

Sun, April 25th, Dear First Church Family,

First a reminder to tune in to our Sunday service. Here is a link to the Vimeo site that keeps all of our archived video services: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/1947758> or you can find it by either going to the bottom of our website page (www.firstchurchinbelfast.org); finding it on our church Facebook page (@FirstChurchinBelfastUCC); or by watching it on one of the local access TV stations (Sunday at 10:00 am or 6:00 pm on BCTV Belfast or 9:00 am or 6:00 pm on SCTV Searsport – both now on Spectrum cable channel 2).

Happy Coffee Hour – join our ZOOM gatherings on Sunday mornings from 11:00 am to noon. Everyone is invited to zoom in! Just click on the link below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96653898101>

Other Announcements:

EASTER SEASON PRAYERS BEGIN - As we did during Lent, we will again hold a Sunday prayer time at 9:30 am for the Easter season. This will run from April 18 through May 23rd, Pentecost Sunday. This is a time we celebrate the gifts of renewal and new life. Let's share in this time as we Zoom together. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/92372083563?pwd=V200MEVZN3VON0Z6T0RYMXI3SjI2Zz09>

SAD NEWS - We received a letter of resignation from our beloved Office Administrator, Nancy Brown. She will be ending her employment with us at the end of July. Nancy has served our church in this capacity for over 10 years and has done an excellent job! Pastor Joel and the Trustees will be working on a search for her replacement but in the meantime, let's let Nancy know how much we appreciate all she does for our church.

MAY MESSENGER - If you have anything you would like to submit for the May Messenger, please send it to the church office by no later than Tuesday, April 27. Thank you, Nancy

SUNRISE ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING - The Spring Meeting for our Sunrise Association will be held today, Sunday, May 2nd from 1:00 pm to 2:00 (registration begins at 12:30 pm) pm via Zoom. All are welcome to attend. A formal invitation with Zoom link will be sent out to everyone.

REV. TJ MACK'S INSTALLATION SERVICE - TJ Mack, who did her student internship with us for a year, is being installed as pastor of Union Congregational Church, UCC of Hancock, on Sunday, May 2nd at 2:00 pm (right after the Sunrise Association Spring Meeting). All are welcome to attend. A formal invitation with Zoom link will be sent out to everyone.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP? - Our Deacons and Church Council are continuing to discuss when we might be able to return to our sanctuary for Sunday worship services and for other meetings at the church. If you have any thoughts about this, please speak to one of our pastors, our moderator (Kenn Ortmann) or our Chair of the Diaconate (Richard Fiske). Thank you.

TRUSTEE WANTED - "The Board of Trustees shall manage the Church financial affairs and provide care and custody of the Church property subject to corporate and state laws." (First Church By-Laws) Our Board of Trustees is looking for someone who is interested in serving alongside them as a Trustee of First Church. Interested persons must be a member of the church and dedicated to the health and welfare of our church institution and its members. If interested, please contact Trustees Chair, Todd Hall at (508)838-1383.

SUNRISE ASSOCIATION CLERK WANTED - We need a Clerk to take minutes at our association Spring and Fall meetings and possibly also our monthly Coordinating Council meetings that take place by Zoom every 4th

Thursday of the month at 3:00 pm. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact Pastor Joel.

PASTOR'S NEW PHONE # - Kate and Joel no longer have their land line so please use their cell phone #s when you call them. Kate: 323-5257; Joel: 323-0940.

PASTORS ON VACATION - Our pastors will be taking some needed vacation time from May 18 to June 6. During this time the Deacons will cover any spiritual needs of the church and we will use previously recorded services. If you have a favorite that you would like to see again, let Pastor Joel know.

COVID VACCINES - MaineHealth is setting up clinics in various places to vaccinate people 60 and older now. The number to call to get on the waiting list is: 1-877-780-7545. When you call the number there is a user-friendly automated system to enter your age, zip code, and phone number. People will be called back to make appointments when their turn comes.

If you have announcements or prayer requests you would like included in next week's Sunday Announcements, please email them to Nancy Brown: office@firstchurchinbelfast.org by Thursday. Thank you. Peace, Pastors Kate & Joel

First Church Prayer Concerns for May 2nd, 2021

(Please keep these friends of ours in your prayers this week)

Norma Cowen

Marina Delune

Lorraine Frothingham at Harbor Hill

Barbara Grass at Tall Pines

Sarah Hall

Mary Grant at Harbor Hill

Rebecca Jessup and Duncan Newcomer

Lorraine McGray

Charlotte, infant child of Amanda & Chris Roy, who is struggling with multiple medical issues

Rebecca Stauffer

Linda Warner

Pastor Kate having health problems

TJ Mack as she is installed at Union Congregational, UCC Church of Hancock

The Sunrise Association Spring Meeting today (May 2nd)

All those affected by and suffering from the Covid-19 Coronavirus

Victims of shootings and their families

Families of those lost at sea in the sinking of the Indonesian submarine

The people of Israel mourning the death of 45 and others injured in the crowd surge at the recent religious festival