

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: 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!



TODAY Silent Vigil for Racial Justice: All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice **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.



Join the Outreach Team to Assemble Kits for VT CARES NEXT 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.

PEACE Camp is less than two weeks away! Please complete the form included in today's bulletin to sign-up!



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.



Sign Up for a Vision Project Team!

Complete the form included in today's bulletin – or sign up online: bit.ly/VisionProjectTeam
Visit bit.ly/visionprojectinformation to learn more about each of the six Vision Projects including reading the preliminary proposals that support each area. Teams will meet on zoom, developing a proposal that will come to the church in the fall for a final round of voting, selection, and, ultimately, implementation. Questions: Visit www.firstchurchburlington.org or call Caroline in the Church Office (802 862 5010, ext. 4; office@firstchurchburlington.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 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*).
- **Beginning Sunday, July 3rd**, children above kindergarten age are welcome to remain in the sanctuary. Fairly early in the service – today after the baptisms, on most Sunday’s following the Word of God for Sm(all) Ages – Faith Formation Director Hilah Clarke, will invite them to gather with her at the back of the sanctuary, where space will be set up with quiet activities for our youngest members.
- As always, “fidget bags” will be available for children who wish to remain in pews with family. This will be the model we will have in place throughout the summer.

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