

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: 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.
- **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).

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

FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS!



Youth Mission Trip Silent Auction! Visit the Chapel after worship **TODAY** and **NEXT SUNDAY** to bid on some awesome items! All proceeds will support our youth as they travel to Maine for a week of service.

Delicious baked goods, a stay at the Knauer's Schoolhouse Cottage, a barbeque on the beach at Bobbi Holzel's camp in Colchester, gift baskets and many more amazing items!



Have you participated in the Envelope Fundraiser for the Youth Mission Trip? Select an envelope with a number equal to the amount you want to donate from the Midway bulletin board.



Pets of FCCB on Zoom! Join us on Zoom, **Saturday, May 20th from 5-6pm** to celebrate our furry friends! For more information and the Zoom link, check out this week's e-newsletter.

New to First Church? Want to know more? Participate in First Church 101 on Sundays May 21st and June 4th at 11am - and June 11th at 9am with the Rev. Elissa Johnk. Questions – please email office@firstchurchburlington.org

Marathon Pasta Dinner
Our Connections Team & Women's Fellowship are organizing a community Pasta Dinner! Volunteers needed! Please contact Jennie Coleman or Karan Dewar.

Join us for Fellowship Breakfast Tuesday, May 16th at 7:30am!
Questions and to RSVP please email Baki Nelson at fn.info@icloud.com

The Austin Handbell Choir Bake Sale is TODAY! After worship in the Chapel – many delicious items are available!



PEACE CAMP 2023: JULY 10 -13

- The Rev. Elissa Johnk, the Rev. Ken White, our Burlington UCC congregations: First Church and College Street, will be together for this all ages, four-evening event for children, youth & adults.
- Together we will enjoy good food – each evening starts with dinner - timeless stories, beautiful music and we'll delve into activities with themes of peace - in age group settings.

- Please register as soon as possible to support our planning.

PEACE CAMP REGISTRATION:

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/REGISTRATIONPC2023](https://bit.ly/registrationpc2023)

- PEACE CAMP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/VOLUNTEERPC2023](https://bit.ly/volunteerpc2023)

Congratulations Graduates!



LET'S CELEBRATE OUR 2023 GRADUATES! First Church wants to celebrate all of our graduates in worship on **"Senior Sunday" – June 4, 2023**. If you have a child or grandchild who is - or if you are - completing middle school, or are graduating from high school, a technical program, or from a college or university – including advanced degrees - please fill out our **online form** by **Wednesday May 31**. There are printed forms at church if you prefer. *Questions?* Email Caroline Catlin: office@firstchurchburlington.org _ Learn more using this link: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/GRADUATES23](https://bit.ly/graduates23)

Volunteer Outside at First Church: There are many ways to support First Church by helping outside in the spring and summer! If your "green thumb" is experienced... or if you are a novice gardener or mower... we are grateful for your involvement and will help you get started. To volunteer, please complete this online form: <https://bit.ly/fccboutside2023>



Use your "Green Thumb" at First Church!

SERVING:

Silent Vigil for Racial Justice: All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice **June 4th 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 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.

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 reopened Thursday, May 11th. Please visit www.jumpvt.org for more 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.

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.

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 Thursday mornings at 10am in the parking lot. 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.

Fellowship Breakfast is meeting **Tuesday, May 16th at 7:30am**. Please email Baki Nelson, fn.info@icloud.com for more information and to participate.

Women's Book Group: is meeting on Zoom **Monday, May 22nd at 7pm** to discuss Stephen Kiernan's Universe of Two To join, contact Janice Clements at: janclm25@gmail.com.

Men's Game Nights occur occasionally throughout the year. Please Email Baki Nelson, fn.info@icloud.com for info.

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 on Sunday mornings and during church office hours.

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 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

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 5/14	9:15am – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:00am – Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00am – Handbell Choir Bakesale and Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all 12:30pm – Interment in the Memorial Garden for Rose M. Call
Monday 5/15	Church Closed 6:00 – 7:30pm – Tai Chi: White Cloud Arts (Dining Room)
Tuesday 5/16	7:30am – Fellowship Breakfast 10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 10:00am – Staff Meeting
Wednesday 5/17	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 4:00pm – Outreach Meeting 4:00pm – Connections Meeting 6:00pm – Youth Group at College Street Church 6:45pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – AA (Chapel)
Thursday 5/18	8:30am – Bible Study with Elissa (Zoom) 10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 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
Friday 5/19	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open
Saturday 5/20	8:00am – 9:00am – Small Potatoes – free community breakfast/bag lunch 5:00 – 6:00pm – Pets of FCCB (Zoom)
SUNDAY 5/21	9:15am – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:00am – Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all