

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

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Director of Faith Formation, Hilah Clarke is away thru February 28

Volunteers will be serving in Sunday School on February 19 and 26.

Questions, please contact

Office Manager, Caroline Catlin by emailing office@firstchurchburlington.org

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 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

FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS!



FREE LEGAL CLINIC TODAY

Please call 802-862-5010 between noon and 1pm to request an afternoon appointment. This confidential, free service is available

to all in the church and wider community.

Ash Wednesday
Worship Service
Feb. 22 - 6pm



Ash Wednesday Worship 6pm, February 22nd at First Church

Please join us for a joint Ash Wednesday worship service with College Street Church.



Tai Chi: Mondays 6-7:30pm in the Dining Room at First Church. This new weekly offering is open to the wider community and offers a discounted rate for First Church members and friends. Want to know

more? Speak with Caroline Catlin in the Church Office or email: office@firstchurchburlington.org

Youth Trip Sign-Up Deadline is

March 8th! 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



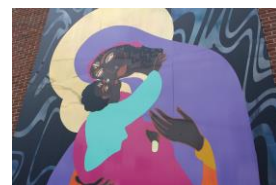
Lenten Series: Love Your

Neighbor Join us for our six-week Lenten journey, as we discuss what it means, and how to love your neighbor in these polarized times. Sign-up using this link: bit.ly/lent2023groups



New Midway Art Exhibit Open!

Have you seen the new exhibit in our Midway Art Gallery featuring the work of digital and graphic illustrator, Raphaella “Raph” Brice? Take a look after worship! Stay tuned for opening reception information.



SERVING:

Silent Vigil for Racial Justice: All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice on **March 5th 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 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.

Fellowship Breakfast is meeting **Wednesday, March 1st at 7:30am**. Please email Baki Nelson fn.info@icloud.com for 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:** 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, 6th-12th grades meet from 6 – 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 2/19	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 1:00 – 3:00pm – FREE Phone-In Legal Clinic
Monday 2/20	Church Closed 6:00 – 7:30pm – Tai Chi: White Cloud Arts (Dining Room)
Tuesday 2/21	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE Hours 5:00pm – Trustees Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday 2/22	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 4:00pm – Personnel Team Meeting (Zoom) 6:00pm – Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm – AA (Chapel)
Thursday 2/23	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 7:00pm – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday 2/24	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 10:00am – 12:00pm – CVOEO Resource Table in the Midway Art Gallery
Saturday 2/25	8:00am – 9:00am – Small Potatoes – free community breakfast/bag lunch
SUNDAY 2/26	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

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