permission to use Church grounds and/or buildings. Worship services, weddings, funerals and memorial services, meetings, group gatherings, suppers and fairs are included.

All attendees older than 2 years, must wear a mask. This includes meetings and events held outside as well as inside. Those entering alone or with others within your "bubble" must carry a mask to put on if meeting another person.

Church staff who are fully vaccinated will wear masks when visitors enter but may self-determine whether to wear masks at other times.

No eating of food shall be allowed in/on church property.

This policy is in effect until further notice when Covid numbers are in decline.

Room Capacity Limits must be adhered to (numbers reflect 4' distancing):

Sanctuary - 56 people
Parlor - 20 people
Library - 6 people
Downstairs Kitchen - 5 people
Fellowship Hall (upstairs) - 48 people
Craft Room (upstairs) - 12 people
Upstairs Kitchen - 8 people

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Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Office Administrator and Custodian: Heather Wren

Religious Education Director: Beth Haynes Nursery Attendant: Brenda Warman

Music Director: Amy Kerckmar

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 Spectrum 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 humbly with