

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

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WORSHIP:

Sunday Morning Worship: Worship is at 10am on Sundays – in person at First Church – and remotely by video any time after worship or live-streamed at 10am on YouTube: www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV

Childcare and Church School: We are offering a remote ([on Zoom at 9:30am](#)) Church School program on Sundays. Childcare (infants/toddlers/preschool) and Church School (K thru 5) will continue to be offered in-person during the 10am worship service.

MUSIC: If you are interested in offering your musical gifts, vocal or instrumental, please contact our Fall Music Coordinator, Ann Vivian: av@gvvarchitects.com.

For information about the Children's Choir, contact Laura Elder-Connors: lelderconnors@firstchurchburlington.org, for the Youth Choir, contact Ana Ruesink: aruesink@firstchurchburlington.org.

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.

FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS



NEXT SUNDAY:

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY with College Street Church!

Our fall UCC collaboration begins on **Sunday October 3rd** when the College Street Church congregation will join us for **worship at First Church** at 10am to celebrate World Communion Sunday. What a joyous representation of the United Church of Christ!



SERVICE – SERVICE SUNDAY: October 10th

Our October UCC collaboration continues the 10th when we'll **worship at College Street Church**

for **Service - Service Sunday** when our *"service will be service"*! Following the 10am service, all are invited to participate in service projects. Free Parking is available at First Church, in the Fletcher Free Library lot, on College Street, and the Cherry St garage.



FALL VISION MEETINGS SUNDAYS at

11:30am: We need every First Church member and friend to participate!

Meetings will be held **Sept. 26; Oct. 17,**

24 and 31. Sign up on Sunday after worship or contact Susan Saunders at susansaunders@comcast.net any time. Zoom option is available. Thank you!

NEXT SUNDAY October 3rd: Silent Vigil for Racial

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

SERVING:

The FCCB Possibility Shop: Our basement thrift shop sells gently used, household items and clothing. The volunteer-managed "Poss Shop" is open Wednesdays and Fridays 10am-3pm!



LIVING WELL: The Rev. Elissa Johnk is offering a sermon series this fall focused on "Living Well." The series is based in the Rev. Scott Stoner's book: *Your Living Compass* and explores discernment in themes related to living well in significant arenas in our lives.

- Copies of *Your Living Compass* are widely available – and some copies are available for purchase (\$17) from the First Church Office, please contact us at: info@firstchurchburlington.org and we will reserve a copy for you.
- Study guide questions – and videos of the sermons – will be available (updated weekly) in our e-newsletter on our website's "[First Church This Week](#)" post: <https://firstchurchburlington.org/2020/06/18/first-church-this-week/> To request a copy by mail please contact Office Manager, Caroline Catlin at office@firstchurchburlington.org

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 and Fridays between 10am-3pm. 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!

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: 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.

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 programs, or volunteering, please contact Director of Faith Formation, Hilah Clarke, hclarke@firstchurchburlington.org, or drop by the “Faith Formation Kiosk” before the 10 am worship.

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

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: All who identify as female are invited to participate in The Women’s Book group! Discussions will re-start on Zoom, this Monday, September 27th at 7pm! The first book will be Isabel Wilkerson’s Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents. Diana Carlisle is the September facilitator of this brilliant, contemporary book. The list of books for 2021-2022 is available here: bit.ly/2021booklist For details and to be added to the group’s email list, please contact Janice Clements at: janclem25@gmail.com.

“We Make the Path by Walking It” – an art exhibit at First Church featuring the visual and written work of Elizabeth Emmett is on display for you in the Midway Art Gallery space - between the Church Office and the Sanctuary. All are invited to explore Elizabeth’s work and perspective by visiting this space before or after worship on Sunday mornings – or during Church Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 10am – 3pm.

WELCOMING:

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

Sunday Morning Welcomers & Ushers: Friendly faces are needed to greet or usher. For more information, please contact Director of Creative Ministries, Hannah Sachs, at 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: bit.ly/fccbconnectioncard

First Church Podcast: “First Church Phonic” is located at: anchor.fm/firstchurchbvtv 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-Newsletter – in the Church Office - or at www.firstchurchburlington.org. To receive a mailed copy, sign up in the Church Office.