

## LOOKING AHEAD...



### Sunday Worship Information:

**WORSHIP & MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS at First Church** – All are welcome and invited to worship at First Church! We are offering both in-person and remote ([YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV](https://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV) - live-stream & recorded for later viewing) worship at 10am on Sundays.

- Masks are always required in the church building by all over age two.
- **PARKING:** On Sunday mornings, the First Church parking lot is reserved for our visitors, friends and members with mobility challenges. If that is your situation – please park in the church lot. Others are welcome to drop off passengers at church and park on the street or parking garage – **free on Sundays.**
- **MUSIC: We are in a search process for a Director of Music Ministries - we are thankful for the gifts and service of our Fall Music Coordinator, Ann Vivian, and of our lay musicians and vocalists.** If you are interested in participating as a musician or vocalist, please be in touch with Ann: [av@gvvarchitects.com](mailto:av@gvvarchitects.com).
  - All interested in participating in **Bell Choir** (novices welcome!) are invited to contact Director [Jennie Coleman \(jenc@ebpabenefits.com\)](mailto:jenc@ebpabenefits.com) about rehearsals, at First Church, Wednesdays: 6:45 to 8:15pm
  - For information about the **Youth Choir**, please contact Ana Ruesink: [aruesink@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:aruesink@firstchurchburlington.org).
- **CHILDREN & YOUTH:**
  - We are offering both in-person and remote (on Zoom from 9:15 to 9:45am – the link is: <https://bit.ly/churchschool930> ) Church School program on Sunday mornings.
  - Childcare (infants/toddlers/preschool) and Church School (K thru 5) are offered in-person during the 10am worship service.
  - For information about programs for Children and Youth through high school, please contact [Director of Faith Formation Hilah Clarke](mailto:hclarke@firstchurchburlington.org) at [hclarke@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:hclarke@firstchurchburlington.org) You can see our Youth Program Calendar for “The Haven” [HERE](#)
- **INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO CHURCH:** This is a great time to extend an invitation to neighbors, friends and family to join you in worship - in person at First Church - or remotely as the worship is live-streamed on our [YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV](https://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV) at 10am on Sunday (a recording available on our YouTube channel any time after the service).

### **Late NOVEMBER & Early December EVENTS for YOU:**

**The Onion River Jazz Band** will be our special guests leading music on Dedication Sunday as we celebrate stewardship and give thanks for the ministries and missions of First Church during worship at 10am on November 21 (in person and live streamed on YouTube). The Onion River Jazz Band features: Gene Childers on *trumpet*; Andy Miskavage on *clarinet*; Bill Brislin on *trombone*; Carl Recchia o *piano*; Paul Gittelsohn playing *tenor banjo*; Glendon Ingalls on the *sousaphone and bass*; and our own Tony Hall on *drums*. The ORJB got their start, playing for the first June Jazz Sunday at First Church in 1984! The group has been delighting audiences throughout the Vermont and New England since then playing ragtime, traditional jazz, swing and sharing their passion for traditional New Orleans style jazz.



## FINAL VISION MEETINGS ANNOUNCED:

Our Vision Team has been working for many months to bring everyone - members and friends of First Church to the table - to a Vision Meeting - to share ideas for a faithful future at First Church.

This vital part of the process, when we gather ideas from everyone, is coming to an end. If you are new at First Church, please sign up... if you have been a member for many years, please sign up... we want everyone to participate!

This week the Vision Team announced the final VISION MEETINGS to gather ideas for the future. Please SIGN UP for either of the following times:

- Sunday November 21 at 11:30 – at First Church or on Zoom
- Tuesday November 23 at 10am – on Zoom

If you have yet to participate - please, pick a time from this list and sign up with a Vision Team representative at Fellowship Time on Sunday after worship or contact Vision Team member Susan Saunders at [susansaunders@comcast.net](mailto:susansaunders@comcast.net) any time. Thank you!



## Decorate Your Door for Christmas: Pre-Order a beautiful VT Balsam Wreath & SUPPORT YOUTH at FIRST CHURCH

Our annual **Christmas Wreath and Garland – and Mail Order Wreath - Sale** benefits youth programs at First Church. You can learn more and place your wreath order online using this [LINK](https://bit.ly/wreathorder2021):

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- Wreath and garland orders are appreciated as soon as possible in order to secure our full order – ***please do order by November 21.***

- Wreath Pick Up Day is Saturday December 4 at First Church, 10am to noon – delivery to you possible too!

- Got Questions? Please contact [Hilah Clarke](#)

## THE NEXT PRO-BONO – Phone-In LEGAL CLINIC - is on Sunday November 21 from 1 to 3:

Our September Legal Clinic served the community well! Our Outreach Team invites you to share this invitation to our final 2021 phone-in **FREE LEGAL CLINIC on Sunday November 21 from 1 to 3pm**. All folks need to do to participate is call the church number during those hours: (802) 862-5010. This service is available to any in our church and in the wider community. [CLICK HERE for details](#)

**Share Christmas** is a First Church tradition dating back to 1988! Share Christmas is a way to give the joy of the holidays to others - and a way to receive practical support (and joy!) from the congregation.

- **GIVE:** To learn more about supporting Share Christmas with a gift or time or treasure, use this link: <https://bit.ly/givesharechristmas2021>
- **APPLY:** If you are affiliated with First Church and need support, apply for Share Christmas assistance using this link: <https://bit.ly/applysharechristmas2021>



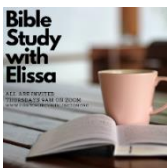
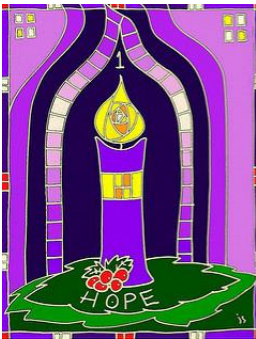
**THE WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP READING LIST for 2021-22:** The Women's Book Group met in June to share ideas for books to discuss this year. Their selections are linked [HERE](#). Book discussions are scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7pm – on Zoom – in November on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## INSPIRING ADVENT SUPPLIES & INFORMATION

### Pick Up Your Advent Kit on the first Sunday of Advent: Nov. 28

Our Deacons, Faith Formation and Connections Teams are working together with staff to assemble "Advent 2021 Kits" for each First Church household. Please plan to be in worship on Sunday November 28 at 10am to pick up your "Advent Kit."

We'll deliver Advent Kits to all households who do not pick them up on the 28th. Let's walk the journey of Advent exploring... hope, peace, joy and love... together.



### Zoom Bible Study – Thursdays at 9am – resumes on Thursday Dec. 2:

The Rev. Elissa Johnk's Thursday morning, 9am, Bible Study is open to all! Elissa grounds this weekly conversation (on Zoom) in the scripture reading for the upcoming Sunday. Use this link: <https://bit.ly/BibleStudywithElissa>.

### SILENT VIGIL FOR RACIAL JUSTICE – Sunday December 5 - from 1:00 to 1:30pm:

The Outreach Team at First Church invites all to participate in the monthly (first Sunday) Silent Vigil for Racial Justice on the front lawn at First Church. Bring a sign, a water bottle, a chair if you want – and join in to be in solidarity for racial justice in Vermont.



### SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AVAILABLE – Applications due by December 15:

Use this link to learn more and to open the application: [2021-2022 Scholarship Application Form](#) Scholarships are available to all affiliated with First Church who are enrolled in post-secondary education.