

Here's What's Happening at
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AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

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Holy Week & Easter at First Church!

Palm Sunday Service
Sunday, March 24, 10am
In-person and on YouTube

Maundy Thursday Dinner
Thursday, March 28, 6pm
In the Chapel

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Worship
Thursday, March 28, 7pm
In-person and on YouTube

Maundy Thursday Vigil
Thurs. March 28, 8pm – Fri. March 29, 5pm

Good Friday at The Table
Fri., March 29, 6:30pm Worship & Dinner

Easter "Son-Rise" Worship
Sunday, March 31, 6:30am
Burlington Waterfront
(north of the Echo Science Museum)

Easter Festival Worship
Sunday, March 31, 10am
In-person and on YouTube
Reception in the Chapel

Visit bit.ly/holyweekfccb for additional info!

UPCOMING:



Lenten Worship Series and Discussion Groups Pick-up a copy of the study guide at the Welcome Table in the midway!



The Table, Fridays during Lent. Mocktails begin at 6pm in the Dining Room. Followed by a service and light dinner around 6:30pm. If you are interested in helping,

please email Ava at abilton@firstchurchburlington.org



Our Outreach Team is organizing March Sunday Breakfasts! To volunteer or contribute – please sign-up using this link:

bit.ly/march24breakfast Breakfast –

FOR YOU – is from 8:45-9:45. See you there!

WORSHIP:

Sunday Morning Worship: 10am Sundays. We also livestream, with a recording available, on YouTube: 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.

- Our **Sanctuary Choir** rehearsals are at 7pm Thursdays and 9:15am Sundays. All are welcome to sing!
- **Alleluia Choir is for youth in 3rd – 8th grade.** Contact music@firstchurchburlington.org for more info.
- **Cherub Choir is for children in Pre-K-2nd grade,** they 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.

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

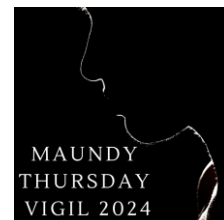
SERVICE:

Silent Vigil for Racial Justice: All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice **April 7th from 11:30am-noon.**

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!

Sign up for Maundy Thursday Vigil at First Church: "Could you not stay awake with me one hour?" (Matthew 26: 40) After the Maundy Thursday service, until 5pm on Good Friday, sign up for a one-hour slot to hold a silent vigil in the Sanctuary bit.ly/thursdayvigil2024 or visit the Church Office. You may also participate in the vigil independently at home. The "Home Vigil Guide" is on our website.

You are invited to participate in the **Easter Flower & Mission Offering** – see the printed insert or learn more online at: bit.ly/easterflowermission2024



Meals On Wheels: We deliver two Wednesdays a month, contact Al Weldon to learn more at alweldon@aol.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.
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.
Sunday Breakfast and Friday Dinner Help: Please visit bit.ly/march24breakfast to sign-up to help with Sunday breakfast or email Louise Brester, lrbrewster@gmail.com to sign-up to help with Friday dinner.

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.
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 on Zoom, **Monday, March 25th at 7pm** to discuss *When Everything Changed: The Amazing Journey of American Women from 1960 to the Present* by Gail Collins; with Penny Rieley facilitating. To receive e-updates, contact Janice Clements: janclem25@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 3/17	8:45-9:45am – Drop-in community breakfast in the Dining Room! 9:45am – Nursery care opens 10:00am – Worship 11:00am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all! 12:00 – 1:00pm – Free Phone-In Legal Clinic: Call 802-862-5010 for an afternoon appointment
Monday 3/18	6:00 – 7:30pm – Tai Chi: White Cloud Arts (Dining Room)
Tuesday 3/19	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Wednesday 3/20	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 4:00pm – Outreach Team Meeting (Zoom) 6:00pm – Youth Group at College St. 6:45pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – AA (Chapel)
Thursday 3/21	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
Friday 3/22	9:00am – JUMP Drop-In Center Open 10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 6:00pm – The Table: <i>Mocktails in the Dining Room</i> 6:30pm – The Table: <i>Worship & Dinner</i>
Saturday 3/23	8:00am – Small Potatoes free community breakfast
SUNDAY 3/24	8:45-9:45am – Drop-in community breakfast in the Dining Room! 9:45am – Nursery care opens 10:00am – Palm Sunday Worship 11:00am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all!