

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

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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 (Zoom link available), 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 in the Stone Room. 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!



Vision Proposals DUE

TODAY! Proposals are due in-person to the church office or using the e-form:

bit.ly/visionpreliminaryproposal

or by email to: office@firstchurchburlington.org

Want to learn more about our Vision Process?

Visit bit.ly/visionprocess

Vision Proposal Voting - Vote Once!

- **Online Voting:** Opens Tuesday, May 24th and closes Friday, May 27th. The link for online voting will be in an e-newsletter and on the front page of our website.
 - Questions? Please contact Office Manager, Caroline Catlin at 802-862-5010 ext. 4 or office@firstchurchburlington.org
- **In-Person Voting:** Following Worship on Sunday, May 29th – presentations, discussion, and in-person voting!

SERVING:

Silent Vigil for Racial Justice: All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice **June 5th from 1 to 1:30pm**. Bring a sign and meet us on the lawn!

Looking to exercise your green thumb? Want to use the electric or ride on mower? We need your volunteer spirit at First Church this summer! Use this form: bit.ly/greenthumbfccb or contact the Church Office to learn more.

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:

Faith Formation Opportunities:

- **Childcare** is available for Nursery, Pre-School, and Elementary School programs each Sunday morning. Families are encouraged to check in at the *Faith Formation Kiosk* after 9:40am (in the *Church Office*).
- In-person Church School will begin in the **Sanctuary at 10am**. Children in grades K through 5 will leave for class time with Hilah Clarke following the Word of God for sm(All) Ages.
- **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: bit.ly/zoomchurchschool

Bible Study: The Rev. Elissa Johnk’s **Thursday** morning Bible Study at **9am on Zoom:** bit.ly/BibleStudywithElissa. All are invited to participate and explore scripture for the following Sunday’s worship service. Bible Study will be on hiatus over the summer, resuming in September.

Women’s Book Group: The next discussion will be on Zoom, **Monday, May 23rd at 7pm!** The eighth book will be *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence* by Diana Butler Bass. For details and to be added to the group’s email list, please contact Janice Clements at: janclm25@gmail.com.



PEACE Camp 2022 will be Monday, July 11th – Thursday, July 14th from 5:30 – 7:30pm!

Kitchen and Cabin volunteers are needed! **Volunteer Sign Up:** bit.ly/peacecamp2022volunteer

Peace Camp Registration: bit.ly/peacecampregistration2022

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: 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.

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**The Rev. Joan O’Gorman will begin her ministry with us, as *Parental Leave Pastor*, on Sunday, June 5 when she will co-lead the 10am worship with the Rev. Elissa Johnk, Lead Minister.**

### **Meet the Rev. Joan O’Gorman, Parental Leave Pastor**



The Rev. Joan Newton O’Gorman is an ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ, and has served congregations in Vermont for the past 35 years in both settled and interim ministries. She is a Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplain with the University of Vermont Health Network Home Health and Hospice.

Joan is grateful for the many spiritual communities that have nurtured her: Roman Catholic beginnings, Quaker meeting, Unitarian Universalist fellowship and Buddhist teachings.

Before entering ministry, Joan put herself through Hunter College by driving a taxi in New York City, taught language arts in a small school in rural Maine, and served as Director of MAPS, Maine Adoption Placement Service. She is a graduate of Bangor Theological Seminary.

Joan is married to Gary who is a UCC Licensed Lay Pastor and has served churches in Vermont for over 15 years. They have four children – two live in Vermont and two live in California – which makes life interesting. One grandchild lives in Vermont and one in California which makes it even more interesting. Joan enjoys hiking, kayaking, camping, reading, and cooking.