

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

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**Rev. Elissa Johnk will be away January 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>**

If you have an urgent pastoral care concern,  
please contact Communications Coordinator, Lucy Samara by emailing  
[Isamara@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:Isamara@firstchurchburlington.org) to be connected with the Partners in Pastoral Care Team.

## **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 downstairs youth room - immediately following worship resuming **TODAY** - 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 Sunday 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!**



### **January Sunday Breakfast**

**Project:** 8:45-9:45am: All are invited to drop in & enjoy free breakfast for all! Want to help us build breakfast:

[bit.ly/sundaybreakfast2023](http://bit.ly/sundaybreakfast2023)

Questions? Contact Bob Wolf, Connections Team Chair:

[bcwolf@burlingtontelecom.net](mailto:bcwolf@burlingtontelecom.net).



**FREE LEGAL CLINIC** We are hosting a legal clinic on Sunday January 22. 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.

**Confirmation is Starting!** Families with youth in grades 7-12 are invited to contact Youth Leader, Jason Vanderlaan:

## **SERVING:**

**Silent Vigil for Racial Justice:** All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice on **February 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am – noon.** Bring a sign and meet us on the lawn!

**Friends at First** work with our "Partners in Pastoral Care" – PIPC Team to provide rides, meals, and other services as needed. We have several meal trains going now. Email to sign up! Contact PIPC: [office@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:office@firstchurchburlington.org) for details or if you or someone you know is in need of care.

**Meals On Wheels:** We deliver two Wednesdays a month, contact Al Weldon to learn more at [alweldon@aol.com](mailto:alweldon@aol.com).

[jvanderlaan@collegestreetchurch.org](mailto:jvanderlaan@collegestreetchurch.org) for more information.



ministry of service and hospitality.

**FCCB MLK Service Day:** All are invited, 9am - noon (8:30 refreshments) on Saturday, Jan. 21 to brighten up the church. Our building serves the wider community in many ways – let's honor the legacy of MLK by continuing to support this



**Mark your calendars for the First Church Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 5 following worship.** Details and formal notice coming soon!

**Dismas House** – is a transitional home for parolees on Buell Street; 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 Donal Dugan, 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.

**JUMP:** A Drop-In Center based here, JUMP assists hundreds in need 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 throughout the year! The First Church Stewardship Campaign seeking pledges for the year ahead is happening now. Stewardship information is available in the Church Office or on our website.

**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:**

**Bible Study:** You are welcome – no experience necessary!

Rev. Elissa Johnk's **Thursday** morning Bible Study is at **8:30am on Zoom:** [bit.ly/BibleStudywithElissa](http://bit.ly/BibleStudywithElissa).

**Women's Book Group** is meeting on Zoom, **Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm** to discuss: The Book of Lost Friends: A Novel by Lisa Wingate; with Janice Clements facilitating. To join, contact Janice Clements at: janclem25@gmail.com.

**Men's Breakfast** is meeting Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30am. Please email Baki Nelson fn.info@icloud.com if you'd like more information and to participate.

### **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" available in pews.
- **Church School Peer Group:** Peer Groups 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.
  - 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. 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.

**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](http://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 1/8</b>	8:45 am – 9:45am – January Sunday Breakfasts: FREE Drop-In for all – Church Dining Room 9:00 am – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am – Star Sunday Worship: Get a star to guide you this year! 11:00 am – Fellowship in the Chapel - refreshments for all & Virtual Fellowship on Zoom 11:00 am – Children/Youth Choir Rehearsal
<b>Monday 1/9</b>	Church Closed
<b>Tuesday 1/10</b>	10:00 am – 3:00 pm – CHURCH OFFICE Hours 5:00 pm – Trustee's Meeting (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday 1/11</b>	10:00 am – 3:00 pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 4:00 pm – Worship Committee Meeting 6:45pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm – AA
<b>Thursday 1/12</b>	8:30 am – Bible Study with Elissa (Zoom) 10:00 am – 3:00 pm – CHURCH OFFICE Hours 9:00 am – 12:00 pm – JUMP Drop-In Center 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday 1/13</b>	10:00 am – 3:00 pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 10:00am – 12:00 pm – CVOEO Resource Table in the Midway Art Gallery
<b>Saturday 1/14</b>	8:00 am – 9:00 am – Small Potatoes – free community breakfast/bag lunch
<b>SUNDAY 1/15</b>	8:45 am – 9:45am – Sunday Breakfast Project: FREE Drop-In Breakfast in the Dining Room 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 - refreshments for all & Virtual Fellowship on Zoom 11:00 am – Children/Youth Choir Rehearsal