



THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC

*An Open
and Affirming Congregation*

Week of November 12 – November 19, 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: *Linda & Dick Smith*

Reformation Study – Join us Wed., Nov 15 at 10 am in the church parlor for our 2nd session as we watch the 2nd half of the movie Luther and discuss some of the implications of the Reformation for our time. The last session will be Wed. Nov. 29 at 10:00 am. All are welcome.

House Church – meets on Wednesday, November 15 at 4:30 pm at Cathie Jorgensen's home.

Circle of Presence – Pot Luck & Prayer – We will meet Sat., Nov. 18 at the parsonage. After our time of prayer and meditation, we will share our pot luck lunch! All are welcome.

Advent Vespers Choir – Singers are needed for the Advent Vespers on Dec. 3. Rehearsals are Thursdays at 6:30 pm and Sundays at 8:30 am (optional). Come sing with us!

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.

Pies for Pilgrim Lodge: Looking for pies for Thanksgiving???? Sign up for them in the parlor. We will do it for you. The Sunday School will be baking on Saturday so come and help. Talk with Jane Grant and Deb Woodbury about the time to meet. All donations for the pies will go to our Pilgrim Lodge scholarship fund.

Christmas Pot Luck Dinner - Where are you having Christmas dinner this year? If you participated in last year's potluck, or if you didn't attend but heard what a great time we had and would like to join us this year, just let me know! We will eat about noon/early afternoon; the ham will be provided! The more the merrier, but please express your interest to me. Thank you, Pam Burrows, 338.6771.

Boar's Head Feast: It looks like this event will happen! We have most of our lead actor parts filled and now we need people who will be willing to be part of our vignettes and servers and singers. Come and join us. Sign up for these in the parlor.

Children's Pageant: The children's Christmas pageant will be on Dec. 24 during the worship. All our children will be taking part plus we may need some adults to help out.

Sunrise Association Meeting: Pastors Joel and Kate and delegates, Roger and Beth Haynes, attended the Fall Meeting of the Sunrise Association in Hancock this past Saturday. There was an ecclesiastical council for Suzie Maxwell in Machias. Everything went well so Suzie will be ordained at a later date. Congratulations! Also upcoming events will be a New England women's meeting in Portland, Maine, on April 20-22 with many inspiring speakers and workshops. More information can be found on the UCC website. Let's see if we can have a group attend since it is going to be in Maine this year.

Readings for next Sunday – Judg 4:1-7; Psalm 123 or Zeph 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-8 (9-11), 12; 1 Thess 5:1-11; Matt 25:14-30.

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.

"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	Nov	12	8:30 am 10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal Worship RE
Monday	Nov	13	6:30 pm	NA
Tuesday	Nov	14	10:00 am 12:30 pm 4:30 pm	Food Cupboard Board Restorative Justice Diaconate
Wednesday	Nov	15	4:30 pm	House Church @ C. Jorgensen
Thursday	Nov	16	5:00 pm 6:30 pm	OSG - library Advent Vespers rehearsal
Friday	Nov	17	7:00 pm	Left Bank Books author presentation
Saturday	Nov	18	9:00 am	Make Pies for Pilgrim Lodge
Sunday	Nov	19	8:30 am 10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal Worship/Thanksgiving Sunday Pie Sale Council 1 st Wreath Shipment

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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: 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

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."