



THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC

*An Open
and Affirming Congregation*

Week of October 7 – October 14, 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: *Linda & Dick Smith*

First Church Organ Recital Series – This afternoon at **3:00 pm**, Organist David Heller will be here to perform on our 1848 George Stevens Tracker Organ. Mr. Heller comes with outstanding credentials as a musician, teacher, performer and active recitalist (see the article in the Messenger). David is also a friend of Pastor Joel's, and member of his high school graduating class, so please come and welcome him to First Church and invite everyone you know who is a lover of music!

2018 Belfast Choral Festival – The Belfast Choral Festival Concert will be held **Sunday, Oct. 14, at 3:00 pm** here at First Church. Questions? Talk to Pastor Joel.

Waldo County Triad is collecting new or gently used, clean coats, sweaters, hats, scarves, snow pants, gloves, and in particular blankets for those in need, through November 10. There are donation boxes at First Church. All items donated will be distributed at no cost to people in need in Waldo County.

The 8 O'clock Pot Luck Supper and Service Team warmly invites everyone, member or friend, ladies or gentlemen to the kick-off event of our year. As our name now implies, we will be hosting a pot luck supper on **October 11**, in the parlor, beginning at **5pm**. The supper will be followed by a brief meeting, so if you have ever wondered what the Team does, you're most welcome to stay and find out and even join! Please bring a dish to share, and we hope to see you there! For more information, please contact Vicki or the church office. All are welcome!

The 8 O'clock Pot Luck Supper and Service Team is happy to be sponsoring the '**back to school**' project this year. Instead of the usual collections of paper, pencils, notebooks etc., the need now is for socks and underwear for children in the elementary grades. Donated items will be distributed thru the office of the Public Health Nurse to those most in need. There is also a great need for individual, non-perishable snack foods to be placed in the bags that go home with needy children to get them through the weekends. These drives will run from now until Thanksgiving. There is a collection basket in the parlor for your donations; please be as generous as you can. For more information, please contact the office or Vicki Keller. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS FAIR NOVEMBER 10TH - Please mark November 10th on your calendars. Our Christmas Fair is an important fundraiser to support The First Church's missions and budget. If everyone who is able bakes at least one item, our baked goods table will be successful. Donations of house plants, pots, books, knitted and crocheted items, aprons, pot holders, table cloths, wall hangings, quilts, jewelry, and holiday decorations are very welcome! New or like new better items are needed for the Silent Auction. Nonperishable donations for the fair can be left at the church starting on November 4th. More information will be in the messenger.

The Social Justice Team - The Social Justice Team feels that voting is an important civic duty, especially in these times when we are witnessing serious issues in our country like racism, income inequality, and threats to basic civil liberties. In the weeks to come, the Social Justice Team will be involved in efforts to get out the vote locally, and we'd like to invite you to join us. If you can offer a ride to the polls on November 6th, voting day, please let us know. If you know of people who will be 18 or older by November 6th and who have not yet registered to vote, please pick up a voter registration card, available in the parlor, and encourage them to register and

to vote. Applications for absentee ballots are also available in the parlor. If you have any questions about our efforts or would like to join the team, please contact any member of the Social Justice Team.

Christmas Fair Book Sale! Members and friends, we need your books for the Christmas Fair book sale on Nov. 10. We can sell all kinds of books: mysteries, cookbooks, travel/adventure/outdoors, westerns, best sellers, fantasy/sci-fi, romance, children's, large print, and nonfiction of all types. As you clean up and neaten up for the winter ahead, sort through your books and donate some to the Christmas Fair! Books can be left in the church office. Or, we can arrange pick-up, if you can't get your books to us. Thank you!

Readings for next Sunday – Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15 or Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-16; Mk 10:17-31.

The Sunrise Association has invited us to pray each week for a sister church. This week we hold up Bar Harbor Congregational, 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	Oct	7	8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
			10:00 am	Worship with Communion
			11:30 am	Coffee with the Pastors
			3:00 pm	Organ Concert – David Heller
Monday	Oct	8	6:30 pm	NA
Tuesday	Oct	9	10:00 am	Tall Pines Worship
			10:00 am	Food Cupboard Board – library
			2:00 pm	CPPC Board
			4:30 pm	Diaconate
			5:30 pm	Trustees
			5:30 pm	Parents in the Know (CPPC)
			6:00 pm	Nar-Anon
Wednesday	Oct	10	10:30 am	Harbor Hill Worship
			4:30 pm	House Church
Thursday	Oct	11	5:00 pm	Eight O'Clock Club Pot Luck & Meeting
Friday	Oct	12	10-12:00	Living the Questions – Library
			6:00 pm	Choral Festival Rehearsal
Saturday	Oct	13	9:00-5:00 pm	Choral Rehearsal
			5:00 pm	Public Supper in Fellowship Hall
Sunday	Oct	14	8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
			10:00 am	Worship
			11:30 am	RE
			3:00 pm	Choral Festival Concert

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Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.

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Organist/Choir Director: Larry Philbrick

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