

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

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Vacation Days: Office & Nursery Administrator, Caroline Catlin is away from July 23rd—July 30th. The Possibility Shop will be open Wednesday and Friday from 10am—3pm.

Pastoral Care Needs & Emergencies – Summer 2022: While the Rev. Elissa Johnk is on parental leave (thru August), our Partners in Pastoral Care – PIPC Team – is coordinating pastoral care at First Church. To share prayer requests or to request other assistance/support that you may need, or for pastoral care referrals to staff/PIPC &/or clergy while Office Manager Caroline Catlin is on Vacation from July 22nd–30th; please contact PIPC member Lucy Samara at Isamara@firstchurchburlington.org)



The members of our Partners in Pastoral Care Team are:

-Janice Clements, Chair; Tony Hall, Carlanne Herzog, Michael Samara, The Rev. Bill Neil, Barbara Carter, Lucy Samara, and the Rev. Elissa Johnk, Lead Minister

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!

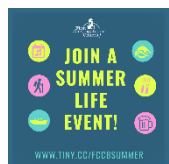


FIRST CHURCH 101: Want to learn more about First Church? Get more connected? Considering membership?

We will meet on after worship for one

hour on August 7, 14, & 21 Questions? Contact Director of Creative Ministries, Hannah Sachs at hsachs@firstchurchburlington.org

Sign-up here: www.tiny.cc/firstchurch101



What is a First Church Summer Life Event? Opportunities to grow, laugh, and connect with others this July and August! As with all First Church

events, all are welcome! We invite you to bring a friend or neighbor to join! Learn more and sign-up:

www.tiny.cc/FCCBSUMMER



Vision Project Team Update:

To learn more and sign up – complete the form in today’s bulletin – or this link: bit.ly/VisionProjectTeam The Day Care and Building Projects & Renovation Teams will meet (on Zoom) this summer to start researching their projects.

The other four Teams (Education/Conversation Hub; Contemporary Worship & Media; Environmental Assessment; Partnering w/current Programs/ Expansion – will get going in mid-September.



Our “Pull Together” Dragonheart Team - invites your support of the Sunday August 7th Dragon Boat Festival! Each paddler is asked to raise \$75 or more in support of “The Cancer Patient Support Foundation” and “Dragonheart Vermont”. **Want to help sponsor our paddlers?** Go to our team page online: <https://support.dragonheartvermont.org/team/434308> and give directly - or write a check to First Church, MEMO: Dragonheart '22; or give through your Realm account selecting “Gifts to FCCB” and add the memo: Dragonheart '22. Thank you!

A NOTE FROM JOAN: On July 31st, a fifth Sunday of the month, we have an opportunity to engage voices from our congregation in responding to questions about your faith/spiritual journey such as "Who is someone who has guided your faith journey? How did they do that?", "Describe a defining moment of your faith journey - what made it important?", or "How has the church/faith community guided and supported you?" There will be an invitation during worship to briefly share a response to one of these questions. For those who are worshipping virtually you can enter your message in the YouTube chat to be shared. If you have a question, please reach out to Joan at jogorman@firstchurchburlington.org

SERVING:

Silent Vigil for Racial Justice: All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice **August 7th from 1 to 1:30pm**. Bring a sign and meet us on the lawn!

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 children each Sunday morning. Families are encouraged to check in at the *Faith Formation Kiosk* after 9:45am (in the *Church Office*).
- **During July & August**, children above kindergarten age are welcome to remain in the sanctuary. Fairly early in the service – 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.