



THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC

*An Open
and Affirming Congregation*

Week of October 15 – October 22, 2017

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: *Pam Burrows & Roger Haynes*

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF AND CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

HARVEST GATHERING/Pot Luck Luncheon

Sunday, October 29, 2017—11:30 a.m. First Church Fellowship Hall

The Harvest Gathering will be held on Sunday, October 29 following morning worship in the upstairs Fellowship Hall. We will begin right after worship with a Potluck luncheon followed by the business meeting. Please bring a dish to share. 2018 proposed budget will be presented. There will be a request to seek approval for provisional changes to our governance (Board/Committee structure) per recommendations of the Organizational Structure Group (OSG). The OSG will make a thorough report at the Harvest Gathering of its work to date.

Flowers are in honor of Phil & Charlotte Damon's 65th wedding anniversary, October 11, 1952!

House Church – meets on Wednesday, October 18 at 4:30 pm at Cathie Jorgensen's home.

Tree of Warmth - The First Church in Belfast is again hosting its annual **Tree of Warmth project** this winter. Local knitters are welcome to join us at Bell the Cat each Monday afternoon from 4:30 to 6:00 PM to knit socks, hats, mittens and scarves for the project. We hang these items on Belfast's Christmas tree with a note inviting community members to take what they need. We also accept new or gently used purchased items and they, along with donations of yarn, can be dropped off in the parlor from now until Christmas. Help us keep our community warm this winter! Donate to **The Tree of Warmth**. For further information, please see Judy Williams or Vicki Keller.

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 13. There are 2 donation boxes at First Church. All items donated will be distributed at no cost to people in need in Waldo County. If you have any questions, you may speak to Joyce Fenner.

Boar's Head Madrigal Dinner – In the past, First Church put on this event during Epiphany in January. We are exploring the possibility of celebrating it this year if we have enough people for actors. This event will need about 30 people (adults and older children) as actors and singers. Please see either Pastor Joel or Beth Haynes if you are interested.

Chestnuts, acorns, peach pits – please continue to collect & save for our wreath project.

Readings for next Sunday – Ex 33:12-23; Psalm 99 or Isa 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13); 1 Thess 1:1-10; Matt 22:15-22.

The Sunrise Association has invited us to pray each week for a sister church. This week we hold up in our prayers First Congregational Church of Blue Hill.

"What's that kid doing?"-Our children need our support, acceptance and encouragement as they grow in their ability to fully participate in worship according to their own unique abilities and experiences. Some may have a shorter attention span, may need activities to help them quietly attend to the service, may need to physically move their bodies, some may only attend for part of our opening. As a welcoming congregation, we honor the path each child takes, at their own pace, to becoming a full participant in worship.

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	15	8:30 am 10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal Worship Council
			2:00 pm	Maskers Show "On Golden Pond"
Monday	Oct	16	6:30 pm	NA
Tuesday	Oct	17	3:00 pm 5:30 pm	Food Cupboard Trustees
Wednesday	Oct	18	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Book Study House Church – C. Jorgensen's
Thursday	Oct	19	3:30 pm	Eight O'Clock Club – paint pine cones
Saturday	Oct	21	Maine Conference	Annual Meeting
Sunday	Oct	22	8:30 am 10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal Worship

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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: John Cameron

Custodial Staff: Allen Eldridge Sexton: Rowena Lisa

Treasurer: 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

AZTV 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."