

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

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The Rev. Joan O'Gorman, our Parental Leave Pastor, is in California for two weeks for a long-anticipated visit with family. Joan will return to lead worship throughout July and August.



Our Guest Preacher: Many know **Lou Rochford (he/they)** as our online (digital) usher for worship on YouTube. A First Church "MID" - Member in Discernment - Lou recently completed a Certificate in Pastoral Ministry at the Phillip's Theological Seminary. They currently serve the Vermont Conference UCC as Moderator of the Champlain Association. For several years Lou served on the United Church of Christ's Disabilities Ministries Board of Directors. Lou's theological belief is "that God created us in God's image. God gave us sexuality and our sexuality is inherently good and healthy." Lou is creating a "Ministry Plant" called Chaplaincy of Sacred Sexuality.

Pastoral Care Needs & Emergencies: Please email info@firstchurchburlington.org or call 802-862-5010 ext. 4. For all other inquiries please contact Office Manager, Caroline Catlin at 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: To offer your musical gifts, vocal or instrumental, or to learn more about First Church music programs, contact Music Director, Amy Shortt at ashortt@firstchurchburlington.org. **The Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir, and Austin Handbell Choir do not rehearse during the summer months.**

- **Choirs:** Our Sanctuary Choir rehearsals will resume in early September – at 7pm Thursdays at First Church. All are welcome to sing! Contact Music Director Amy Shortt for more information about the **Sanctuary and/or Youth Choirs**.
- The **Children's Choir** is open to all in grades K through 5 – rehearsals will resume on Sunday mornings in September. For more information, contact Children's Choir Director, Laura Elder-Connors at lelderconnors@firstchurchburlington.org.
- **Bell Choir:** Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday evenings from 6:45 – 8:15pm at First Church in September. New ringers are always welcome. 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!



NEXT SUNDAY Silent Vigil for Racial Justice: All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice **July 3rd from 1 to 1:30pm.** Bring a sign and meet us on the lawn!



All Church Yard Sale – Saturday, July 23rd
Donations for the yard sale will be accepted Saturday July 23rd beginning at 7am.

Any questions please reach out to Jennie Coleman at jenc@firstchurchburlington.org or Karan Dewar at 802-922-3821.

First Church is forming a team for the August 7th

Dragon Boat Festival. No experience needed to participate.

Find out more information here: bit.ly/dragonboatvt22 or contact Baki Nelson at: fn.info@icloud.com.



Join the Outreach Team to Assemble Kits for VT CARES on Sunday, July 10th: Join us

in the Chapel after worship on Sunday, July 10th to assemble kits and learn about the harm reduction work of Vermont CARES. Vermont CARES works with Vermonters affected by HIV, Hepatitis C, and substance use by increasing access to care, reducing stigma, and by building consistent relationships with vulnerable populations.



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 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 9:45am (in the *Church Office*).

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

Women’s Book Group: For details and to be added to the group’s email list, please contact Janice Clements at: janclm25@gmail.com.

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.



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. During an upcoming worship service, we will feature photos of cranes in places that bring joy and peace. Please submit photos here: bit.ly/cranephotos2022