

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

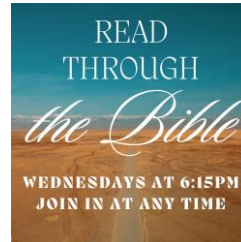


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UPCOMING:



April Drop-In Breakfasts: Every Sunday from **8:45-9:45am**. Sign-up to help here: bit.ly/aprilbreakfast24



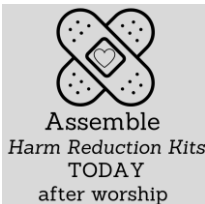
Join Ava Bilton for Bible Study at First Church Wednesdays at 6:15pm.



Join Laurie Nelson, Alzira Agostinho, and Baki Nelson as they share stories from their homelands and cultures. Next week Alzira Agostinho will discuss Mozambique.



To RSVP, please call or email the Church Office 802.862.5010 ext. 4. Please let us know if you need a ride.



Our Outreach Team invited you to support the Howard Center with this service project for all. Join us in the Chapel TODAY after worship.

Congregational Info and Update Gathering

Hosted by the FCCB Trustees

SUNDAY, April 28th

After Worship

In preparation for a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 19th

WORSHIP:

Sunday Morning Worship: We also livestream, with a recording available: 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 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**, in the Dining Room after 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 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).

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 **May 5th 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.

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 lrbrewster@gmail.com.

Teams and Committees: Want to find a way to get involved? To use your gifts in a meaningful fashion? Talk to Jamie Polli, 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: Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm you are invited to join Ava Bilton at First Church!

Fellowship Breakfast will meet at First Church on **Tuesday, May 7th 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: 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 4/14	8:45am – Drop-in community breakfast in the Dining Room! 9:00am – My Homeland: Laurie Nelson will discuss Canada (Dining Room) 9:45am – Nursery care opens 10:00am – Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all! 11:15am – Cherub Choir with Laura Elder-Connors (Dining Room)
Monday 4/15	6:00-7:30pm – Tai Chi: White Cloud Arts (Dining Room)
Tuesday 4/16	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Wednesday 4/17	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 12:00 – 1:00pm – Let's Lunch (Dining Room) 4:00pm – Outreach Meeting (Zoom) 5:00pm – Connections Meeting (Zoom) 6:00pm – Youth Group at First Church 6:15pm – Bible Study with Ava Bilton (Library) 6:45pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00pm – AA (Chapel)
Thursday 4/18	8:30am – Bible Study with Rev. Elissa Johnk (Zoom) 9:00am – JUMP Drop-In Center Open (Chapel) 10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 7:00pm – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Chapel)
Friday 4/19	9:00am – JUMP Drop-In Center Open (Chapel) 10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open
Saturday 4/20	8:00am – Small Potatoes free community breakfast
SUNDAY 4/21	8:45am – Drop-in community breakfast in the Dining Room! 9:00am – My Homeland: Alzira Agostinho will discuss Mozambique (Dining Room) 9:45am – Nursery care opens 10:00am – Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all! 11:15am – Cherub Choir with Laura Elder-Connors (Dining Room) 12:00 – 1:00pm – Free Phone-In Legal Clinic: Call 802-862-5010