

Here's What's Happening at  
**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BURLINGTON, UCC**  
AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

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**UPCOMING:**



**New to First Church? Want to know more?** Participate in First Church 101 on **Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>** at 9am in the Dining Room with the Rev. Elissa Johnk. Questions – email [office@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:office@firstchurchburlington.org)



**FREE LEGAL CLINIC** We are hosting a free legal clinic TODAY. Call 802-862-5010 between noon and 1pm to request an afternoon phone or Zoom appointment. This confidential service is open to all in the church and Vermont.



**Ash Wednesday Worship February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** Join us in the First Church Sanctuary for a joint with College St. Congregational Church.

**Lenten Worship Series and Discussion Groups** Interested in joining a discussion group? More info & sign-up at: [bit.ly/wilderness2024](https://bit.ly/wilderness2024)



**The Table, Fridays** during Lent beginning at 6pm. Join us in the Dining Room for mocktails at 6pm followed by a service and light dinner at 6:30pm.



**SAVE THE DATE PEACE CAMP 2024! Mon. July 8<sup>th</sup> – Thurs. July 11<sup>th</sup>** Peace Camp is an exciting, inter-generational event hosted by 1st Church Burlington & College St. Congregational Church! Volunteer & sign-up information coming soon.



**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)

**MUSIC:** To offer your musical gifts, vocal or instrumental, or to learn more about First Church music programs contact us at [music@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:music@firstchurchburlington.org).

- Our **Sanctuary Choir** rehearsals are at 7pm Thursdays and 9:15am Sundays. All are welcome to sing!
- **Alleluia (Youth) Choir for youth in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade** meet following 10am worship.
- **Cherub (Children's) Choir for children in Pre-K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade** meet following worship with Laura Elder-Connors.
- **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](mailto:jcoleman@firstchurchburlington.org).

**READERS:** Interested in reading during worship? Contact [info@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:info@firstchurchburlington.org) to let us know!

**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)

**SERVICE:**

**Silent Vigil for Racial Justice:** All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice **March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11-11:30am.**

**Elmwood Shelter Snack Collection:** The first Sunday of the month we collect individually packaged snacks (fruit ok!) to help the Elmwood Shelter community center feel more welcoming and inviting for guests. Drop-off box is in the library, or at the silent vigil!

**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).

**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 **Joint Urban Ministry Project (JUMP)** is open in person at First Church, Thursday and Friday mornings at 9am, providing hospitality and valued assistance to thousands of individuals each year. For more info: [www.jumpvt.org](http://www.jumpvt.org)

**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, addiction, and racial justice. To find out more, contact Louise Brewster at [lrbrewster@gmail.com](mailto:lrbrewster@gmail.com).

**Teams and Committees:** We're about to start our new fiscal year. Want to find a way to get involved? To use your gifts in a meaningful fashion? Talk to Susan Ellwood, President, Donal Dugan, Deacons co-Chair, or Elissa, about opportunities to serve. We really DO need you!

**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.

**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/BibleStudy2024](https://bit.ly/BibleStudy2024).

**Fellowship Breakfast** will meet at First Church in March. Specific date coming soon. 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, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** to discuss *The Secret of Life: Rosalind Franklin, James Watson, Francis Crick, and the Discovery of DNA's Double Helix* by Howard Markel; with Nancy McClellan facilitating. To receive e-updates, contact Janice Clements: [janclem25@gmail.com](mailto:janclem25@gmail.com).



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

**Faith Formation Opportunities:**

- We are *always* eager for volunteers to work with staff in our classrooms! Email Hilah to let us know you're interested.
- Here with kids? Visit the "**Faith Formation Kiosk**" in the midway prior to worship to sign in.

**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 and return it in the offering plate. 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.

**Fellowship hour:** Every Sunday after worship, in the chapel. Come chat about worship and life and enjoy a hot drink!

**Sunday Morning Welcomers & Ushers!** Friendly faces are needed to greet or usher! Contact our Office Manager!

<b>SUNDAY 2/11</b>	8:45-9:45am – Community drop-in breakfast! 9:00am – Knitting and Crochet Ministry (Dining Room) 9:00am – First Church 101 (Dining Room) 9:30am – Alleluia and Cherub Choir Rehearsal 9:45am – Nursery care opens, please check in at kiosk 10:00am – Worship in the Sanctuary / YouTube 11:00am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all! 12:00 – 1pm – Free Legal Clinic
<b>Monday 2/12</b>	6:00 – 7:30pm – Tai Chi: White Cloud Arts (Dining Room)
<b>Tuesday 2/13</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 5:00pm – Trustee's Meeting (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday 2/14</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 5:30pm – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm – Youth Group at First Church 7:00pm – Ash Wednesday Worship in the Sanctuary/YouTube 7:00pm – AA (Chapel)
<b>Thursday 2/15</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 8:30am – Bible Study with Rev. Elissa Johnk (Zoom) 9:00am – JUMP Drop-In Center Open 7:00pm – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday 2/16</b>	9:00am – JUMP Drop-In Center Open 10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 6:00pm – The Table: <i>Mocktails</i> 6:30pm – The Table: <i>Worship &amp; Dinner</i>
<b>Saturday 2/17</b>	8:00am – Small Potatoes free community breakfast
<b>SUNDAY 2/18</b>	8:45-9:45am – Community drop-in breakfast! 9:45am – Nursery care opens, please check in at kiosk 10:00am – Worship in the Sanctuary / YouTube 11:00am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all!