

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.

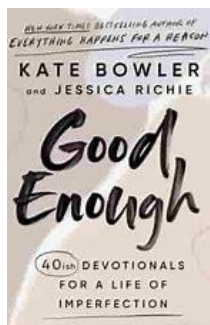
- **CHILDREN:** Families are encouraged to check in at the *Faith Formation Kiosk* after 9:40am. See "Learning."
- **MUSIC:** To offer your musical gifts, vocal or instrumental, or to learn more about First Church music programs contact Music Director, Amy Shortt at ashortt@firstchurchburlington.org.
- **CHOIRS:**
 - **Austin Chimers Bell Choir: Rehearsals are Wednesday 6:45pm at First Church.** New and novice ringers are always welcome. For details contact Bell Choir Director, Jennie Coleman, jcoleman@firstchurchburlington.org.
 - **Thursday 7pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsals are held in the Chapel at First Church.** All are welcome to sing! Contact Music Director, Amy Shortt (ashortt@firstchurchburlington.org) for more information about the **Sanctuary Choir**. The Choir also gathers Sundays at 9:15am for rehearsals before worship.
 - The **Children's Choir** is open to all in grades K through 5 – rehearsals will resume on Sunday mornings later in September. For more information, contact Children's Choir Director, Laura Elder-Connors at lelderconnors@firstchurchburlington.org.
 - The **Youth Choir** will be meeting after worship on **Sunday, September 25** – contact Music Director Amy Shortt for more information: ashortt@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.

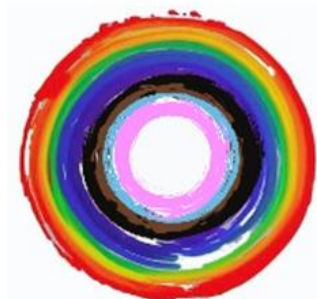
FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS!

Our FCCB Re-Gathering Team invites all to complete the 2022 Regathering Survey online as soon as possible: <https://bit.ly/regathering2022> - Need a printed copy? A few are available in the Church Office.



GOOD ENOUGH - SERMON SERIES & DISCUSSION GROUPS: What if your life isn't perfect? Or the world? Is your faith "good enough", and how do you tell? Kate Bowler's book: *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection* will shape our sermon series this fall, asking us to examine deeply, compassionately, and with humor, the ways our faith life can support us in these challenging times. Book groups are forming now, to discuss this highly praised national bestseller, starting September 25th. Copies of the book will be available in the First Church Office for \$15. For more information &/or to let us know that you want to participate in a group – please contact the Church Office at info@firstchurchburlington.org with your contact information.

Vision Project Team Update: To learn more and sign up (by September 15) – please complete the form in today's bulletin – or use this link for the online form: bit.ly/VisionProjectTeam.

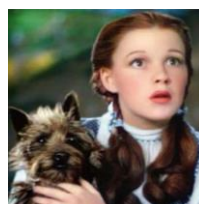


Interfaith Pride Service: Nourish, Renew & Thrive on Sept. 15 at 7pm at the UVM Interfaith Center (400 S. Prospect). This inclusive worship invites LGBTQ+ people and allies to celebrate the sacredness of

queer joy, embodiment, and community. Together we'll create space for our beautiful diversity.



PRIDE SUNDAY: All are invited to join our FCCB group walking in BTV's Pride Parade **NEXT SUNDAY** after worship. We will meet at First Church at 11:30 before gathering site on King Street. The parade route goes up Church Street and on to Battery Park for the Pride Festival.



STORY-TELLERS WANTED: We're organizing a Moth-style story telling event for October and need a few more story-tellers. The theme is, "Toto, I have a feeling we aren't in Kansas anymore!" We are looking for stories of surprise and unusual context. Do you have a story to tell? Interested in learning more? Contact Steve Hyde at 802-598-3864 or stephenhyde@yahoo.com. Stories create connection and build community – let's have some fun!

SERVING:

Silent Vigil for Racial Justice: All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice **October 2nd 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 and is open **Wednesdays & Fridays 10am-3pm. Volunteers needed:** 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*).
- **Today – Church School Peer Group:** Faith Formation Director Hilah Clarke is offering (Church School) Peer Group following the “Word of God for (Sm)all Ages.” We are in the process of hiring a Youth Coordinator for the Sunday morning Middle School Peer Group and to assist Jason Vanderlaan, Youth Leader, with The Haven (youth program). For now, Hilah will lead a program for elementary/middle school children that will include a prayer circle, Bible story, and play outside at the Ronald McDonald House weather permitting. Please, visit the **“Faith Formation Kiosk”** prior to worship to sign in participating children/youth.
- **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! Youth Leader, Jason Vanderlaan and Hilah Clarke will be leading September Wednesday gatherings at College Street from 6:00-8:00 pm on the 21st and 28th. Be on the lookout for a calendar of fun-filled events coming soon!
- **High school youth** are encouraged to participate in the 10am worship on Sunday mornings.
- 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 morning Bible Study on Zoom will resume the week of Sept. 25 – details TBA.

Women’s Book Group: Use this link for the group’s 2022-2023 book selections: 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 – in the Church Office - or at www.firstchurchburlington.org. To receive a mailed copy, sign up in the Church Office.