

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

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UPCOMING:



Join us in the Chapel for Easter Reception!
Children's Easter Egg Hunt after worship!

Location weather dependent



Save the Date Sunday, April 7th Vermont String Quartet "Skylark" featuring Jane Kittredge, Ben Lively, Ana Ruesink, and John Dunlop will lead music during the 10am worship.



April Drop-In Breakfasts: Every Sunday from 8:45-9:45am.

Sign-up to help here:

bit.ly/aprilbreakfast24

All are invited to gather in solidarity

Silent Vigil

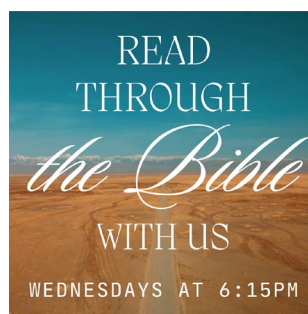
for **Racial Justice**

April 7

11:30am - noon



Donations of individually packaged snacks for the Elmwood Community Shelter are invited at this event.



Join Ava Bilton for an in-person Bible Study at First Church beginning April 10th



"My Homeland" 9am Sundays in April: Join Leendert Huisman, Alzira Agostinho, Laurie Nelson, and Baki Nelson in April as they share stories from their homelands and cultures.

WORSHIP:

Sunday Morning Worship: We also livestream, with a recording available: www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTB

MUSIC: To offer your musical gifts, vocal or instrumental, or to learn more about First Church music programs contact us at music@firstchurchburlington.org or abilton@firstchurchburlington.org

- Our **Sanctuary Choir** rehearsals are at 7pm Thursdays and 9:15am Sundays. All are welcome to sing!
- **Alleluia Choir** is for youth in 5th – 8th grade, beginning May 5th at 9:30am, please contact Ava Bilton for info.
- **Cherub Choir** is for children in Pre-K-4th grade, resuming April 7th 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.

READERS: Interested in reading during worship? Contact 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

SERVICE:

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.

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.

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

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 lbrewster@gmail.com.

Teams and Committees: 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 are invited throughout the year! Stewardship info is available in the Office.

LEARNING AND CONNECTING:

Zoom Bible Study: You are invited to join Rev. Elissa Johnk's **Thursday morning at 8:30am:** bit.ly/BibleStudy2024.

In-Person Bible Study: Beginning **Wednesday, April 10th at 6:15pm** you are invited to join Ava Bilton at First Church!

Fellowship Breakfast will meet at First Church on **Tuesday, April 2nd at 7am.** Please email Baki Nelson, fn.info@icloud.com for more information and to participate.



Women's Book Group is meeting in-person, **Monday, April 22nd at 7pm** to discuss *Horse: A Novel* by Geraldine Brooks; with Donna Lee facilitating. To receive e-updates, contact Janice Clements: janclm25@gmail.com.

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.

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 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

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. Chat about worship and life and enjoy a beverage!

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

SUNDAY 3/31	6:30am – Easter “Son-rise” Worship at the waterfront with College St. Church 8:00am – Drop-in community breakfast in the Dining Room! 9:45am – Nursery care opens, NO Kidz Lab 10:00am – Easter Festival Worship, children in worship 11:00am – Fellowship and Activities in the Chapel with refreshments for all!
Monday 4/1	6:00 – 7:30pm – Tai Chi: White Cloud Arts (Dining Room)
Tuesday 4/2	7:00am – Fellowship Breakfast CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday 4/3	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 5:00pm – Executive Council Meeting 5:00pm – Connections Team Meeting (Zoom) 6:00pm – Youth Group at First Church 6:45pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – AA (Chapel)
Thursday 4/4 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	9:00am – JUMP Drop-In Center Open CANCELLED – Bible Study with Rev. Elissa Johnk (Zoom), resumes April 11th 4:30pm – Building and Grounds Meeting (Zoom) 7:00pm – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday 4/5	9:00am – JUMP Drop-In Center Open 10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 6:00pm – The Table Debrief
Saturday 4/6	8:00am – Small Potatoes free community breakfast
SUNDAY 4/7	8:45am – Drop-in community breakfast in the Dining Room! 9:00am – My Homeland: Leendert Huisman will discuss the Netherlands (Dining Room) 9:45am – Nursery care opens 10:00am – Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all! 11:30am – Silent Vigil for Racial Justice