

# 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](http://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV)

**CHILDREN:** Please check in at the *Faith Formation Kiosk* after 9:40am. See "Learning" for more info.

- Please note, there will be no church school TODAY to allow families to worship together.

**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: 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](mailto:jcoleman@firstchurchburlington.org) Rehearsals: Wednesdays at 6:45pm.
- **Youth & Children's Choir** rehearsals are CANCELLED for TODAY. If you are interested, please email Ms. Amy or Ms. Laura ([lelderconnors@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:lelderconnors@firstchurchburlington.org)).

**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](mailto:office@firstchurchburlington.org)

## FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS!

### TRANSFORMATION

Mark your calendars for our next sermon series (Trans)formation,

examining the importance of LGBTQ+ lives and theology, from April 23<sup>rd</sup> – May 7<sup>th</sup>.



### FREE LEGAL CLINIC NEXT SUNDAY

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.

**Fellowship Breakfast** is meeting **Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am**, in the second floor "Cake Room". We'd love to see you! Please email Baki Nelson [fn.info@icloud.com](mailto:fn.info@icloud.com) for more information.

**FELLOWSHIP  
BREAKFAST**  
Tues. April 11  
7:30am

You are invited to attend the **Vermont Conference Association Meeting and Ecclesiastical Council Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Charlotte, VT at 12:30pm.** Lunch will be provided. Please email [office@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:office@firstchurchburlington.org) if you'd like additional information.



## SERVING:

**Silent Vigil for Racial Justice:** All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice **May 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 – noon.**

**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](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).

**Elmwood Community Shelter Snack 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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:office@firstchurchburlington.org).

**Community Outreach & Resource Advocacy** through CVOEO provides support on Thursday mornings at 10am in the parking lot. Please email [office@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto: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](http://bit.ly/BibleStudywithElissa).

**Women's Book Group** is meeting on Zoom, **Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** at **7pm** to discuss The Five Wounds: A Novel by Kristin Valdez Quade; with Dianne Griffiths facilitating. To join, contact Janice Clements at: [janclem25@gmail.com](mailto:janclem25@gmail.com).

**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.
- **There will be no church school today to allow families to worship together.**
- 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 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](http://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.

<b>SUNDAY 4/9</b>	6:30am – Easter "Son-Rise" Worship at the Burlington Waterfront 9:15am – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:00am – Easter Festival Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00am – Easter Fellowship Reception in the Chapel
<b>Monday 4/10</b>	Church Closed 6:00 – 7:30pm – Tai Chi: White Cloud Arts (Dining Room)
<b>Tuesday 4/11</b>	7:30am – Fellowship Breakfast 10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE Hours 5:00pm – Trustees Meeting (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday 4/12</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 4:00pm – Worship Team Meeting 6:45pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – AA (Chapel)
<b>Thursday 4/13</b>	8:30am – Bible Study with Elissa (Zoom) 10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE Hours 10:00am – 12:00pm – CVOEO CORA Truck Outside in the Parking Lot 4:30pm – Building and Grounds Team Meeting (Zoom) 7:00pm – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday 4/14</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open
<b>Saturday 4/15</b>	8:00am – 9:00am – Small Potatoes – free community breakfast/bag lunch
<b>SUNDAY 4/16</b>	8:30am – Confirmation Meeting at College Street Congregational Church 9:15am – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:00am – Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all

### **THE EASTER FLOWER & MISSION OFFERING**

The dedications below provided our beautiful tulips and lilies this morning as well as a generous gift from our congregation to the Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ's Hope Fund.

#### **IN MEMORY OF**

Linda Backus by Robert Backus · My grandparents; Dorothy & Clifton and Elizabeth & Milt by Janet Breen · Alan Jakubek by Caroline, Carl, and Elizabeth Crawford · My mother & grandmother, Rosemonde Kellogg & Elizabeth Linaberry by Mel Bourgault · Margaret & Bob Shaw by the Carter Family · Annette Mazza by her daughters · Jean Bing by Susan Ellwood · Alan Elrick by the Elrick Family · Ronald Carter by his family · Dr. Bill MacIntyre by his wife, Florence · Our parents and Mary Thompson by Cyndy & Tony Hall · June & Truslow Hyde and Richard & Julia Whalen by Mary & Stephen Hyde · Our parents by Carl & Carlanne Herzog · Don Jackson by Jan Jackson and Family · Loved Ones by Judy Kerr · Bob Lee by Donna Lee · Loved Ones Lost by Bill & Faith Neil · Our Parents by Doris & Jeff Ogden · Our parents, Thomas & Betsy Pine and Jarrell & Noreen Buchanan by Douglas & Ellen Pine · Rose Marie Call by Robyn, David, and family and friends · Loves Ones by Michael and Lucy Samara · Oatman & Betty Saunders, Stephen Oatman, Douglas Davis, and Jessica Hope Saunders by Susan E. Saunders · Nancy Collins Schmidt, my loving wife of 35 years by Don Schmidt · Bob Lee by Judy & Bill Whitman · Sandra Lee Wooster by Carol Ann Wooster & Robert Clark

For more information on these, or any other offerings,  
please visit [www.firstchurchburlington.org](http://www.firstchurchburlington.org) or email [info@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:info@firstchurchburlington.org).