

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

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WORSHIP:

Sunday Morning Worship: 10 am Sundays. We also livestream with a recording available on YouTube.

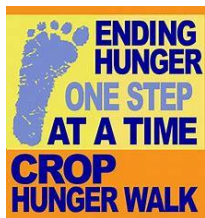
www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV.

- **CHILDREN:** Please 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:** New and novice ringers are always welcome! For details contact Bell Choir Director, Jennie Coleman, jcoleman@firstchurchburlington.org. Rehearsals are Wednesday at 6:45pm
 - **Sanctuary Choir:** Please come sing! Contact Music Director, Amy Shortt for more information. Rehearsals are Thursday at 7pm and Sunday at 9:15am.
 - **Children's Choir & Youth Choir:** All children and youth are invited to meet in the Sanctuary - immediately following worship on **SUNDAYS** - for a time of music making with Ms. Amy and Ms. Laura (lelderconnors@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!

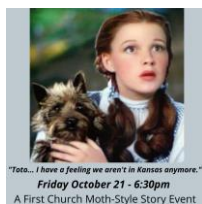
FLOWERS: The calendar for donating flowers is available in the Church Office. You can create an arrangement with your own flowers, or order flowers from Maplehurst. Email office@firstchurchburlington.org for details.

FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS!



TODAY: Our youth are teaming up with South Hero UCC youth to raise funds and awareness for hunger relief in today's CROP Hunger Walk. You are invited walk at 1pm at the South Hero Congregational

Church and/or sponsor our youth. To do so, please go online: bit.ly/CROP2022 and type in "Youth" to sign up for the walk, or go to: bit.ly/cropdonate to "Make a Donation" and support our youth. Thank you!



Moth-Style Story Telling on Friday October 21 at 6:30pm "We aren't in Kansas anymore." What fun to gather at First Church for an evening of story-telling on a clever theme!

Invite your friends to join you!



IT'S TRUNK OR TREAT TIME! Get dressed up and bring the kids for a fun Halloween experience hosted by Elissa Johnk, Ken White, and the Youth Group on **Wednesday October 26 from 6:30 to 7:30** at First Church!

Want to help decorate? RSVP to info@firstchurchburlington.org if you'd like to decorate your car for Trunk or Treat! You can decorate your car and have treats to hand out – **OR** – let the youth decorate it for you! Let us know that you are interested and plan to arrive by 6pm on the 26th!

The Vermont Conference UCC Champlain Association fall business meeting will be on **Sunday October 23 at 12:30 pm** at First Congregational Church, Burlington. This event is a great way to learn more about the UCC in Vermont and to catch up on what's going on in our regional UCC congregations. The meeting is open to all church members – and each Champlain Association congregation is invited to send voting delegates to the meeting.



FREE PHONE IN LEGAL CLINICS: We are hosting legal clinics on Sundays October 23 & November 20. Call 802-862-5010 between noon and 1pm to request an appointment. This confidential, free service is available to all in the church and wider community.



NEW ART EXHIBIT: In "**Behind the Hands**" photographer Jorge Carlos Alvarez focuses on the lives of Vermont's migrant farm workers. Alvarez's stunning exhibit is currently on display in our Midway Art Gallery. Learn more on our website: firstchurchburlington.org – *First Church this Week.*



SERVING:

Silent Vigil for Racial Justice: All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice **November 6th from 1 to 1:30pm.** Bring a sign and meet us on the lawn!

Meals On Wheels: We deliver two Wednesdays a month, contact Al Weldon to learn more at alweldon@aol.com.

Dismas House is a transitional home for parolees on Buell Street that First Church has been involved with 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.

Volunteer 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 needs in our community. JUMP is currently offering services online (www.jumpvt.org) on weekdays - and in-person on Thursdays (only) 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.

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 during the 10am worship. Families are encouraged to check in at the *Faith Formation Kiosk* after 9:45am (in the *Church Office*). “Fidget bags” are available for children who remain in pews with family.
 - Please, visit the **"Faith Formation Kiosk"** prior to worship to sign in participating children/youth.
- **Church School Peer Group:** Peer Groups are offered following the Word of God for (sm)All Ages for elementary and middle school youth.
- **YOUTH PROGRAMS:** Joint with College Street, 6th-12th grades meet from 6 to 8pm Wednesdays. October is at First Church. Contact Hilah Clarke or Jason Vanderlaan to be added to the email list.

Bible Study: Rev. Elissa Johnk’s **Thursday** morning Bible Study is at **8:30am on Zoom:** bit.ly/BibleStudywithElissa. All are invited to participate and explore scripture for the following Sunday’s worship service.

Women’s Book Group is meeting on Zoom, **Monday, October 24th at 7pm** to discuss: [The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times](#) by Jane Goodall; with Bobbi Holzel facilitating. The group’s 22-23 book selections are at: bit.ly/womensbookgroup22. To join the group email list, 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 E-News: Please sign up – in the Church Office - or at www.firstchurchburlington.org. To receive a mailed copy, sign up in the Church Office.