



Upcoming Events at First Church Worship Music Information

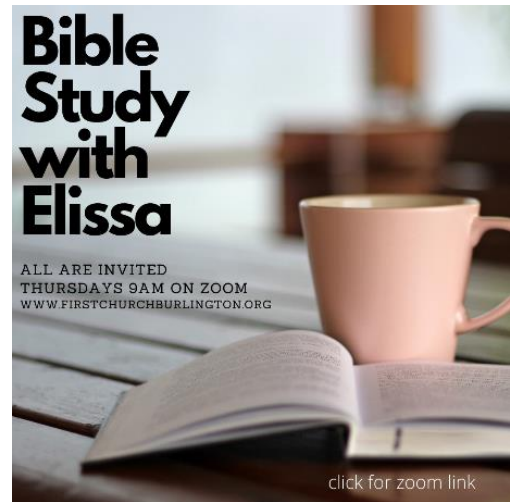
Zoom Bible Study – Thursdays at 9am:

Bible Study (online on Zoom) is offered by the Rev. Elissa Johnk's on Thursday mornings at 9am – it is open to all!

Elissa grounds this weekly gathering in the scripture reading for the upcoming Sunday. No experience necessary – step in for an interesting time!

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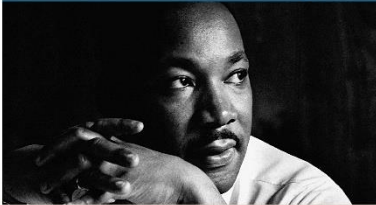
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The Greater Burlington
Multicultural Resource Center

REMEMBRANCE

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



January 16th, 2022 3:00 pm
In-Person and Livestreamed
No tickets required

Featuring the Montpelier Community Gospel Choir
Speaker: Tim Wise
Civil Rights Panel:
What would Dr. King Say If He Was Alive Today?

St. Joseph's Cathedral Church
29 Allen Street, Burlington, VT

This livestream link will be active a 1/2 hour before the event starts:
<https://c.therecord.com/embed/media/Wv8y930T14L2rNk0E9vzgs2P2L5?preview=1>

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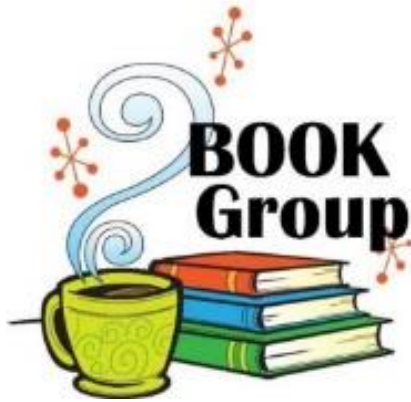
SUNDAY JANUARY 16 – COMMUNITY MLK EVENT:

The Greater Burlington Multicultural Resource Center is hosting the 2022 Burlington MLK Remembrance Event (live-streamed and in person) at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Burlington on Sunday, January 16th at 3pm.

Gospel music will be featured along with keynote speaker Tim Wise. Wise is among the most prominent anti-racist writers and educators in the United States. He is the author of nine books, including his latest, Dispatches from the Race War (City Lights Books). The link to the livestream is:

<https://bit.ly/btvmlkevent2022>

Learn more [HERE](#)



THE WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP READING LIST for 2021-22: The Women's Book Group selections for 2021 -2022 are linked [HERE](#). Book discussions are scheduled for the 4th Monday of the month at 7pm – on Zoom.

The January 2022 selection is: [The Book of Longings](#) by Sue Monk Kidd – Penny Rieley. Please plan to join the Zoom at 7pm on Monday January 24. Contact organizer [Janice Clements](#) to be added to the book group e-list for the Zoom link.



First Congregational Church UCC of Burlington

38 S. Winooski Avenue, Burlington, VT –
the host site for *JUMP* and *Small Potatoes* is offering a:

PHONE IN FREE LEGAL CLINIC

on Sunday January 23, 2022

Phone in from 1 to 3 pm

Volunteer Vermont attorneys will offer pro-bono *FREE* legal counsel to anyone in the community by phone – call: 802-862-5010

A Legal Clinic volunteer will check you in by phone and will arrange for one of our lawyers to call you back that afternoon.

We will be ready for your calls at 1:00pm - if you don't get thru – leave a message – we will call you back.

All are welcome to access this service with any legal questions.

Confidentiality is (of course) guaranteed.

Questions? Want to learn more? Contact Communications Coordinator, Lucy Samara at the First Congregational Church UCC of BT:V: Lsamara@firstchurchburlington.org

FREE LEGAL CLINIC: Our monthly Phone-in Legal Clinics resume on Sunday, January 23. All are welcome to this free, confidential, community service sponsored by our Outreach Team and organized by the volunteers on our Legal Clinic Team: Mark Oettinger, Esq.; Kristen Elder-Connors, Esq; Susan Ellwood, Esq.; Rob Backus, Esq.; Mary McKearin and Lucy Samara. Those seeking legal counsel can call 802.862.5010 between 1 and 3pm on the 23rd. Please share this invitation with all who might benefit from this important service.

Upcoming Youth Event: All middle and high school students are welcome to join us on Friday, January 21st at the College St. Church from 6:30-8pm for a game of “Throw Throw Avocado” and more fun activities! Our full youth group calendar for the spring semester will be distributed soon.

- Use this [LINK](#) for the **Winter/Spring Youth Calendar**. For additional information contact [Hannah Sachs](#)





ALL ARE INVITED

Sunday Feb. 6, 2022 First Church Annual Meeting

Following Worship

Mark Your Church for February 6! During January, First Church President Paul Hobbs and Treasurer Michael Knauer – along with our Trustees, Rev. Johnk, and church leaders - will be focused on forming a 2022 proposed budget to propose during our February 6th Annual Meeting. The agenda will include other important items for us to consider as we plan for 2022 and the future of First Church. Please do save this date for a mid-day Annual Meeting.

Our February 6 Silent Vigil for Social Justice will be from 2 to 2:30 – all are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice. Bring a sign and dress warmly for this important monthly ministry. (Note the time change to accommodate our noon-time Annual Meeting on February 6.)



MUSIC SEARCH COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES

NEW DIRECTOR AMY SHORTT: In December, our Music Director Search Committee shared the good news that Amy Shortt will begin her ministry with us as Director of Music on February 15, 2022! Use this [LINK](#) to learn more about Amy





WARM OUTERWEAR for KIDS NEEDED: The Possibility Shop- needs winter clothing for children - jackets, snow pants, and snow boots. Please bring donations to the church on Sunday morning or Tuesday through Friday between 10am and 3pm. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER at the “Poss SHOP”:

- On open days (Wed. & Fri., 10-3); on weekdays when the shop is closed (Tues. & Thurs.); &/or projects at home.
 - Greet customers in the midway (near Church Office), count those entering and exiting, keeping the number within the allotted safe amount... a great opportunity for readers and knitters!
 - Assist with the financial aspects of the shop, @two to three hours per month.
 - Handle and help sell older, valuable items that are donated to the shop.
- Questions?** call Karan Dewar 802-922-3821 or Brenda Fraser 802-862-4747. Thank you.



WORSHIP & MUSIC INFORMATION



All are invited to WORSHIP on MLK Sunday - January 16 at 10am: Our Worship Team is coordinating worship this week highlighting the life and message of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The music this week will include piano and trumpet!

We are offering the 10am Sunday worship service both at First Church - and live streamed remotely on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV): <https://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV> (the recording is also available for later viewing).

- Masks are always required in the church building by all over age two.
- Please see the update from our Covid Response Team in the January 13 E-Newsletter which updates our gathering guidelines (currently physical distancing required, fellowship limited to Zoom, etc.).
- **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 look forward to welcoming our new Director of Music – Amy Shortt – who will begin in mid-February.** Meanwhile – if you are interested in participating as a musician or vocalist, please be in touch with our Music Coordinator – Ann Vivian: av@gvvarchitects.com.
 - All interested in participating in **Bell Choir** (novices welcome!) are invited to contact Director [Jennie Coleman](mailto:jenc@ebpabenefits.com) (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.
- **CHILDREN & YOUTH:**
 - Childcare (infants/toddlers/preschool) and Church School (K thru 5) are offered in-person during the 10am worship service. Masks are required for all over age 2 and we make every effort to maintain physical distancing.
 - Children who would like to join in Church School from home are welcome to log on to Zoom following the word of God for (Sm)All ages: <https://bit.ly/zoomchurchschool>
 - 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. You can see our Winter/Spring Youth Program Calendar ***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).