

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

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**Director of Faith Formation, Hilah Clarke is away February 16<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>**

If you have any questions, please contact  
Office Manager, Caroline Catlin by emailing [office@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:office@firstchurchburlington.org)

## 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 Director of Music, 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: 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.
  - **Cancelled TODAY: Children's Choir: Pre-K – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** youth are invited to meet in the **Sanctuary** for a time of music making with Ms. Laura ([lelderconnors@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:lelderconnors@firstchurchburlington.org)).
  - **Cancelled TODAY: Youth Choir: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Middle School** are invited to meet in the **Stone Room** 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 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!



**JUNE 18 - 22**  
**YOUTH MISSION TRIP**  
Youth sign up by March 8

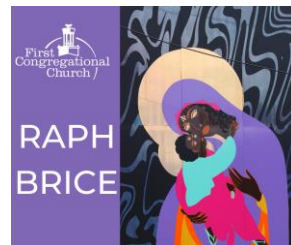
### **Youth Trip Sign-Up Deadline**

**is March 8<sup>th</sup>!** All YOUTH are invited to sign up for the Youth Mission Trip to Orland, Maine. For info email Youth Leader Jason Vanderlaan, Youth Leader

[jvanderlaan@collegestreetchurch.org](mailto:jvanderlaan@collegestreetchurch.org)

### **New Midway Art Exhibit!**

The FCCB Midway Art Gallery is featuring works by graphic illustrator, Raphaella Brice. Meet the artist on 3/11 at an *Opening Reception 4:40-6p* &/or for the *Artist's Reception/Talk on 3/12 11:30-1*; events w/refreshments.



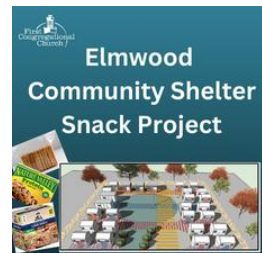
### **Lenten Series: Love Your**

**Neighbor** Join us for a Lenten journey, as we discuss what it means, and how to love your neighbor in these polarized times.

Discussion group info - use this link: [bit.ly/lent2023groups](https://bit.ly/lent2023groups)

### **New Outreach Project:**

Donations of pre-packaged snacks invited for BTV's new pod shelter. Items may be brought to the Chapel on Sunday mornings or to the Church Office on Sundays or Tues. to Friday 10-3.



**March Sunday Breakfast Project:** 8:45-9:45am: All are invited to drop in & enjoy a free breakfast for all! Want to help us build breakfast: [bit.ly/march23sundaybreakfast](https://bit.ly/march23sundaybreakfast)

Questions? Contact Bob Wolf, Connections Team Chair: [bcwolf@burlingtontelecom.net](mailto:bcwolf@burlingtontelecom.net).

## SERVING:

**Silent Vigil for Racial Justice:** All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice on **March 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 – 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).

**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](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 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](mailto: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](https://bit.ly/BibleStudywithElissa).

**Women's Book Group** is meeting on Zoom, **Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 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: [janclem25@gmail.com](mailto:janclem25@gmail.com).

**Fellowship Breakfast** is meeting **Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30am**. Please email Baki Nelson [fn.info@icloud.com](mailto:fn.info@icloud.com) for more information and to participate.

**Tai Chi: Mondays 6-7:30pm** in the FCCB Dining Room - open to all and offering a discounted rate for FCCB members and friends. Want details? Contact Caroline Catlin in the Church Office or email: [office@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:office@firstchurchburlington.org)

### **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:** 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 – 8pm Wednesdays – with March meetings at College St. 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](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 2/26</b>	9:15am – Children/Youth Choir Rehearsal 10:00am – Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all
<b>Monday 2/27</b>	Church Closed 6:00 – 7:30pm – Tai Chi: White Cloud Arts (Dining Room) 7:00 – 9:00pm – Women of the Church Book Group (Zoom)
<b>Tuesday 2/28</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE Hours
<b>Wednesday 3/1</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 5:00pm – Executive Team Meeting (Zoom) 6:45pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – AA (Chapel)
<b>Thursday 3/2</b>	8:30am – Bible Study with Elissa (Zoom) 10:00am – 3:00 pm – CHURCH OFFICE Hours 9:00am – 12:00 pm – JUMP Drop-In Center Open 4:30pm – Building & Grounds Team Meeting (Zoom) 7:00pm – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday 3/3</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 10:00am – 12:00pm – CVOEO Resource Table in the Midway Art Gallery
<b>Saturday 3/4</b>	8:00am – 9:00am – Small Potatoes – free community breakfast/bag lunch
<b>SUNDAY 3/5</b>	8:45am – 9:45am – Sunday Breakfast Project: FREE Drop-In Breakfast in the Dining Room 9:15am – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:00am – Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all 11:00am – Children/Youth Choir Rehearsal 11:30am – Silent Vigil for Racial Justice

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