

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

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There will be no regular office hours November 14<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> as Caroline Catlin is away. Staff will be periodically checking email and voicemail. If you have an urgent pastoral care concern, please contact Rev. Elissa Johnk directly by calling 802-862-5010 ext. 1.

The Possibility Shop will be closed this Wednesday (11/23) and Friday (11/25) for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**WORSHIP:**

**Sunday Morning Worship:** 10 am Sundays. We also livestream with a recording available on YouTube. [www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV](http://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV).

- **CHILDREN:** Please 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 each **SUNDAY** - for a time of music making with Ms. Amy and Ms. Laura ([lelderconnors@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto: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 Narthex of the Sanctuary. You can create an arrangement or order one. We will contact you with details. Questions? Email: [office@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:office@firstchurchburlington.org)

**FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS!**



**Sunday Drop-in Breakfast:**  
**8:45 – 9:45am:** Every Nov. Sunday - enjoy a free light breakfast for all! **NEXT SUNDAY** all new to First Church are invited to have breakfast with Elissa & a church tour.



**LAST DAY TO ORDER A WREATH:** This annual sale supports our youth programs. To participate, use the order form in today's order or online: [bit.ly/wreathorder2022](http://bit.ly/wreathorder2022)



**SHARE CHRISTMAS:** This First Church tradition is a way to give the joy of the holidays to others - and a way to receive support (and joy!) too. **GIVE:** To support Share Christmas, use this link: <https://bit.ly/sharechristmasdonation> **APPLY:** If you are affiliated with the Church and need support, tell us here: <https://bit.ly/applysharechristmas2022>



**Legal Clinic:** Call FirstChurch between noon and 1 today for a confidential, free afternoon phone or zoom appt with our volunteer lawyers. 802 862 5010

**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Christmas Fair and Chicken & Biscuit Dinner** – at First Church & Take-Out! Fun activities for all ages inside & out!

Volunteer: <https://bit.ly/christmasfair2022>

Reserve Chix/Bisc Tickets:  
<https://bit.ly/chickensupper2022>

**New to First Church? Want to know more?** Participate in First Church 101 on Sundays Nov. 27, Dec. 4 & 11 with the Rev. Elissa Johnk. Questions – please email [office@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:office@firstchurchburlington.org)

**Work with our Faith Formation Team!** We need YOU to work with our children and youth! Volunteer and paid positions available. Please email, Hilah Clarke at [hclarke@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:hclarke@firstchurchburlington.org)

**TODAY: BELL CHOIR BAKE SALE!** After worship in the Chapel, many delicious treats!



## SERVING:

**Silent Vigil for Racial Justice:** All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice on **December 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to noon**. 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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of any month. Contact our Dismas Coordinator Donal Dugan, [donal.dugan@gmail.com](mailto:donal.dugan@gmail.com) for info.

**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](mailto:frwillis@gmail.com).

**JUMP:** A Drop-In Center based here, JUMP assists hundreds in need in our community. JUMP is currently offering services online ([www.jumpvt.org](http://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 TODAY! 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. Contact the Pastoral Care Team: [office@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:office@firstchurchburlington.org) for more information. If you or someone you know is in need of care, please let us know.

**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](mailto:office@firstchurchburlington.org).

## LEARNING AND CONNECTING:

**Bible Study:** Rev. Elissa Johnk’s **Thursday** morning Bible Study is **cancelled for November 24<sup>th</sup>**. Bible Study will resume **Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> on Zoom at 8:30am:** [bit.ly/BibleStudywithElissa](https://bit.ly/BibleStudywithElissa).

**Women’s Book Group** is meeting on Zoom, **Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** to discuss: [The Lincoln Highway: A Novel](#) by Amor Towles; with Patty Thomas facilitating. To join, contact Janice Clements at: [janclem25@gmail.com](mailto:janclem25@gmail.com).

### **Faith Formation Opportunities:**

- **Childcare** is available for Nursery and Pre-School children each Sunday morning during the 10am worship. Families are encouraged to check in at the *Faith Formation Kiosk* after 9:45am. “Fidget bags” are available for children who remain in pews with family.
- **Church School Peer Group:** Elementary & middle school youth meet following the Word of God for All Ages.
  - Please, visit the **“Faith Formation Kiosk” prior to worship to sign in participating children/youth.**
- **YOUTH PROGRAMS:** Joint with College Street, 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades meet from 6 to 8pm Wednesdays. November meetings are at College St. Church. Contact Hilah Clarke or Jason Vanderlaan to be added to the email list.

## WELCOMING:

**NAME TAGS help build community:** Please request a First Church magnetic name tag! Forms and completed name tags are available in Sanctuary Narthex. Questions? Please email: [office@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:office@firstchurchburlington.org).

**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](https://bit.ly/fccbwelcomecard)

**The Church E-News:** Sign up in the Church Office or online. To receive a mailed copy, sign up in the Church Office.

<b>SUNDAY 11/20</b>	8:45 am – Drop-in breakfast, all are welcome! 9:15 / 9:30 am – Sanctuary Choir / Austin Handbell Choir Rehearsals 10:00 am – Worship in the Sanctuary. See above for children/family info. 11:00 am – Austin Handbell Choir Bake Sale and Fellowship in the Chapel 12:00 – Legal Clinic
<b>Monday 11/21</b>	Church Closed
<b>Tuesday 11/22</b>	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
<b>Wednesday 11/23</b>	CHURCH OFFICE and Possibility Shop CLOSED 6:45 pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm – AA
<b>Thursday 11/24</b>	All regular activities closed/cancelled for the holiday
<b>Friday 11/25</b>	CHURCH OFFICE and Possibility Shop CLOSED
<b>Saturday 11/26</b>	8:00 am – 9:00 am – Small Potatoes – free community breakfast/bag lunch
<b>SUNDAY 11/27</b>	8:45 am – Drop-in breakfast, all are welcome! 9:15 am – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am – Worship in the Sanctuary. See above for children/family info. 11:00 am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all. 11:00 am – New Member Class (childcare available)