

**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](http://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:** If you want to learn more about our music programs for all ages – or if you are interested in offering your musical gifts, vocal or instrumental, please contact Music Director, Amy Shortt at [ashortt@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:ashortt@firstchurchburlington.org).

**The Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir, and Austin Handbell Choir are on hiatus for the summer months:**

- **Choirs:** Our Sanctuary Choir rehearses - at 7pm Thursdays in the Chapel. Rehearsals will resume in September. All are welcome, for information about the **Sanctuary or Youth Choirs**, please contact Music Director, Amy Shortt.
- The **Children's Choir** is open to all in grades K through 5 – rehearsals will resume on Sunday mornings in September. For more information, please contact Children's Choir Director, Laura Elder-Connors at [lelderconnors@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:lelderconnors@firstchurchburlington.org).
- **Bell Choir:** We welcome new ringers! Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:15pm at First Church in September. For details contact Jennie Coleman, [jcoleman@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto: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](mailto:office@firstchurchburlington.org) for details.

**FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS!**



**DID YOU GET A PEACE CRANE?**

If not, you may pick one up in the Church Office Tuesday – Friday 10am-3pm or on Sunday morning. We hope that the paper crane will serve as a reminder of the Holy Spirit with you during the summer months ahead. During an upcoming worship service, we will feature photos of cranes in places that bring joy and peace. Take a picture of your crane on your kitchen table, in your garden, or on a mountain top – where is the Holy Spirit in your life? Please submit photos here: [bit.ly/cranephotos2022](http://bit.ly/cranephotos2022)

**Burlington  
Juneteenth  
Celebration!**



All are invited

to the Burlington Juneteenth Celebration "A Love Story" from June 17-19th. All programs & activities are free to attend! Learn more by visiting [www.juneteenthbtv.org](http://www.juneteenthbtv.org)

**SERVING:**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** – Are you looking to exercise your green thumb? Want to use the electric or ride on mower – or tend a raised bed of veggies? We need your volunteer spirit – gardening and mowing - at First Church this summer! Use this form: [bit.ly/greenthumbfccb](http://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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of any month. Contact our Dismas Coordinator Donal Dugan, [donal.dugan@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://bit.ly/zoomchurchschool)

**Youth Mission Trip:** This year’s youth mission trip will be June 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. We will explore issues of racial inequity in Vermont. Please email [jvanderlaan@collegestreetchurch.org](mailto:jvanderlaan@collegestreetchurch.org) if you are interested in participating.

**Bible Study:** The Rev. Elissa Johnk’s **Thursday** morning Bible Study will resume in September.

**Women’s Book Group:** The Annual Potluck and Book Selection will be **Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**. For details and to be added to the group’s email list, please contact Janice Clements at: [janclem25@gmail.com](mailto:janclem25@gmail.com).



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

Kitchen and Cabin volunteers are needed! **Volunteer Sign Up:** [bit.ly/peacecamp2022volunteer](http://bit.ly/peacecamp2022volunteer)

**Peace Camp Registration:** [bit.ly/peacecampregistration2022](http://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](mailto:office@firstchurchburlington.org).

**Virtual Fellowship:** Every Sunday, after worship, on Zoom - [bit.ly/sundayfellowship](http://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](http://bit.ly/fccbwelcomecard)

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

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



First Church Lead Minister, the Rev. Elissa Johnk, is on parental leave this summer, returning to First Church in early September. We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Joan O’Gorman who will serve the congregation as Parental Leave Pastor this summer.

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.