

# 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.

**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.
- **Alleluia (Youth) & Cherub (Children's) Choir** rehearsals are paused until the fall. If you are interested, please email Ms. Amy or Ms. Laura ([lelderconnors@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:lelderconnors@firstchurchburlington.org)).

**PARKING:** The First Church parking lot is most needed and reserved for - our first-time visitors - and those with limited mobility only. Drivers are invited to drop off passenger(s) before using street parking or the garage (both FREE on Sundays). Please do not park on the lawn as it damages the grass.

**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!



**New to First Church? Want to know more?** Participate in First Church 101 **June 4th at 11am in the Dining Room - and June 11th at 9am** with the Rev. Elissa Johnk.

## Time to Reflect: How has our world changed?

Let's gather on **Saturday, June 10** in the morning with the Rev. Bill Neil to reflect on the impact of the pandemic - personally, nationally and globally. To learn more and RSVP - use this link: [bit.ly/june10retreat](https://bit.ly/june10retreat)



**Use Your Green Thumb!** Support First Church by helping outside this summer! To learn more and volunteer, please complete the online form: [bit.ly/fccboutside2023](https://bit.ly/fccboutside2023)



## Silent Vigil



**Silent Vigil for Racial Justice:** All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice **NEXT SUNDAY from 11:30 – noon**. Our Outreach Team invites donations of pre-packaged snacks for the Elmwood Community Shelter at this monthly event.

**FREE LEGAL CLINIC** NEXT Sunday June 4 is the final FREE Legal Clinic until September. Call 802-862-5010 between noon and 1pm to request an afternoon appointment. This free service is available to all in the church and wider community.



## Sambatucada Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>

**4-6pm!** Gather on the church lawn with friends and family for an upbeat time with Sambatucada!



## JAZZ SUNDAY June 11<sup>th</sup>!

A joyful First Church tradition! Arrive early and stay after worship for more jazz outside and ice cream too!



## 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](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** reopened Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Please visit [www.jumpvt.org](http://www.jumpvt.org) for more information.

**Outright Vermont:** Joint with College Street UCC, help us support the LGBTQ+ youth of Vermont, by sponsoring or making a Friday night dinner. The sign-up link and information can be found by contacting the office.

**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 [lbrewster@gmail.com](mailto:lbrewster@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](https://bit.ly/BibleStudywithElissa).

**Fellowship Breakfast** is meeting outside in June, July, and August. Specific dates TBD. Please email Baki Nelson, [fn.info@icloud.com](mailto:fn.info@icloud.com) for more information and to participate.

**Women’s Book Group:** is holding its annual potluck and book proposal gathering on **Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.** To participate, contact Janice Clements at: [janclem25@gmail.com](mailto:janclem25@gmail.com).

**Men’s Game Nights** occur occasionally throughout the year. Please Email Baki Nelson, [fn.info@icloud.com](mailto:fn.info@icloud.com) for info.

**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 May meetings at College St. 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](https://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 5/28</b>	9:15am – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:00am – Confirmation Sunday: Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all 11:00am – First Church 101 in the Dining Room
<b>Monday 5/29</b>	Church Closed NO Tai Chi: Resumes Monday 6/6
<b>Tuesday 5/30</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 10:00am – Staff Meeting
<b>Wednesday 5/31</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 6:00pm – Youth Group at College Street Church 6:45pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – AA (Chapel)
<b>Thursday 6/1</b>	8:30am – Bible Study with Elissa (Zoom) 10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 9:00am – 12:00pm – JUMP Drop-In Center Open 10:00am – 12:00pm – CVOEO CORA Truck Outside in the Parking Lot 7:00pm – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday 6/2</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open
<b>Saturday 6/3</b>	8:00am – 9:00am – Small Potatoes – free community breakfast/bag lunch 10am – Memorial Service for Charlie Wolf
<b>SUNDAY 6/4</b>	9:15am – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:00am – Graduate Recognition Sunday: Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all