

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



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UPCOMING:



Coffee and Hand Crafts

Tuesdays at 9:30am. Do you have a project you're working on? This is an open creative community hosted by the church, who will meet weekly. Questions? Email Ava!



JUMP Volunteer Appreciation

Lunch: All JUMP Volunteers are invited **Wednesday, May 22nd** from 11:00am - 1:00pm at Ascension Lutheran Church.



My Homeland Series continues

May 26th at 9:00am in the Dining Room with Baki Nelson. Persian breakfast and treats will be served!



VIA is hosting Community Organizing Trainings in Bennington 5/28, Waterbury 5/30, and Brattleboro 6/4. Please visit bit.ly/2024OrganizingTraining for more information and to sign-up.



Good Grief Support Group:

Wednesday, June 5th, 12th 19th, and 26th at 11:30am First Church is holding an in-person support group. Copies of the book we will use, When the One You Love is Gone, by Rebekah Miles will be available to purchase in the office.



Assemble Harm Reduction Kits:

Our Outreach Team invites you to support the Howard Center with this service project for all the fourth Sunday of each month. Join us in the Chapel **May 26th after worship.**

Special Congregational Meeting TODAY

In accordance with Articles VII, VIII and X, Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the By Laws of The First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Burlington, Vermont, a **Special Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 11:00 AM** to vote on the allocation of monies from the sale of the parsonage as put forward by the Strategic Implementation Team and Board of Trustees. All members are encouraged to attend.

- Karen Bushey, Clerk

WORSHIP:

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

Fellowship Hour: Every Sunday after worship, in the chapel. Chat about worship and life and enjoy a beverage!

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!
- **Youth Music Ensemble for 5th – 8th grade, in the Stone Room at 9:30am**, please contact Ava Bilton for info.
- **Cherub Choir is for children in Pre-K-4th 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.

READERS: Interested in reading during worship? Contact info@firstchurchburlington.org to let us know!

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

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.

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

SERVICE:

Silent Vigil for Racial Justice: All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice **June 2nd 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. Bible Study is CANCELLED for this week, and will resume on Thursday, May 30th.

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, June 4th 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, May 20th at 7pm** to discuss *The Daughters of Yalta: The Churchills, Roosevelts, and Harrimans: A Story of Love and War* by Catherine Grace Katz; with Janice Clements 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!

SUNDAY 5/19	9:30am – Alleluia Choir with Ava Bilton (Stone Room) 9:45am – Nursery care opens 10:00am – Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00am – Congregational Meeting 12:00 – 1:00pm – Free Phone-In Legal Clinic: Call 802-862-5010
Monday 5/20	6:00-7:30pm – Tai Chi: White Cloud Arts (Dining Room) 7:00pm – Women’s Book Group
Tuesday 5/21	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Wednesday 5/22	10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open 4:00pm – Personnel Team Meeting (Zoom) 6:00pm – Youth Group at College St. 6:15pm – Bible Study with Ava Bilton (Library) 6:45pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00pm – AA (Chapel)
Thursday 5/23	CANCELLED – 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 5/24	9:00am – JUMP Drop-In Center Open (Chapel) 10:00am – 3:00pm – CHURCH OFFICE HOURS + Possibility Shop Open
Saturday 5/25	8:00am – Small Potatoes free community breakfast
SUNDAY 5/26	9:00am – My Homeland: Baki Nelson will discuss family customs, and life in Iran (Dining Room) 9:30am – Alleluia Choir with Ava Bilton (Stone 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)