

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

#### **Summer Clean-up Crew**

Looking for a way to serve your church and community this summer? Join our summer clean-up crew. Every morning and evening, we need folks to help us clean our grounds and check in with those gathered here in an effort to build relationships and maintain a safe space for all to enjoy. Email Ava Bilton, [abilton@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:abilton@firstchurchburlington.org) with the days and times you're available to serve.

**\*Clean-up Crew training is being held after worship at 11:15am in the Conference Room THIS MORNING.**

#### **Annual Yard Sale**

It's that time of year again! The First Church Yard Sale will be on **Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am**. Do you have some items that need a new home? You can make donations to the yard sale by dropping them off early on the morning of yard sale day. We also need volunteers to help organize, and staff the yard sale. Sign-up on the sheets posted in the Chapel during Coffee Hour.

#### **Pride Sunday**

In celebration of and in solidarity with the Vermont Pride Festival, our annual Pride Sunday worship will be **September 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am** followed by walking in the Pride Parade through downtown Burlington.

#### **Summer Sabbaths**

*So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that God had done in creation. – Gen. 2:3*

After all that hard work creating, even God needed to rest! We take that to mean human beings need to rest, too. Our staff will be rotating to take their Summer Sabbaths on the dates listed below.

During these times, they will be away from email and their phones.

Ava Bilton will be available for urgent issues and pastoral care needs, [abilton@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:abilton@firstchurchburlington.org), (802)862-5010 ext. 5

*Rev. Elissa Johnk will be away July 20 – August 4*

*Lucy Samara will be away July 19 – August 3*

*Hilah Clarke will be away August 4 – August 10*

### **WORSHIP:**

**Sunday Morning Worship:** We also livestream, with a recording available: [www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTB](http://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](mailto:music@firstchurchburlington.org) or [abilton@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:abilton@firstchurchburlington.org) **The Sanctuary Choir, Austin Handbell Choir, Youth Music Ensemble, and Cherub Choir do not rehearse during the summer months.**

**READERS:** Interested in reading during worship? Contact [info@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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 **the first Sunday of each month from 11:30am-noon**. Bring a sign, a water bottle and chair if you want, and meet on the front lawn.

**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). Email JUMP Board President, Anne Tewksbury-Frye for info about getting involved: [actfrye@burlingtontelecom.net](mailto:actfrye@burlingtontelecom.net).

**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:**

**Wednesday In-Person & Thursday Zoom Bible Study:** Are currently on break for the summer. Please look for an announcement about when these meetings will restart in August.

**Women’s Book Group:** For details and to be added to the group’s email list, please contact Janice Clements at: [janclm25@gmail.com](mailto:janclm25@gmail.com).

**Fellowship Breakfast** will meet at the Waterfront on **Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7am** and at First Church on **Tuesday, August 6 at 7am**.

Please email Baki Nelson, [fn.info@icloud.com](mailto:fn.info@icloud.com) for more information and to participate.

### **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!**