

**Here's What's Happening at
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC OF BURLINGTON**

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WORSHIP:

Sunday Morning Worship: Worship will be at 10 a.m. on Sundays through the summer.

- In person worship for all, and Sunday morning programs for children begin today July 4th!
- Our worship services will continue to be broadcast via livestream to our remote worshippers and a recording of each service will be available on YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV>.

MUSIC: If you are interested in offering your musical gifts, vocal or instrumental, this summer, or learning about our Youth Choir, please contact our Summer Music Coordinator Ana Ruesink: aruesink@firstchurchburlington.org. For information about the Children's Choir, contact Laura Elder-Connors: lelderconnors@firstchurchburlington.org; The Sanctuary Choir is on break for the summer.

Bell Choir: Our Austin Chimers welcome new ringers.

For details contact Director, Jennie Coleman, jcoleman@firstchurchburlington.org

Flowers: The calendar for donating flowers is available in the Church Office. You can create an arrangement with your own flowers, or order flowers from Maplehurst. Email office@firstchurchburlington.org for details.

VISIONING MEETINGS - Join the Conversation. Tell us what you think.

Yes. You. First timer. Old timer. Frequent visitor, old friend, haven't-been-in-a-while or baptized-here-and-then-baptized-my-babies-here. YOU. Our visioning process only works if we have wide-spread participation from everyone - and that really does mean YOU.

Our visioning meetings are occurring NOW, through the month of July, and this is the time to sign up! We have streamlined the sign-up process to be a simple doodle poll: <https://bit.ly/visionmeetingdoodlepoll> - please sign up today! Questions? Please contact Office Manager, Caroline Catlin at 802 863 5010, ext.4.

HAPPENING SOON!



We Make the Path by Walking It: OPENING RECEPTION on THURSDAY JULY 8th at 6pm. Elizabeth Emmett's art show We Make the Path by Walking It, is currently on view in the First Congregational Church of Burlington. Light refreshments will

be served, and Elizabeth will be offering a brief artist's talk at 7 PM. Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/88102713442>

Youth Mural Painting with Elizabeth Emmett: July 9th-11th Elizabeth will be on-site to collaborate with our middle and high school youth and complete this work of art! More details to come soon.

PEACE CAMP: July 13th-16th, 5-7:30pm jointly with College Street Church. Each evening starts with dinner, a fabulous story, and music from the Peace Camp Band before we break into age levels from pre-school/nursery to adults!

- Register for Peace Camp: <https://bit.ly/peacecampregistration2021>
- Peace Camp volunteer opportunities: <https://bit.ly/peacecampvolunteer>



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SERVING:

July 4 Silent Vigil for Racial Justice: All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice from 1 to 1:30 on the first Sunday of each month. Bring a sign and meet us on the lawn!

PEACE CAMP: It's time to sign up for our third – fabulous and faithful – Peace Camp happening at First Church, jointly with College Street Church, this July 13th-16th, 5 to 7:30pm. Peace Camp is for all ages! Each evening starts with dinner, a fabulous storytelling, and music from the Peace Camp Band before we break into age levels from pre-school/nursery to adults!

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Garden Boxes: Volunteers are needed to weed and water our raised bed gardens on the church front lawn this summer. All veggies raised will be donated to Feeding Chittenden. Sign up: <https://bit.ly/gardencare2021>

Meals On Wheels: Al Weldon leads this community mission for us, contact him at alweldon@aol.com to learn more about helping to deliver meals monthly, or as a substitute on the second Wednesday of the month.

Laity Lawnmowers: Our volunteer mowing crew keeps the First Church lawns in good shape all summer for all to enjoy. Interested in joining our team? Please contact Bob Wolf at: bcwolf@burlingtontelecom.net

The FCCB Possibility Shop: Our basement thrift shop sells gently used, household items and clothing. The volunteer-managed “Poss Shop” is open Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Interested in learning more about volunteering? Contact Mary Hyde: marywhyde@gmail.com or Louise Brewster: lrbrewster@gmail.com.

Dismas House: Our volunteers have supported the dinner program at the BTV Dismas House (a transitional home for parolees) for many years. You are invited to prepare and share a meal on your own or with a friend on the third Thursday of any month. To support this mission contact First Church Dismas Coordinator Donal Dugan, donal.dugan@gmail.com.

Small Potatoes: First Church hosts this weekly, community, free Saturday breakfast and bag lunch. Want to help make sandwiches? To learn more, contact Outreach Team Member, Reid Willis, frwillis@gmail.com.

JUMP: A Drop-In Center based here, JUMP assists hundreds in our community annually. Contact our JUMP Board member, Anne Tewksbury Frye to learn more: actfrye@burlingtontelecom.net. JUMP is currently offering services by mail, phone, and email at this time. In-person services will resume later this summer.

Friends at First work with our “Partners in Pastoral Care” Team to provide rides, meals and other services as needed. If you are interested in helping or if someone you know could use some care, please contact the Pastoral Care Team: office@firstchurchburlington.org

Quilt/Shawl Ministry & Evening Knitting/Crocheting Group: On break currently, for more information, please contact Jan Jackson at organjan@comcast.net or Betsy Freeman at: bfreeman789@yahoo.com, respectively.

Pledges & Gifts of Self: Stewardship — gifts of money and gifts of self— are invited and needed year-round! Stewardship information is available in the Church Office or check out our website: www.firstchurchburlington.org.

LEARNING AND CONNECTING:

Volunteers Needed to work with our Faith Formation Team! Our vibrant programs for children are available starting today, July 4th! For more information about the programs, or volunteering, please contact Director of Faith Formation, Hilah Clarke, hclarke@firstchurchburlington.org, or drop by the “Faith Formation Kiosk” before the 10 a.m. worship.

- Youth Mural Painting Elizabeth Emmett will be here from July 9th-11th to collaborate with our middle and high school youth and complete this work of art! More details to come soon.
- YES – Youth Experience in Service: Our summer YES program for youth will be held August 10th-13th. Details will be shared soon, for more information, contact Hilah Clarke at hclarke@firstchurchburlington.org

Bible Study: The Rev. Elissa Johnk hosts Bible Study every Thursday morning at 9am on Zoom. All are invited to participate and explore scripture for the following Sunday’s worship service. <https://bit.ly/BibleStudywithElissa>

Men’s Breakfast: All who identify as male are invited to gather for good company and a great breakfast! Next meeting TBD. For more information contact to Baki Nelson at: fn.info@icloud.com.

Women’s Book Group: The Women’s Book group will re-start discussions in September! For details and to be added to the group’s email list, please contact Janice Clements at: janclem25@gmail.com

UCC General Synod – Our denomination, the United Church of Christ, is holding our 33rd national gathering “Rooted in Love” online July 11th-18th. Learn more here: <https://www.generalsynod.org/>

WELCOMING:

Fellowship Hour: Every Sunday, after worship, on Zoom - <https://bit.ly/sundayfellowship> - and in person at Church! Come chat with others about worship and life.

Sunday Morning Greeters & Ushers: Friendly faces are needed to greet or usher. For more information, please contact Director of Creative Ministries, Hannah Sachs, hsachs@firstchurchburlington.org

New to First Church? Please fill in your contact information on the connection cards provided in the pews. We’d love to know you’re here and say hello! Our online Connection form: <https://bit.ly/fccbconnectioncard>

First Church Podcast: “First Church Phonic” is located at: <https://anchor.fm/firstchurchbtv> and on all major podcast platforms. Our podcast holds many 10-minute guided prayers, sermons, Spirit Seeker interviews, and more!

The Church Newsletter: Please sign up to receive our weekly E-Newsletters – in the Church Office - or at www.firstchurchburlington.org. To receive a printed mailed copy, sign up in the Church Office (office@firstchurchburlington.org, 802-862-5010).