

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

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The Rev. Elissa Johnk will be away through Monday, April 25th. For pastoral care emergencies, please contact Office Manager, Caroline Catlin at 802-862-5010 ext. 4 or office@firstchurchburlington.org.

WORSHIP:

Sunday Morning Worship: Worship is at 10 am on Sundays. Our worship services are also live-streamed - and a recording of each service is available - on YouTube: www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV.

- **CHILDREN:** Families are encouraged to check in at the *Faith Formation Kiosk* after 9:40am. See "Learning" for more info!

MUSIC: Help us welcome our new Music Director, Amy Shortt! If you are interested in offering your musical gifts, vocal or instrumental, please contact Amy Shortt at ashortt@firstchurchburlington.org.

Choirs: The Sanctuary Choir rehearses at 7 pm Thursdays in the Chapel and on Zoom, all are welcome. For information about the Sanctuary or Youth Choirs, contact Amy.

Children's Choir rehearses at 9:15am on Sunday – All in grades K through 5 are invited to meet Children's Choir Director, Laura Elder-Connors. For more information, please contact Laura at lelderconnors@firstchurchburlington.org.

Bell Choir: We welcome new ringers! Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:15pm at First Church. For details contact Jennie Coleman, jcoleman@firstchurchburlington.org.

PARKING: On Sunday mornings, **the First Church parking lot is most needed and reserved for - our first-time visitors - and for friends and members with limited mobility.** If this applies to you, please park in the church lot. Drivers are invited to drop off passenger(s) before using street parking or the parking garage (both FREE on Sundays). Thank you.

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.

FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS!



Gardening Get Together, Wednesday April 20th at 7PM on Zoom: Do you like to

garden? Want to learn about FCCB gardening opportunities? We'd like to hear of your gardening interests and adventures! Hosted by the Connections Team. Join us on Zoom here: bit.ly/fccbgardening

Vermont Conference UCC Annual Meeting – April 22 & 23: Our

church will send an official delegation to this important virtual gathering for all Vermont UCC members and friends. Use this link to learn more and consider participating as part of Vermont's wider UCC community: www.vtcucc.org/annual-meeting/



SERVING:

Silent Vigil for Racial Justice: All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice **May 1st from 1 to 1:30pm.** Bring a sign and meet us on the lawn!

Meals On Wheels: Contact our own Al Weldon to learn more at alweldon@aol.com about helping to deliver meals twice monthly, or as a substitute.

Dismas House: We have been involved with the BTV Dismas House (a transitional home for parolees) for 30+ years. You are invited to prepare and share a meal on your own or with a friend on the 3rd Thursday of any month. Contact our Dismas Coordinator Donal Dugan, donal.dugan@gmail.com for info.

Volunteers Needed to work with our Faith Formation Team! Our vibrant programs for children are available every Sunday! For more information about programs, or volunteering, please contact Director of Faith Formation, Hilah Clarke, hclarke@firstchurchburlington.org, or drop by the "Faith Formation Kiosk" before the 10am worship.

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 on weekdays - and in-person on Thursdays (only) at starting at 9am.

The FCCB Possibility Shop: Our thrift shop sells gently used, household items and clothing. The "Poss Shop" is open **Wednesdays & Fridays 10am-3pm.**

Interested in learning more about volunteering? Call Karan Dewar 802-922-3821 or Brenda Frazer 802-862-4747.

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.

Friends at First work with our “Partners in Pastoral Care” Team to provide rides, meals, and other services as needed. Please contact the Pastoral Care Team: office@firstchurchburlington.org for more information.

Sunday Morning Welcomers & Ushers! Friendly faces are needed to greet or usher. For more information, please contact Office Manager, Caroline Catlin at office@firstchurchburlington.org.

LEARNING AND CONNECTING:

Vision Update: Next steps in the visioning process – the next 5 weeks are important ones in the life of First Church – keep your calendars open after worship!

Faith Formation Opportunities:

- **CHILDCARE TODAY** is available for Nursery, Pre-K and K aged children throughout the worship service. Families are asked to check in at the Faith Formation Kiosk after 9:40am (in the Church Office).
- Next week we will resume offering Sunday 10am programming for Nursery through Grade 5 including the Zoom option for at home worshippers.
- **Worshipping remotely?** Children who would like to join in Church School on Zoom are welcome to log on after the word of God for (Sm)All ages: <https://bit.ly/zoomchurchschool>
- All middle and high school students are invited to join us on **April 29th at 6pm** for Tower Defense at College St Church. Check out our Youth Calendar: bit.ly/winterspringyouth2022

Bible Study: The Rev. Elissa Johnk’s **Thursday** morning Bible Study will resume **April 28th at 9am on Zoom**.

Women’s Book Group: The next discussion will be on Zoom, **Monday, April 25th at 7pm!** The seventh book will be *Mink River* by Brian Doyle. For details and to be added to the group’s email list, please contact Janice Clements at: janclm25@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE: Peace Camp 2022 (for all ages!) will be Monday – Thursday, July 11th – 14th from 5:30-7:30pm! Peace Camp Registration: bit.ly/peacecampregistration2022 Volunteer Sign Up: bit.ly/peacecamp2022volunteer

JUNE 2022 YES (Youth Experience Service) for Middle Schoolers: We’re planning a great service experience for youth during the week of June 20, 2022. Mark your family calendar to plan time for this important multi-day event. More details – including specific dates - coming soon.

WELCOMING:

NAME TAGS help build community: We're rolling out new, magnetic name tags! Forms and completed name tags are available in Sanctuary Narthex! For questions, please email office@firstchurchburlington.org.

Virtual Fellowship: Every Sunday, after worship, on Zoom - bit.ly/sundayfellowship! All are welcome!

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

The Church Newsletter: Please sign up to receive our weekly E-Newsletter – in the Church Office - or at www.firstchurchburlington.org. To receive a mailed copy, sign up in the Church Office.

THE EASTER FLOWER & MISSION OFFERING

In addition to providing beautiful lilies and tulips for our Easter Festival Worship – the dedicated donations listed here will support a gift from our congregation to the Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ’s new Hope Fund. Learn more at: www.vtcucc.org/the-hope-fund-2/

IN HONOR OF

Michelle Mraz by Rob Backus · Charlie Church by Diana Carlisle · Susan Saunders by the Carters
· Family by Becky Davis · My daughter, Kate by Dawn Plante

IN MEMORY OF

Robert & Mary Lou Adsit by the Adsit Family · Loren Barr by Lorraine Barr · Rosemonde Kellogg & Elizabeth Linaberry by Mary E. Bourgault · Donald Jackson by Jan, Christopher, Cynthia, & Catherine
· My husband, Jim Inman by Diana Carlisle · Grafton & Lilian Baker Carlisle by Diana Carlisle
· Carol Morse by the Carters · Margaret & Bob Shaw by the Carters · Charles & Kathleen Church Sr. and Ralph & Analda Griswold by Charlie Church Jr. & Pat Heise · Uncle Richard Thompson by Robyn Courville ·
Our parents and sisters by Bob and Cindy Cowie · Our parents & Mary Thompson by Cyndy & Tony
· Nonna Mary DiPietro by Kristin & Julia DiPietro · Loved Ones by Bill & Faith · Ronald Carter by his Family · Prescott MacLeod Wright by David & Susan Jenkins · Carolyn Luella & Robert Dale Johnk by Keith Johnk & Carolyn Luella Katz
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by their daughter, Barbara Lambert · In memory of my mom, Annette Mazza by Theresa Mazza
· My beloved husband Bruce McGeoch, you are with me always by Cyndy McGeoch · My brother and parents by Elizabeth Miles · Géraldine et Papi by Mary · Pat & Lora Gray Phillips by the Phillips family ·
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Our mothers, Florence Vivian & Elaine Viehmann by Ann Vivian & Doug Viehmann