



THE FIRST CHURCH IN BELFAST, UCC

*An Open
and Affirming Congregation*

Week of July 8 – July 15, 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.

Greeter: *Mary Grant* **Head Usher:** *Gary Grant*
Deacons of the Month: *Pat Kaplan & Richard Smith*

WELCOME BACK to Marc and Cheryl Stewart to The First Church. We are so happy you have come to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the building of the sanctuary!

WHERE ARE THEY TODAY? They shared this with us: Marc and Cheryl Stewart live in Billings, Montana, where Marc serves as Conference Minister with the Montana-N. Wyoming Conference United Church of Christ. They hold Belfast as a blessed place in their lives. Gabriel, Zachary, and Ezra were all born here at Waldo County General Hospital. Marc served First Church in Belfast 1987-1993. He also served at First (Park) UCC in Grand Rapids, MI, 1993-1997, and on Conference staff of the South Dakota Conference UCC for 12 years. Cheryl has taught high school Spanish and served in a variety of short term ministries. She also maintains a pie baking/selling business.

From the Welcoming Team: Please take your time to respond to the **200th Anniversary Questionnaire** that is included in the bulletin. We are putting together a new First Church directory and would like to have the information in by July 1st. Roger Haynes will be taking pictures after the service on Sunday beginning July 1st.

Also, the Welcoming Team is offering to host the **first Sunday of the month for Hospitality** and would **challenge other teams** to take another Sunday. It would simply require making the coffee, setting it out, perhaps bringing a few snacks and clean up. We will teach how to make the coffee! Please talk to Pat Kaplan if your team is interested. Finally – we need **greeters**. We thought it would be lovely if **families or groups of friends** would sign up for the Greeting duty (one of the most fun things to do in the church)! It involves arriving a little early (9:40 a.m.) and then welcoming those who come to worship on Sunday. Children should feel free to bring their friends as well! There is a sign-up sheet in the parlor. **WE NEED YOU!**

Adult Study Part 2 - LTQ2 examines in new light traditional faith topics such as the Bible, atonement, and sexual identification, – **Thursday, July 12, 6:30-8:30 in the parlor.**

SUMMER FAIR ON JULY 14th. Please bake for the baked goods table at the summer fair if you are able to bake. Jams and jellies sell well too. If you are scheduled to help with the fair, thank you very much! If not, please attend as a customer and bring your out-of-town company and your neighbors and friends!

Set up Help Needed – for the books for the Summer Fair, 10:00 am on Tuesday, 10.

Charlotte Damon – Phil Damon sent us the bulletin from Charlotte's funeral. It is posted in the parlor. Also, they included a card for friends to write memories or thoughts on. If you would like to share a memory of Charlotte on the card, please do so and we will send it back to Phil and the family.

Messenger – The July/August Messenger is available for pickup on the table between the sanctuary and parlor and on the web site.

Readings for next Sunday – 2 Sam 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24 or Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:14-29.

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 Ellsworth.

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	July	8	10:00 am	Worship
			11:30 am	RE
			3:30-6 pm	Maskers Rehearsal sanctuary
Monday	July	9	6:30 pm	NA
Tuesday	July	10	10:00 am	Food Cupboard Board
			2:00 pm	CPPC
			6-8 pm	Maskers Rehearsal
Wednesday	July	11	4:30 pm	House Church
			6-8 pm	Maskers Rehearsal
Thursday	July	12	6:30-8:30 pm	Adult Study – Living the Questions
Saturday	July	14	8 am – 1 pm	Summer Fair
Sunday	July	15	10:00 am	Worship
			4-6 pm	Maskers Rehearsal

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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

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