

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

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**Rev. Elissa Johnk will be on the Youth Mission Trip June 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**

If you have an urgent pastoral care concern,  
please contact Communications Coordinator, Lucy Samara by emailing  
<mailto:lsamara@firstchurchburlington.org> to be connected with the Partners in Pastoral Care

## 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) **The Sanctuary Choir, Austin Handbell Choir, Alleluia Choir, and Cherub Choir do not rehearse during the summer months.**

**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!



**Dragon Boat Team: Let's "Pull Together!"** Our Connections Team and Baki Nelson are recruiting an FCCB Dragon Boat Team for the August 6<sup>th</sup> Festival. Learn more here: [bit.ly/fccbdragonboat](http://bit.ly/fccbdragonboat)



The FirstChurchBTV raised gardens are a '23 Dismas House collaboration!

**Dismas House/FCCB Raised Garden Bed collaboration:** Our Outreach Team is pleased to share that residents of Dismas House will be "farming" our raised garden beds this summer! What a great new spin on a long-term mission partnership!

## **Have you signed up for PEACE Camp 2023?**

Join us for an intergenerational vacation bible school, joint with College St. Fun for all, from 2 – 102! Peace camp is Mon., July 10<sup>th</sup> – Thurs., July 13<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 7:30pm!



**Volunteer Sign Up:** [bit.ly/volunteerpc2023](http://bit.ly/volunteerpc2023)

**Peace Camp Registration:** [bit.ly/registrationpc2023](http://bit.ly/registrationpc2023)

## SERVING:

**Silent Vigil for Racial Justice:** All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice **July 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:30 – noon.**

**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](http://bit.ly/fccboutside2023)

**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).

**The Fairfax, Fletcher & Westford Town Band** is coming to town for a summer "Pop Up Event" at First Church: **Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 4pm** - Ice Cream Social for all! Mark your calendar - Invite your friends!



## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**WARNING:** In accordance with Articles VII, VIII (c) and X, Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the By Laws of the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Burlington, Vermont, a Special Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 9 at 11:15 a.m. The agenda includes:

- Information about the next steps in our visioning process
- Voting on the expenditure of funds to pay for these next steps.

All members are encouraged to attend in person - remote access via Zoom will be an option.

- Dawn Plante, Clerk



The **Joint Urban Ministry Project (JUMP)** Drop-In Center is open in person at FCCB Thursdays, 9am to noon. JUMP is also providing direct services online and will add Fridays to the schedule by the end of June.

For more info: [www.jumpvt.org](http://www.jumpvt.org)

**Outright Vermont:** Jointly with College Street UCC, let's support the LGBTQ+ youth of VT by sponsoring or making a Friday night dinner. For details and dates, email Louise Brewster: [lrbrewster@gmail.com](mailto:lrbrewster@gmail.com) of our Outreach Team.

**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](https://bit.ly/BibleStudywithElissa).

**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.
- **SUMMER Worship Schedule:** During the summer youth kindergarten and older will leave with Faith Formation Director, Hilah Clarke, after the Word of God for (Sm)all ages. We will go outside (weather permitting) to have a snack and play. We will close with a prayer circle and return to church. Inclement weather will keep us in the upstairs classroom with activities. Fidget bags are available for those who wish to remain in pews with family.
- Please, visit the "*Faith Formation Kiosk*" prior to worship to sign in participating children/youth.
- **YOUTH PROGRAMS:** Joint with College Street will resume meeting in September. 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 on our website, 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 6/18</b>	10:00am – Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all
<b>Monday 6/19</b>	Church Closed 6:00 – 7:30pm – Tai Chi: White Cloud Arts (Dining Room)
<b>Tuesday 6/20</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
<b>Wednesday 6/21</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 3:30pm – I&T (Zoom) 5:00pm – Connections Meeting (Zoom) 7:00pm – AA (Chapel)
<b>Thursday 6/22</b>	CANCELLED – Bible Study with Elissa (Zoom) – will resume on Thursday June 29 at 8:30am 9:00am – JUMP Drop-In Center Open 10:00am – 12:00pm – CVOEO CORA Truck Outside in the Parking Lot
<b>Friday 6/23</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 9:00am – JUMP Drop-In Center Open
<b>Saturday 6/24</b>	8:00am – 9:00am – Small Potatoes – free community breakfast/bag lunch
<b>SUNDAY 6/25</b>	10:00am – Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all