

Here's What's Happening at FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC OF BURLINGTON

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The office will be closed next week as Office Manager, Caroline Catlin will be on vacation July 24th— July 31st.

Rev. Elissa Johnk will be on vacation from July 26th – August 9th. For urgent pastoral care matters, please contact Director of Creative Ministries, Hannah Sachs, hsachs@firstchurchburlington.org.

WORSHIP:

Sunday Morning Worship: Worship will be at 10 a.m. on Sundays through the summer.

- Our worship services will continue to be broadcast via livestream to our remote worshipers and a recording of each service will be available on YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV>.
- Families are encouraged to check in at the *Faith Formation Kiosk* after 9:40am (in the *Midway Art Gallery*, the space that connects the Sanctuary and main building) for information and to sign in children for the Nursery, Pre-School, and Elementary School programs each Sunday morning.

MUSIC: If you are interested in offering your musical gifts, vocal or instrumental, this summer, or learning about our Youth Choir, please contact our Summer Music Coordinator Ana Ruesink: aruesink@firstchurchburlington.org. For information about the Children's Choir, contact Laura Elder-Connors: lelderconnors@firstchurchburlington.org; The Sanctuary Choir is on break for the summer.

Bell Choir: Our Austin Chimers welcome new ringers.

For details contact Director, Jennie Coleman, jcoleman@firstchurchburlington.org

Flowers: The calendar for donating flowers is available in the Church Office. You can create an arrangement with your own flowers, or order flowers from Maplehurst. Email office@firstchurchburlington.org for details.

EVENTS HAPPENING SOON!



JOIN A SUMMER LIFE GROUP:

This July and August we are offering an array of summer Life Groups focusing on a range of fun activities including nature walks, bike rides, potluck suppers, picnics, yoga, a Dragon Boat Team, and

boating trips! Visit the following link to sign up and build community this summer:

www.tiny.cc/summerlifegroups



NEXT SUNDAY August 1st: Silent

Vigil for Racial Justice: All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice from 1 to 1:30 on the first Sunday of each month. Bring a sign and meet us on the lawn!

In-Person Visioning Meetings:

Sundays at 11:30am Starting August 1st – Join the Conversation. Tell us what you think.

Yes. You. First timer. Old timer. Frequent visitor, old friend, haven't-been-in-a-while or baptized-here-and-then-baptized-my-babies-here. YOU. Our visioning process only works if we have wide-spread participation from everyone - and that really does mean YOU.

Sign-up after worship or contact Office Manager, Caroline Catlin at 802 862 5010, ext.4.

We Make the Path by Walking It:

Elizabeth Emmett's art show "We Make the Path by Walking It", is currently on view at First Church! Stop by Tuesday – Friday 10am-3pm or after Sunday Worship.



SERVING:

Garden Boxes: Volunteers are needed to weed and water our raised bed gardens on the church front lawn this summer. All veggies raised will be donated to Feeding Chittenden. Sign up: <https://bit.ly/gardencare2021>

Meals On Wheels: Al Weldon leads this community mission for us, contact him at alweldon@aol.com to learn more about helping to deliver meals monthly, or as a substitute on the second Wednesday of the month.

Laity Lawnmowers: Our volunteer mowing crew keeps the First Church lawns in good shape all summer for all to enjoy. Interested in joining our team? Please contact Bob Wolf at: bcwolf@burlingtontelecom.net.

Dismas House: Our volunteers have supported the dinner program at the BTV Dismas House (a transitional home for parolees) for many years. You are invited to prepare and share a meal on your own or with a friend on the third Thursday of any month. Contact First Church Dismas Coordinator Donal Dugan, donal.dugan@gmail.com for info.

The FCCB Possibility Shop: Our basement thrift shop sells gently used, household items and clothing. The volunteer-managed “Poss Shop” is open Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Interested in learning more about volunteering? Contact Mary Hyde: marywhyde@gmail.com or Louise Brewster: lrbrewster@gmail.com.

- **SPECIAL VOLUNTEER REQUEST:** We have a need for volunteers to greet Possibility Shop customers (inside on the first floor) at First Church on Wednesdays between 10am and 3pm during July and August. This is the perfect volunteer role for knitters, readers and anyone with a stationary activity they enjoy! Cover all five hours on any Wednesday this summer – or offer to be there from 10 to noon, or noon to 3pm. Please contact Mary Hyde or Louise Brewster (contact info above) and they will get you scheduled – thank you!

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.

JUMP: A Drop-In Center based here, JUMP assists hundreds in our community annually. Contact our JUMP Board member, Anne Tewksbury Frye to learn more: actfrye@burlingtontelecom.net. JUMP is currently offering services by mail, phone, email, and in-person on Thursdays only at starting at 9am.

Friends at First work with our “Partners in Pastoral Care” Team to provide rides, meals and other services as needed. if you are interested in helping or if someone you know could use some care, please contact the Pastoral Care Team: office@firstchurchburlington.org

Quilt/Shawl Ministry & Evening Knitting/Crocheting Group: On break currently, for more information, please contact Jan Jackson at organjan@comcast.net or Betsy Freeman at: bfreeman789@yahoo.com, respectively.

Pledges & Gifts of Self: Stewardship — gifts of money and gifts of self— are invited and needed year-round! Stewardship information is available in the Church Office or check out our website: www.firstchurchburlington.org.

LEARNING AND CONNECTING:

Volunteers Needed to work with our Faith Formation Team! Our vibrant programs for children are available every Sunday! For more information about the programs, or volunteering, please contact Director of Faith Formation, Hilah Clarke, hclarke@firstchurchburlington.org, or drop by the “Faith Formation Kiosk” before the 10 a.m. worship.

YES – Youth Experience in Service: Our summer YES program for middle and high school students will be held August 10th-13th from 9am-3pm. Join us each day and say YES to what God is doing in our community! Sign up: www.tiny.cc/YES2021

Bible Study: The Rev. Elissa Johnk hosts Bible Study every Thursday morning at 9am on Zoom. All are invited to participate and explore scripture for the following Sunday’s worship service. <https://bit.ly/BibleStudywithElissa>

Men’s Breakfast: All who identify as male are invited to gather for good company and a great breakfast! Next meeting TBD. For more information contact to Baki Nelson at: fn.info@icloud.com.

Women’s Book Group: The Women’s Book group will re-start discussions in September! For details and to be added to the group’s email list, please contact Janice Clements at: janclem25@gmail.com

WELCOMING:

Fellowship Hour: Every Sunday, after worship, on Zoom - <https://bit.ly/sundayfellowship> - and in person at Church! Come chat with others about worship and life.

Sunday Morning Greeters & Ushers: Friendly faces are needed to greet or usher. For more information, please contact Director of Creative Ministries, Hannah Sachs, hsachs@firstchurchburlington.org

New to First Church? Please fill in your contact information on the connection cards provided in the pews. We’d love to know you’re here and say hello! Our online Connection form: <https://bit.ly/fccbconnectioncard>

First Church Podcast: “First Church Phonic” is located at: <https://anchor.fm/firstchurchbtv> and on all major podcast platforms. Our podcast holds many 10-minute guided prayers, sermons, Spirit Seeker interviews, and more!

The Church Newsletter: Please sign up to receive our weekly E-Newsletters – in the Church Office - or at www.firstchurchburlington.org. To receive a printed mailed copy, sign up in the Church Office.