



Pick-A-Party 2014~2015!

First Congregational Church

We are excited to see the success of our new, 2014-2015, FUNdraising, community building project for First Congregational Church of Burlington: Pick-A-Party!

The parties” described below are the remaining events for this year. All of the parties have been donated by our generous party organizers. All proceeds from party ticket sales will benefit the ministries and mission of First Congregational Church!

Some parties have sold out but many have seats for sale. You can sign up in person on Sunday morning at the Pick-A-Party Table at 9am and following the 10am worship service – or call (802.862.5010) or drop by the Church Office, Tuesday through Friday.

Each party listing includes a date, time, location, cost per participant, the number of participants the host can accommodate and appropriate ages for participants. Please consider buying tickets for friends; these parties are a great opportunity to have fun and to introduce friends to our First Church Community!

Reservations for parties are confirmed upon payment. Payments are due when making the reservation and are welcome by cash, credit card, or check payable to “First Congregational Church”. Contributions above the listed price per participant to this important fund raiser are welcome and will be considered as a donation in your giving record, as they are considered to be tax deductible. You will receive a reminder card for each party you purchase that will include directions to the party location.

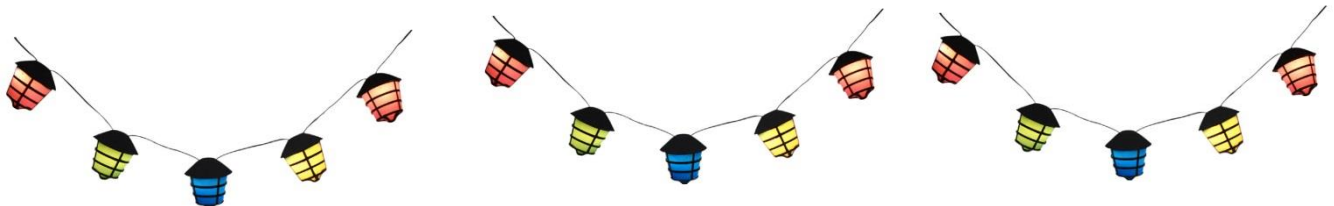
Come and join in the FUN while supporting the many ministries of First Congregational Church of Burlington!

Questions? Please email us at info@firstchurchburlington.org or call 862-5010

Thank you!

Louise Brewster and Linda Elrick, Co-Chairs

The Pick-A-Party Committee



First Congregational Church of Burlington **Pick-A-Party Events** thru October 2015!

Saturday, January 17, 2015, 10:30 a.m., Burlington
Winter's Warmth Saturday Brunch



Enjoy a warm and inviting weekend brunch with First Church friends and good conversation. Tasty and hearty menu of savory and sweet offerings from the kitchen of Janice Clements' North Burlington home.

SOLD OUT!

DONATED BY: Janice Clements
\$20 per person 8 guests Adults only

Friday, January 23, 2015, 6:30 p.m., Burlington
Mexican Fiesta



Come chase away the January cold by eating foods from south of the border. Music, beverages, and decorations will help transport us to a warmer place. Both meat and vegetarian dishes will be served. Spice level will be mild to moderate but you can always add more!

DONATED BY: Mary and Bob McKearin
\$40 per person
10 guests Adults only

ONE TICKET AVAILABLE

Saturday, January 24, 2015, 6:00 p.m., South Burlington
Mid Winter Hearty Dinner with Select Wines



Chase the January blues away with a festive dinner featuring hearty fare, paired with an assortment of appropriate wines, a lovely dessert, and coffee or tea. Spend a winter evening with friends and new acquaintances, full of lively discussion and laughter. Do you know someone who may want to join us?

DONATED BY: Linda & Alan Elrick
\$35 per person 8 guests Adults only

SOLD OUT!

8 TICKETS AVAILABLE

Sunday, February 8, 2015, 5 p.m., First Congregational Church

Sugar on Snow



Come enjoy a VT tradition! Feast on potato salad, ham slices, pickles, and maple syrup (Sweet Stone Syrup, owned and operated by Eric Remick and family)--boiled to perfection and poured over snow. Cider donuts and coffee for dessert.

DONATED BY: Louise Brewster & Hilah Clarke
\$15 per person or \$45 for families of 4 or more
30+ guests All ages



Friday, February 13, 2015, 6:00-10:00 p.m., First Congregational Church

Pre-Oscar Gala



Come walk the red carpet at First Church dressed as your favorite actor/actress, or as your favorite movie character. Rub elbows and chat with other members of the "Hollywood Elite" and the fabulous Silver Screen.

Share with us, as we pass hors d'oeuvres and "mock-tails", and listen and dance to wonderful music. There will be a chance to win door prizes and a special Oscar for Best Dressed costume.

The Emcee will be our very own, non-singing, non-dancing Neil Patrick Harris: Jamie Polli. Special musical and comedy performances will take place throughout the evening... Academy Award-winning music and more!

DONATED BY: Jennie Coleman, Karan Dewar, Nancy Pichiotino, Gail Compton, Bruce Barger and Brian Lynam.
\$25 per person 75 guests 12 years and UP

EVENT IS OPEN FOR SIGN UPS!

Saturday, February 14, 2015, 10 a.m., First Congregational Church

Kids Valentine Cake Pop Party



Put your chef hats on and come make Valentine-themed cake pops from scratch in the First Church kitchen! Each child will go home with 1 dozen pops to share! All supplies will be provided; just bring your creativity and imagination.

DONATED BY: Laura Elder-Connors & Martha Cook

\$10 per person/ max \$20 per family
15 guests Kids grade K-5

SOLD OUT!

SIGN UP FOR WAITING LIST!

Saturday, March 21, 2015, South Burlington, VT
Middle Eastern Dinner Party



Your exotic destination... a lovely evening in the Middle East... in Vermont! Your evening will feature wonderful conversation and an amazing Middle Eastern Banquet featuring delicious and authentic Middle Eastern hors d'oeuvres, a variety of dinner dishes and desserts! Martha Cook learned to prepare Middle Eastern food while living in the Middle East with her family. Michael and Lucy Samara learned in the kitchens of Michael's Lebanese and Syrian parents and grandmothers. The chefs for this amazing party are Michael & Lucy Samara and Peter & Martha Cook with assistance from Donna Lee. Laura Elder-Connors will be making our dessert!

The Middle Eastern Dinner Party will be at the Samaras' home in South Burlington.

DONATED BY: The Samara, The Cooks, Donna Lee & The Elder-Connors
\$50 per person 20 guests All ages welcome

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 6 p.m., Shelburne, VT
An Evening in Budapest



The evening will begin with a sit-down dinner featuring Hungarian dishes (Goulash soup & Chicken Paprika!). After dinner, enjoy a narrated slideshow of photographs taken during travels in Budapest.

DONATED BY: Dana & Mary Ellen Spencer
\$40 per person 8 guests High-school to Adult age

ONE TICKET AVAILABLE

Saturday, April 11, 2015, 6:00 p.m., Burlington

Murder Mystery Dinner Party



Murder at 4 Deuces is a rip-roaring 1920's style murder mystery game. Some of the guests will include gangsters, politicians, singers and gamblers. Party-goers will be assigned a character and a role to play; background information will be provided. The aim will be to determine who the murderer is and much more, while enjoying a luscious multi-course meal. Costumes add to the atmosphere, but are not required.

DONATED BY: Steve & Mary Hyde
\$75.00 per person 8 guests Adults only

5 TICKETS AVAILABLE

Sunday, April 19, 2015, 11:45 a.m., First Congregational Church

GeoCaching 101 or GPS Treasure Hunt



Easter is not the only time to hunt for hidden treasures; geocaching is a game that can be played alone or with a team, and can be done anywhere in the world! In essence, it involves using a GPS receiver or smartphone with a map app to locate caches hidden by others. Join Karl and Judy Doerner for a brief explanation of what geocaching is and how to do it. While learning, eat a light lunch, followed by hunting for some of the hundreds of geocaches hidden throughout Burlington. Return for a brief celebration of caches found and tales of the hunt. Each team or individual who wish(s) to play needs a GPS receiver, smartphone with a map app, or portable car GPS. Call Karl or Judy if you need to borrow one.

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DONATED BY: Karl & Judy Doerner

\$5 per person, or \$20 per family

Unlimited numbers can participate

All ages

EVENT IS OPEN FOR SIGN UPS!

Sunday, April 19, 2015, 3:30 p.m., Charlotte

A House Concert

Enjoy a mini-concert of our own talented professional and non-professional church members, while taking in the springtime wonders of McNeil Cove and The Adirondacks. Hors d'oeuvres prepared by chef extraordinaire Jen Coleman and kitchen helpers. Wine and soft drinks will be served.



DONATED BY: Carlanne Herzog

\$40 per person 20 guests Adults only



ONE TICKET AVAILABLE

Saturday, May 9, 2015, 12- 2pm, First Congregational Church

Spring Ladies Accessory & Book Exchange Party

Bring a favorite novel and ladies "accessory" item (scarf, costume jewelry, etc.) to add to the exchange... bring home a "new to you" book and accessory!

Tea Sandwiches, Tea & Lemonade!

DONATED BY: The Reading Ladies

\$5 per person 35+ guests Girls and women of all ages!



EVENT IS OPEN FOR SIGN UPS!

Sunday, May 31, 2015, 3:00 p.m., South Burlington
Afternoon Tea and Perennial Giveaway



Spend an early summer afternoon enjoying tea and sweets, and go home with a freshly dug perennial or an interesting new garden "toy." Special Guest...TBA!

DONATED BY: Linda Elrick
\$15 per person 15 guests
Adults and Young Adults



ONE TICKET AVAILABLE

Saturday, October 3, 2015, Colchester, VT
Harvest Fest



Start the 2015 fall harvest season with a get-together near the lake with lots of good food and fun. Many activities to choose from: scavenger hunt, backyard games, fun with pumpkins and a bonfire with a campfire sing-a-long! Come in casual dress and bring your lawn chairs.

DONATED BY: Libby Ivy
\$40 per family 35 guests All Ages

EVENT IS OPEN FOR SIGN UPS!

A NEW Pick-A-Party Event for Everyone!

Sunday, January 25, 2015, serving from 8:00 to 9:30am!
at First Congregational Church



A SUNDAY January 25 PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

The Men's Breakfast Gang invites you to bring the whole family to a "stick-to-your-ribs" Pancake Breakfast that will include a fruit cup, Hot-Off-the-Griddle pancakes, sausage, coffee, and hot chocolate for the kids!

DONATED BY: The Men's Breakfast Gang

\$10 per person, \$20 for families – Tickets available ahead of time and at the door! Reservations appreciated but not necessary – email your RSVP to:

info@firstchurchburlington.org or call Chrissy at 802.862.5010

Kids under 12 eat free!

50+ guests All ages welcome.