

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

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Vacation Days: Director of Creative Ministries, Hannah Sachs will be on vacation from August 23 through September 6.



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, please email our Partners in Pastoral Care (PIPC) Team at info@firstchurchburlington.org or call the Church Office: 802 862 5010, ext. 4. Our Office Manager, Caroline Catlin can take your message and will help you connect with staff, PIPC,

and/or clergy.

The members of our Partners in Pastoral Care Team are:

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

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4: The Rev. Elissa Johnk, Lead Minister will return from her parental leave to lead worship on September 4. Parental Leave Pastor, the Rev. Joan Newton O'Gorman will lead worship today and on August 28th before co-leading worship with Rev, Johnk and hearing our gratitude for her service also on September 4.

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: For those who have been participating, First Church 101 will continue in the Conference Room after worship this morning.

Vision Project Team

Update: To learn more and sign up – complete the form in today's bulletin – or this link: bit.ly/VisionProjectTeam



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 early September worship

service, we will feature photos of cranes in places that bring joy and peace. Please submit photos here:

bit.ly/cranephotos2022



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11:

Homecoming Sunday is planned for September 11 with worship at 10am. Watch for details as we will celebrate this special time of reunion as choirs and programs begin anew.

SERVING:

Silent Vigil for Racial Justice: All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice **September 4th 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 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.

YOUTH PROGRAMS: We are happy to share that our collaboration with the College Street Church will be on-going and that the fall calendar for youth programs is taking shape! For details make sure that you subscribe to our Church Newsletter. Families with middle and high school youth are encouraged to contact Hilah Clarke, Director of Faith Formation (hclarke@firstchurchburlington.org) to be added to the e-list for youth program updates.

For the 8.12.22 Youth Program update – use this link: bit.ly/youthupdate81222

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

Women’s Book Group: The Women’s Book Group has made their reading selections for 2022-2023.

Use this link to learn more: bit.ly/womensbookgroup22 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.