

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.

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Possibility Shop will be open Wednesday 11/16 and Friday 11/18. The Shop will be closed 11/23 and 11/25.

### WORSHIP:

**Sunday Morning Worship:** 10 am Sundays. Livestream/recording available at [www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV](http://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV)

- **CHILDREN:** Please check in at the *Faith Formation Kiosk* after 9:45am. See "Learning and Connecting".
- **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 Church Office. You can create an arrangement with your own flowers, or order flowers from Maplehurst. Email [office@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:office@firstchurchburlington.org) for details.

### FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS!



**Drop-in Breakfast: 8:45 – 9:45am:** Enjoy a free light breakfast for all! On 11/27 all new to First Church are invited to have breakfast with Elissa & a church tour.



**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Fair and Chicken & Biscuit Dinner** – at First Church & Take-Out! Fun activities for all ages inside & out! Link to volunteer: <https://bit.ly/christmasfair2022>



**WREATH SALE:** Our annual wreath sale supports youth programs at First Church. To participate, use the wreath order form in today's order or online: <https://bit.ly/wreathorder2022>

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



**Share Christmas 2022 Sign ups start next week!**

**Stewardship Sunday is November 20:** Learn more by viewing the First Church Stewardship & Pledge information available in the Church Office – or online using these links: [bit.ly/FCCB2023stewardship](https://bit.ly/FCCB2023stewardship) & [bit.ly/timetalent2023](https://bit.ly/timetalent2023)



### SERVING:

**Silent Vigil for Racial Justice:** All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice on **December 4<sup>th</sup> 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](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 needs 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 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](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 at **8:30am on Zoom:** [bit.ly/BibleStudywithElissa](https://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, 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: [janclm25@gmail.com](mailto:janclm25@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:** Peer Groups are offered following the Word of God for (sm)All Ages for elementary and middle school youth.
  - 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.
- **Volunteer to Serve with our Faith Formation Team!** To learn more about working with children and youth at First Church - please email, Hilah Clarke at [hclarke@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:hclarke@firstchurchburlington.org).

### **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)

<b>SUNDAY 11/13</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. 10:00 am – 2:00 pm – Youth Retreat at First Church 11:00 am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all.
<b>Monday 11/14</b>	Church Closed
<b>Tuesday 11/15</b>	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 am – Staff Meeting
<b>Wednesday 11/16</b>	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 am – 3:00 pm – Possibility Shop Open 4:00 pm – Connections Team (Zoom) 4:00 pm – I&T (Zoom) 6:45 pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm – AA
<b>Thursday 11/17</b>	8:30 am – Bible Study with Elissa (Zoom) CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 am – 12:00 pm – JUMP Drop-In Center Open in the Chapel Narthex 10:00 am – 12:00 pm – CVOEO Resource Truck Outside in the Parking Lot 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday 11/18</b>	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 am – 3:00 pm – Possibility Shop Open
<b>Saturday 11/19</b>	8:00 am – 9:00 am – Small Potatoes – free community breakfast/bag lunch 10:00 am – Memorial Service for Bill Crawford in-person and livestreamed

<b>SUNDAY 11/20</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 – Austin Handbell Choir Bake Sale and Fellowship in the Chapel 1:00 – 3:00pm – Phone-In Free Legal Clinic
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**The Church E-News:** Sign up in the Church Office or online. To receive a mailed copy, sign up in the Church Office.

For more information on these, or any other offerings, please visit [www.firstchurchburlington.org](http://www.firstchurchburlington.org) or email [info@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:info@firstchurchburlington.org).