

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 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!



Proposals were sent by email earlier this week and physical copies are available in the office.

Join us **after worship** on **March 19** to hear Vision

Project Group proposals & on **March 26** we'll discern priorities together!

Don't know what this is about? Check out the Vision process up to this point on our website: www.firstchurchburlington.org

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 Tues. – Fri. 10am – 3pm.



March Sunday Breakfasts:

8:45-9:45am: All are invited - drop in & enjoy breakfast! Want to help? bit.ly/march23sundaybreakfast Questions? Contact Bob Wolf, bcwolf@burlingtontelecom.net



SERVING:

Silent Vigil for Racial Justice: All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice on **April 2nd 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. Email Lucy Samara at lsamara@firstchurchburlington.org for volunteer information.

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! 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.

Community Outreach & Resource Advocacy through CVOEO provides support for people experiencing homelessness on Friday morning from 10am-12pm in our Midway. Please email office@firstchurchburlington.org for more information about volunteering.

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, March 27th at 7pm** to discuss West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge; with Donna Lee facilitating. To join, contact Janice Clements at: janclem25@gmail.com.

Fellowship Breakfast is meeting **Wednesday, April 5th at 7:30am**. Please email Baki Nelson 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.

Midway Art Gallery: Check out the current exhibit in our Midway Gallery featuring work by digital and graphic illustrator Raph Brice. The gallery is open Sunday mornings and Tuesday – Friday 10am – 3pm.

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 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.

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 online, in the Church Office, or complete a Welcome Card in your pew. To receive a mailed newsletter, sign up in the Church Office.

SUNDAY 3/12	8:45am – 9:45am – Sunday Breakfast: Drop-In Breakfast in the Dining Room (FREE) 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 – 1:00pm – Midway Gallery Artist Reception and Talk – with refreshments
Monday 3/13	Church Closed 6:00 – 7:30pm – Tai Chi: White Cloud Arts (Dining Room)
Tuesday 3/14	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE Hours 5:00pm – Trustee’s Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday 3/15	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 4:00pm – Connections Team Meeting 5:00pm – Outreach Team Meeting 6:45pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – AA (Chapel)
Thursday 3/16	8:30am – Bible Study with Elissa (Zoom) CLOSED – CHURCH OFFICE 9:00am – 12:00 pm – JUMP Drop-In Center Open 7:00pm – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday 3/17	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 10:00am – 12:00pm – CVOEO Resource Table in the Midway Art Gallery
Saturday 3/18	8:00am – 9:00am – Small Potatoes – free community breakfast/bag lunch 12:00 – 1:30pm FREE Pet Care Clinic for people experiencing, or at risk of homelessness
SUNDAY 3/19	8:45am – 9:45am – Sunday Breakfast: Drop-In Breakfast in the Dining Room (FREE) 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 – Vision Project Proposal Q&A Session