

# 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!



### Have you participated in the *Envelope Fundraiser* for the Youth Group Mission Trip?

Select an envelope (or more!) with a number equal to the amount you want to donate - from the First Church Midway bulletin board. *Donate online or by check payable to First Church, Memo: Youth Mission Trip.* Each envelope contains a "hope/concern/wondering about" the trip written by a youth, so you can support them with prayer when they travel to Maine in June on their mission trip to serve with HOME.

All are invited to gather in solidarity

### Silent Vigil



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

**LET'S TALK:** In collaboration with our sermon series (Trans)formation, examining the importance of LGBTQ+ lives and theology, the Rev. Johnk is offering a "brown bag lunch" discussion on **Friday, May 12 from 12–1pm at First Church.** Please listen to Vermont Public's 4/21/23 "VT Edition" focused on VT trans youth. The link is online & on our website. All are invited – bring a lunch, let's talk!



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



## 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** is reopening Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Please visit [www.jumpvt.org](http://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](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 **Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** at **7:30am**. Please email Baki Nelson, [fn.info@icloud.com](mailto:fn.info@icloud.com) for more information and to participate.

**Women’s Book Group:** is meeting on Zoom **Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** at **7pm** to discuss Stephen Kiernan’s Universe of Two To join, 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.

**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.

**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:** Peer Groups are available starting at 9:50 this morning – K-5 will return to the pews to have communion with their families later in the service. 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 5/7</b>	9:00am – Explore Cuba – Stories & Slides – with Linda Elrick & Cuban Breakfast treats for all! 9:15am – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:00am – Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all 11:30am – noon – Silent Vigil for Racial Justice 2:00pm – 3:30pm – COTS Walk Rest Stop at First Church
<b>Monday 5/8</b>	Church Closed 6:00 – 7:30pm – Tai Chi: White Cloud Arts (Dining Room)
<b>Tuesday 5/9</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 5:00pm – Trustees Meeting (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday 5/10</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 10:00am – Staff Meeting 4:00pm – Worship Meeting 6:00pm – Youth Group at College Street Church 6:45pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – AA (Chapel)
<b>Thursday 5/11</b>	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
<b>Friday 5/12</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open
<b>Saturday 5/13</b>	8:00am – 9:00am – Small Potatoes – free community breakfast/bag lunch
<b>SUNDAY 5/14</b>	9:15am – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:00am – Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all