

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*” for more info.
- **MUSIC:** To offer your musical gifts, vocal or instrumental, or to learn more about First Church music programs contact Director of Music, 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: Wednesdays at 6:45pm.
 - **Sanctuary Choir:** Please come sing! Contact Director of Music, Amy Shortt, for more information. Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7pm and Sunday at 9:15am.
 - **Children's Choir: Pre-K – 3rd Grade** youth are invited to meet in the **Sanctuary** immediately following worship for a time of music making with Ms. Laura (lelderconnors@firstchurchburlington.org).
 - **Youth Choir: 4th Grade – Middle School** are invited to meet in the **Stone Room** immediately following worship for a time of music making with Ms. Amy.

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

OFFICIAL MEETING WARNING

Pursuant to Articles VII and X, Sections 2, 4, and 5, of the BY-LAWS OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, Burlington, Vermont: **The 217th Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held via Zoom on Sunday, February 5, 2023, at noon for the purpose of:**

- electing all officers, boards, and teams;
- voting on the budget for fiscal year January 1 through December 31, 2023;
- any other business which may properly come before the members assembled.

- Dawn C. Plante, Clerk

Annual Meeting Information: All reports, agenda, slate of candidates for leadership positions, and Zoom Link for the Annual Meeting – will be posted as they become available: <https://bit.ly/annualmeetinginfo2023>

FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS!

Valentine's
Auction
& Dinner

SAVE THE DATE: Valentine's Auction & Dinner – Saturday, February 11: A fun and festive evening with Auctioneer Jamie Polli; silent and live auction items, and a delicious Italian dinner for all! Questions? Want to volunteer &/or donate? Contact Connections Team Chair Bob Wolf: bcwolf@burlingtontelecom.net

Silent Vigil

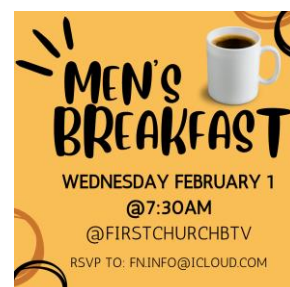
for
Racial
Justice
Sunday February 5
11 - 11:30

Silent Vigil for Racial Justice – Sunday February 5 – 11 to 11:30am: All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice. Bring a sign and meet us on the lawn! Note the changed time!



2022 ANNUAL REPORT: Download an online copy of our 2022 Annual Report using this link: <https://bit.ly/fccbannualreport2022> - or visit the Church Office for a printed copy. Next Sunday's worship will include Rev. Johnk's "State of the Church" Sermon and a celebration of new and longtime members along with a remembrance of members who passed away in 2022.

Wednesday February 1 – Men's Breakfast: 7:30am – all are invited – RSVP to organizer Baki Nelson at: fn.info@icloud.com



SERVING:

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 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.

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 3rd 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 2023 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.

Women's Book Group is meeting on Zoom, **Monday, February 27th at 7pm** to discuss: Gorilla and the Bird: A Memoir of Madness and a Mother's Love by Zack McDermott; with Nancy McClellan facilitating.

To join, contact Janice Clements at: janclm25@gmail.com.

Men's Breakfast is meeting **Wednesday, February 1st 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, 6th-12th grades meet from 6 to 8pm Wednesdays – with February meetings at First Church. Contact Hilah Clarke or Jason Vanderlaan to receive email updates.

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

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

SUNDAY 1/29	8:45 – 9:45am – January Sunday Breakfast Project: FREE Drop-In Breakfast - Dining Room 9:15 am – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am – Worship in the Sanctuary. New Members Joining! 11:00 am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all 11:00 am – Children/Youth Choir Rehearsal
Monday 1/30	Church Closed 6:00 – 7:30 pm – White Cloud Arts Tai Chi (Dining Room)
Tuesday 1/31	10:00 am – 3:00 pm – CHURCH OFFICE Hours
Wednesday 2/1	7:30 – 8:30am – Men's Breakfast 10:00 am – 3:00 pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 5:00 pm – Executive Council Meeting (Zoom) 6:45pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm – AA
Thursday 2/2	8:30am – Bible Study with Elissa (Zoom) 10:00 am – 3:00 pm – CHURCH OFFICE Hours 9:00 am – 12:00 pm – JUMP Drop-In Center open 4:30 pm – Building & Grounds Team Meeting (Zoom) 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday 2/3	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
Saturday 2/4	8:00 am – 9:00 am – Small Potatoes – free community breakfast/bag lunch
SUNDAY 2/5	9:15 am – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am – Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00 am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all 11:00 – 11:30am – Silent Vigil for Racial Justice Noon – 217 th Annual Meeting (Zoom)