



THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC

*An Open
and Affirming Congregation*

Week of November 4 – November 11, 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: *Pam Burrows and Richard Fiske*

Organ Recital Today! – Our last of 4 organ recitals this year. **Dr. Kevin Vaughn**, former student of our own Barbara Kemp, will be here today at **3:00 pm**. Please come and enjoy the sweet sounds of our historic George Stevens pipe organ. Concert is free. Donations will be accepted for the Organ Maintenance Fund.

The 8 O'clock Supper and Service Club is sponsoring a trip to the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens '**Gardens Aglow**' holiday lights display. Tickets are \$12 for seniors and car pooling will be available. There is a sign-up sheet in the parlor for you to choose which date would work best for you. **The deadline for sign-ups is Nov. 4.** Please contact Vicki or the church office for more information.

Bible Study – We will meet on **Wednesday Nov. 7th in the church library** to discuss chapter 9 of Mark. All are welcome!

Love Light Tree Ceremony: Everyone is invited to light up a sparkly white Christmas light in honor of a family member or friend in the annual **Love Light Tree** ceremony. The lights will adorn the evergreen tree on the First Church front lawn during the entire Christmas season. You may purchase a "Love Light" through the First Church office, 8 Court Street. Order forms are also available at the Christmas Shoppe, 76 Main Street, and the Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce, 14 Main Street, Belfast. The contribution for a single light is \$5, or \$25 for a string of lights. Please order by November 18. The **Love Light Tree** ceremony will be held on Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018, at 5 p.m. at The First Church in Belfast.

Tai Chi in the Fellowship Hall: From 9:00 to 10:00, people may walk around the perimeter of the hall for gentle exercise and warm-up and from 10:05 until 11:05, Dave Hurley is offering a beginner's Tai Chi class. Donations are welcome.

"In Love We Stand" A silent vigil will be held on November 11th, from 11:00 until noon. Attendees are requested to arrive in silence and when the church bell rings at noon to depart in silence. For anyone interested, in a red heart sign for the vigil, they will be available for purchase. Please see Pat Kaplan

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.

DON'T MISS THE FABULOUS, FUN FIRST CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR ON NOVEMBER 10TH! Starting on November 4th, donations of knitted, crocheted, and sewn items, holiday decorations, silent auction donations, and jewelry can be left in the upstairs parish hall. Books and white elephant items can be left in the north end of the parlor—books along the outside wall and white elephant donations near but not on the couches. Unlike the Summer Fair, this will be a limited white elephant area. The Spring St. door will be open from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9th, so that baked goods and plants can be dropped off. Check out the Christmas Fair page in the November Messenger for more information.

Silent Auction: Beth Haynes, Valerie Williams, and Michael Williams will be running the Silent Auction again this year at the Christmas Fair. Please think about having your church Team put together a theme basket or a special item to include in this. Also we are looking for new or very lightly used items plus something unique like last year's hour small airplane flight over the coast of Belfast. You can start bringing items any time to be placed in the back room upstairs. Make sure you mark them as items for the Silent Auction.

Thanksgiving Pies: The Religious Education Team plus all our special helpers will be repeating our pie sale on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The pies need to be preordered since we need to know how many are needed. Pie making will occur on Saturday, Nov. 16th early afternoon. Talk to Jane Grant if you can help with the pie making. The choices will be pumpkin, apple, pecan, and blueberry. There will be a sign up sheet in the parlor for people to place their orders. The pies will also be in two sizes: large - \$15 and small - \$6. All money raised will go toward next year's Pilgrim Lodge camperships. **All pies need to be preordered by Nov. 10th.**

November Messenger – is ready for pick up on the table between the sanctuary and the parlor.

Readings for next Sunday – Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127 or 1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44.

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

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	Nov	4	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
			10:00 am	Worship/ Communion
			3:00 pm	Organ Concert – Kevin Vaughn
Monday	Nov	5	6:30 pm	NA
Tuesday	Nov	6	6:00 pm	Nar-Anon
Wednesday	Nov	7	4:00 pm	Bible Study
			5:00 pm	Eight O'Clock Service & Pot Luck Club
Thursday	Nov	8	3:30 pm	Music Team
			6:30 pm	Advent Choir Rehearsal
Friday	Nov	9	4-6 pm	Fair Set-up
Saturday	Nov	10	8am-1pm	Christmas Fair
Sunday	Nov	11	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
			10:00 am	Worship
			11:00 am	In Love We Stand Vigil
			11:30 am	RE

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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: Larry Philbrick

Custodial Staff: Mandy Everett 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