

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

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WORSHIP:

SPECIAL THANKS to this morning's vocalists - Laura Elder-Connors and Kristin Elder-Connors – and musicians: *Eclectica*, a string trio with Laura Markowitz (violin), Ana Ruesink (viola), and John Dunlop (cello).

- *Eclectica* will also play outside on the First Church portico after worship during a festive ice cream social (individually wrapped novelties!) for all!
- All worshipping remotely are invited to a virtual time in fellowship – on Zoom – follows worship. The link is in the YouTube description for this morning's live-stream and on the front page of the First Church website: www.firstchurchburlington.org on Sunday mornings.
- Special thanks also to Ana Ruesink for coordinating music so well for our summer worship services!

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, 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.

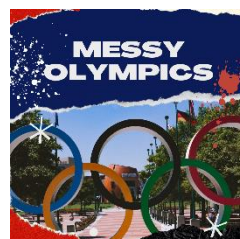
FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS!



FALL VISION MEETINGS SUNDAYS at

11:30am: We need every First Church member and friend to participate! Meetings will be held September 19, 26; October 17, 24

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



YOUTH MESSY OLYMPICS

September 19 from

5-6:30pm: Join us for an awesome opportunity to play games, build community, and get a little dirty at Oakledge Park! All middle and high

schoolers are welcome to join the fun as we kick off our new joint youth program with College Street!

Check out our fall youth program calendar: <https://bit.ly/fall21youthcalendar>. We are also offering Confirmation for high school youth. Email Hannah Sachs at: hsachs@firstchurchburlington.org for details.



VERMONT'S COVID-19 MEMORIAL SERVICE Sunday, September 19 at 3pm:

To honor Vermonters lost to

COVID-19, Vermont Interfaith Action is hosting a memorial service on the Vermont Statehouse lawn in Montpelier at 3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 19. This event will be in-person event and livestreamed here:

www.facebook.com/VermontInterfaithAction



LIVING WELL: We are beginning a fall sermon and discussion series next week! Based on Scott Stoner's book: *Your Living Compass*, we explore personal discernment in different areas of our lives. ALL are invited all to sign up to participate in a discussion group exploring these themes using this link: www.tiny.cc/livingwell. To obtain a copy, contact info@firstchurchburlington.org.



NEW(ER) to FIRST CHURCH? Come hang out with Elissa at a "New Folks Mixer" on the 19th following the 10am worship. All are welcome

to join in this casual introduction designed for visitors who want to know more!

SERVING:

Silent Vigil for Racial Justice: All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice from 1-1:30 pm on the first Sunday, October 3rd. Bring a sign and meet us on the lawn!

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!

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: <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.

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: <https://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 will be Wednesday, September 22nd from 8-10am at the Waterfront. 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, on 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: <https://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 - <https://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: <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.