

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

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

- Our **Sanctuary Choir** rehearsals are at 7pm Thursdays and 9:15am Sundays. All are welcome to sing! Contact Amy Shortt for more information.
- **Alleluia (Youth) & Cherub (Children's) Choir** rehearsals begin TODAY following worship – with a special Drum Circle for all in Kidz Lab in the upstairs Youth Classroom. Drumming will go from 11 to 11:45am with Laura Elder-Connors, Children's Music Director; Amy Shortt, Director of Music, and Zach Kelly, drummer extraordinaire. Parents and guardians can pick up youth upstairs at 11:45am.
- **Bell Choir** rehearsals are from 6:45 – 8:15pm on Wednesdays at First Church. New ringers are always welcome! For details contact Jennie Coleman, jcoleman@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!



FREE LEGAL CLINIC TODAY

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.



Vermont Interfaith Action

Vermont Interfaith Action (VIA) Volunteer Opportunity

VIA is looking for volunteers to assist in neighborhood canvassing

with a short survey on safety and policing.

For more information and to sign-up, please visit: bit.ly/KingStCanvass2023.

First Church Drumming Circle!

TODAY from 11-11:45am for all children and youth with FCCB Music Staff and Zach Kelly in the upstairs Youth Classroom.



"What-A-Crock" Luncheon Sunday, October 1st after

worship! All are invited to sample and cast your vote for the best tasting crock pot. For those interested in participating, please deliver your favorite crock pot dish to the Dining Room before worship, and we will get everything set up for you. The winner gets our First Annual "Golden Ladle Award" and bragging rights for the next year!



SERVING:

Silent Vigil for Racial Justice: All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice **October 1st from 11:30 – noon.**

Use Your Green Thumb! Support First Church by helping outside this summer and fall! To learn more and volunteer, please complete the online form: 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 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.

The **Joint Urban Ministry Project (JUMP)** Drop-In Center is open in person at FCCB Thursday and Friday mornings beginning at 9am. JUMP is able to serve the first 15 individuals/families. For more info: 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 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.

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.

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.

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.

Women’s Book Group is meeting in person, **Monday, September 25th at 7pm** to discuss *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger; w/Patty Thomas facilitating. To receive e-updates, contact Janice Clements: janclem25@gmail.com.

Fellowship Breakfast will return to meeting at First Church in October. Specific dates coming soon. Please email Baki Nelson, fn.info@icloud.com for more information and to participate.

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 photographs from Carolyn Bates new book *Street Murals Burlington*. The gallery is open Sunday mornings and Tuesday – Friday 10am – 3pm.

Faith Formation Opportunities:

- Please, visit the **"Faith Formation Kiosk"** in the midway prior to worship to sign in participating children/youth.



Scan this QR Code to learn more about children and youth programming at First Church!

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 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.

SUNDAY 9/17	10:00am – Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00am – Alleluia and Cherub Choirs Drum Circle (Upstairs Youth Classroom) 11:00am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all 11:30am – Faith Formation Team Meeting 1:00 – 3:00pm – FREE Phone-In Legal Clinic
Monday 9/18	Church Closed 6:00 – 7:30pm – Tai Chi: White Cloud Arts (Dining Room)
Tuesday 9/19	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday 9/20	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 4:00pm – Outreach Team Meeting 5:00pm – Connections Team Meeting 6:00 – Youth Group at College St. Congregational Church 6:45pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – AA (Chapel)
Thursday 9/21	10:00am – 1:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 9:00am – JUMP Drop-In Center Open 10:00am – 12:00pm – CVOEO CORA Truck Outside in the Parking Lot 7:00pm – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday 9/22	9:00am – JUMP Drop-In Center Open 10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open
Saturday 9/23	8:00am – 9:00am – Small Potatoes – free community breakfast/bag lunch outside the Chapel 1:00pm – Memorial Service for Beverly Austin Knapp
SUNDAY 9/24	10:00am – Worship in the Sanctuary: New Member Joining! 11:00am – Alleluia and Cherub Choir Rehearsals 11:00am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all