

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:**
 - **Wednesday 6:45pm Austin Chimers Bell Choir rehearsals.** New and novice ringers are always welcome. For details contact Bell Choir Director, Jennie Coleman, jcoleman@firstchurchburlington.org
 - **Thursday 7pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsals.** Please come sing! Contact Music Director, Amy Shortt (ashortt@firstchurchburlington.org) for more information. The Sanctuary Choir also gathers Sundays at 9:15am for rehearsals before worship.
 - **Children's Choir & Youth Choir:** All children and youth are invited to meet in the Sanctuary - immediately following worship **TODAY** - for a time of music making with Ms. Laura and Ms. Amy.
 - For more information, contact Children's Choir Director, Laura Elder-Connors at lelderconnors@firstchurchburlington.org.
 - For information about Youth Choir contact Music Director Amy Shortt: 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!

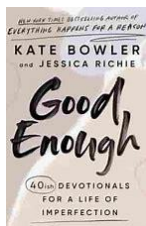
FLOWERS: The calendar for donating flowers is available in the Church Office. You can create an arrangement with your own flowers, or order flowers from Maplehurst. Email office@firstchurchburlington.org for details.

FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS!

RE-GATHERING UPDATE: Read the 9.16.22 letter from the Rev. Elissa Johnk to learn about the October 2 gathering guideline at First Church changing **TODAY** to "masks recommended" using this link: bit.ly/regatheringsept2022.



NEW ART EXHIBIT at First Church: 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*.



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 fall sermon series (resumes on October 16), asking us to examine deeply, compassionately, and with humor, the ways our faith life can support us in these challenging times. There is still time to join a book discussion group, please sign up online using this link: <https://bit.ly/goodenough2022> or use the printed copy included in today's Order of Worship.



TODAY - Silent Vigil for Racial Justice: All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice on the front lawn at First Church **from 1 to 1:30pm**. Bring a sign!



Prop2:101 – at noon TODAY at First Church - the VT Racial Justice Alliance is offering an educational review of VT Prop 2 – a VT

November 2022 ballot initiative to amend the VT Constitution to fully abolish slavery. **All are invited!**

Learn more at www.viavt.org OR

www.abolishslaveryvt.org

October 9 is our joint Service-Service Sunday!

All from First Church and the College Street Church will gather for a brief shared service - in prayer and song - at the College Street Church at 10am – followed by service projects for all ages and abilities. Dress for "service" – projects at the churches and in the community!

On the 9th, First Church folks are invited to meet at First Church at 9:30am to walk over to College Street together. (There is parking available near the CSCC if you prefer.)



SERVING:

STORY-TELLERS WANTED: We're organizing a Moth-style story telling event for Friday October, 21 from 6:30 to 8pm at First Church. 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 stephenrhyde@yahoo.com.

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.

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 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: 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:

- **TODAY:** Nursery, PreSchool, and K-5 Peer Group are available starting at 9:50 this morning – K-5 will return to the pews to have communion with their families later in the service. Check in at the Faith Formation Kiosk in the Midway before worship. Middle and high school students will enjoy the joint worship this morning.
- **Childcare** is available for Nursery, PreSchool 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.
- **YOUTH PROGRAMS:** Joint with College Street, 6th-12th grades meet from 6 to 8pm Wednesday at First Church in October. Contact Hilah or Jason 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.