

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

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Holy Week & Easter at First Church!

Palm Sunday Service
Sunday, April 2, 10am
In-person and on YouTube

Maundy Thursday Dinner
Thursday, April 6, 6pm
In the Chapel

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Worship
Thursday, April 6, 7pm
In-person and on YouTube

Maundy Thursday Vigil
Thurs. April 6, 8pm – Fri. April 7, 5pm

Good Friday Closing Prayer Service
Friday, April 7, 6-6:30pm
In-person and on YouTube

Easter "Son-Rise" Worship
Sunday, April 9, 6:30am
Burlington Waterfront
(north of the Echo Science Museum)

Easter Festival Worship
Sunday, April 9, 10am
In-person and on YouTube

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: Sanctuary Choir: Please come sing! Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7pm and Sunday at 9:15am.

- **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.
- **Youth & Children's Choirs** are invited to meet in the **Sanctuary** immediately following worship.

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).

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 last week and physical copies are available in the office. Join us **after worship**

TODAY to 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 Forms for electronic voting will be distributed by Wednesday the 29th.

Silent Vigil



Silent Vigil for Racial Justice: All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice **NEXT SUNDAY from 11:30 – noon.** Donations of pre-packaged snacks for the Elmwood Community

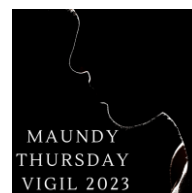
Shelter are invited at this monthly event.



Maundy Thursday Dinner and Worship April 6th Please join us for dinner in the Chapel at 6pm followed by Tenebrae worship at 7pm.

Sign up for Maundy Thursday Vigil at First Church:

"Could you not stay awake with me one hour?" (Matthew 26: 40) After the Maundy Thursday service, until 5pm on Good Friday, sign up for a one-hour slot to hold a silent vigil in the Sanctuary bit.ly/thursdayvigil2023 You may also participate in the vigil independently at home. The "Home Vigil Guide" is on our website.



Fellowship Breakfast, open to all is meeting **Tuesday, April 4th at 7:30am** at First Church. Please email Baki Nelson fn.info@icloud.com for more information and to RSVP.

SERVING:

Friends at First work with our "Partners in Pastoral Care" – PIPC Team to provide rides, meals, and other services as needed. Email 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 is temporarily closed. We will keep you informed about its re-opening plans.

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.

Vermont Interfaith Action: We are currently partnering with VIA on issues of public safety, housing insecurity, and racial justice. To find out more, contact Louise Brewster at lrbrewster@gmail.com.

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 on Friday mornings at 10am in our Midway. Please email office@firstchurchburlington.org for more information about volunteering.

LEARNING AND CONNECTING:

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

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.

Love Your Neighbor: Lenten Discussion and Study Materials can be found at the Welcome Table or found online.

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 April meetings at First Church. Contact Hilah Clarke or Jason Vanderlaan to receive email updates.

WELCOMING:

NAME TAGS help build community: Forms and completed name tags are available in Sanctuary Narthex.

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 3/26	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 – Children/Youth Choir Rehearsal 11:20am – Vision Project Ballot Discernment
Monday 3/27	Church Closed 6:00 – 7:30pm – Tai Chi: White Cloud Arts (Dining Room) 7:00pm – Women's Book Group (Zoom)
Tuesday 3/28	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE Hours 5:15pm – Deacon's Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday 3/29	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 5:00pm – Executive Council Meeting (Zoom) 6:45pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – AA (Chapel)
Thursday 3/30	8:30am – Bible Study with Elissa (Zoom) 10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE Hours 7:00pm – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday 3/31	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 10:00am – 12:00pm – CVOEO Resource Table in the Midway Art Gallery
Saturday 4/1	8:00am – 9:00am – Small Potatoes – free community breakfast/bag lunch
SUNDAY 4/2	9:15am – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:00am – Palm Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all 11:00am – Children/Youth Choir Rehearsal