



THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC

*An Open
and Affirming Congregation*

Week of November 11 – November 18, 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*

“In Love We Stand” A silent vigil will be held today following worship, 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.

Decorate Your Own Wreath - **Deadline for sign up is November 15.** Forms are available in the parlor. Please return to the office. Each wreath with bow, pinecones, and other decorations will cost \$20. Decorators with experience will be available to demonstrate how to decorate and to answer questions. Dates are Saturday Nov. 24 and Dec 1.

Interested in becoming a member of First Church? – If you have been thinking about joining First Church, please talk to one of our pastors.

Ecclesiastical Council for T.J. Mack – T.J. Mack, who worked for a year with our church as a Student Intern, will have her Ecclesiastical Council today, the last step before ordination. It will be at the Ellsworth UCC at 3:00 pm today. All are welcome to attend.

Good Morning Belfast – Pastor Joel will appear on the GMB show on our local access station BCTV (channel 1301 on Spectrum) this Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Singers Wanted! – A special choir is being formed to sing for our Rededication service on Sunday, Nov. 18th. We will practice Thursday, Nov. 15 at 6:00 pm and Saturday, Nov. 17 at 1:00 pm. Please join us!

Love Light Tree Ceremony: Everyone is invited to honor a family member or friend in the annual **Love Light Tree** ceremony. You may purchase a “Love Light” through the First Church office. Order forms are also available at the Christmas Shoppe, and the Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce. 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.

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. 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. Thank you.

Tai Chi in the Fellowship Hall: Saturdays, 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.

Readings for next Sunday – 1 Sam 1:4-20; 1 Sam 2:1-10 or Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Heb 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25; Mk 13:1-8.

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 Calais.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Today	Nov	11	8:30am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:30 am	Choir Rehearsal Worship Silent Vigil RE
Monday	Nov	12	6:30 pm	NA
Tuesday	Nov	13	9:30 am 10:00 am 4:30 pm 6:00 pm	CPPC Food Cupboard Board Diaconate Nar-Anon
Wednesday	Nov	14	4:00 pm	Bible Study
Thursday	Nov	15	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	Nov	17	9-11:30 am 10:00 am	Tai Chi Circle of Presence Pie Making
Sunday	Nov	18	1:00 pm 8:30 am 10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal Worship 200 th Anniversary. Re-Dedication of Sanctuary 200 th Anniversary Luncheon

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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