



THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC

*An Open
and Affirming Congregation*

Week of November 26 – December 3, 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 29 at 10 am in the church parlor for our last session. All are welcome.

House Church – Resumes this week on Wed. Nov. 29, 4:30 pm at Cathie Jorgensen's home.

The Messenger – Items for the December/January Messenger are due to the church office by Tues., Nov. 28.

Food Cupboard – We will bag food on Thursday, Nov. 30 from 10:00-11:15 a.m. and then distribute the food on Friday, Dec. 1 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. The GBAM Food Cupboard is located at the United Methodist Church at 23 Mill Lane. Talk to Patty Sheehan or Sarah Garbe if you are interested. Thank you.

2018 First Church Calendars – We are taking orders for the 200th Anniversary Calendars. They are \$15 each. Filled with all kinds of interesting historical information and pictures of First Church. You need to have one of these *and* they will make a great Christmas gift! Please sign up to order one in the parlor.

Hanging of the Rest of the Greens! – Saturday, Dec. 2, at 9:00 a.m. we will put up the rest of the wreaths and greenery in our sanctuary. All are welcome to come and help! Thank you!

Advent Vespers & Love Light Tree Lighting – Next Sunday, Dec. 3, our church choir and friends directed by John Cameron, will bring us the Advent Vespers Concert at 3:30 p.m. It will be followed by a time of carol singing and at 5:00 p.m. we will go outside and light the new Love Light Tree in our front yard, followed by a reading of names of those being remembered. A reception in the parlor will follow. All are welcome!

The Circle of Presence will be offering an **Advent retreat** over two Saturday mornings in December. We will meet Saturdays, December 2 and 16th from 10 a.m. – 12 noon at the parsonage, 22 Crocker Road. All are welcome. Please let Pastor Kate know if you plan to attend so we can plan for numbers. Come and begin the season of anticipation with friends.

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.

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.

Readings for next Sunday – Isa 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37.

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 Cherryfield.

"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	26	8:30 am 10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal Worship/Hanging of the Greens 2 nd Wreath Shipment arrives
Monday	Nov	27	6:30 pm	NA
Wednesday	Nov	29	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Reformation Study House Church
Thursday	Nov	30	10:30 am 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Food Cupboard Trustees Advent Vespers Rehearsal
Friday	Dec	1	8:30 am	Food Cupboard
	Dec	2	6:30-8:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am	Early Bird Breakfast Hanging of the rest of the greens Circle of Presence – Advent Retreat
Sunday	Dec	3	3:30 pm 8:30 am 10:00 am 3:30 pm 5:00 pm	Advent Vespers Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal Worship/Communion Advent Vespers Concert Love Lights Tree Lighting

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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

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Belfast: Sun 9:30 am & 6:00 pm, Mon 10:00 am, Thurs 2:00 pm; Fri 6:00 am, Sat 5:30 pm

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