

Here's What's Happening at  
**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BURLINGTON, UCC**  
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**UPCOMING:**

**Trustees Congregational Presentation**

**SUNDAY, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

After Worship

In Preparation for a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> regarding the future use of the monies from the sale of the parsonage

Faith Formation Director, Hilah Clarke is away until Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Rev. Elissa Johnk is away on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Join us for a Spring Workday **NEXT Saturday from 9am – 12pm**. We need help cleaning, preparing garden beds, graffiti removal, and indoor/outdoor carpentry.



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



Join Ava Bilton for Bible Study at First Church **Wednesdays at 6:15pm**. Starting in Genesis!



**WORSHIP:**

**Sunday Morning Worship:** We also livestream, with a recording available: [www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBT](http://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBT)

**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) or [abilton@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade, beginning May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am, please contact Ava Bilton for info.
- **Cherub Choir** is for children in Pre-K-4<sup>th</sup> grade, in the Stone 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](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 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](mailto:office@firstchurchburlington.org)

**SERVICE:**

**Silent Vigil for Racial Justice:** All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice **May 5<sup>th</sup> 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](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:** 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](https://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 7<sup>th</sup> at 7am.** 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 in-person, **Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm** to discuss *Horse: A Novel* by Geraldine Brooks; with Donna Lee facilitating. To receive e-updates, contact Janice Clements: [janclem25@gmail.com](mailto: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](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.

**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!

<b>SUNDAY 4/21</b>	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 (Stone Room) 12:00 – 1:00pm – Free Phone-In Legal Clinic: Call 802-862-5010
<b>Monday 4/22</b>	6:00-7:30pm – Tai Chi: White Cloud Arts (Dining Room)
<b>Tuesday 4/23</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS, Elissa AWAY
<b>Wednesday 4/24</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 4:00pm – Personnel Meeting (Zoom) CANCELLED for Spring Break– Youth Group at First Church 6:15pm – Bible Study with Ava Bilton (Library) 6:45pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00pm – AA (Chapel)
<b>Thursday 4/25</b>	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)
<b>Friday 4/26</b>	9:00am – JUMP Drop-In Center Open (Chapel) 10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open
<b>Saturday 4/27</b>	8:00am – Small Potatoes free community breakfast 9:00am – 12:00pm – Spring Workday
<b>SUNDAY 4/28</b>	8:45am – Drop-in community breakfast in the Dining Room! 9:00am – First Friends Breakfast! (Dining Room) 9:00am – My Homeland: Baki Nelson will discuss Persian culture (Dining Room) 9:45am – Nursery care opens 10:00am – Worship in the Sanctuary, with new members joining! 11:00am – Fellowship in the Chapel with refreshments for all! 11:15am – Cherub Choir with Laura Elder-Connors (Dining Room) 11:00am – 12:00pm Presentation by The Trustees