

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

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### WORSHIP:

**Sunday Morning Worship:** Worship is at 10 a.m. on Sundays. Our worship services are also live-streamed - and a recording of each service is available on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV](http://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV).

- **CHILDREN:** 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 Church School programs each Sunday morning. Worshipping remotely?
  - There is a Zoom option for K thru 5 Church School weekly on Sundays from 9:15 to 9:45 – use this link (also available on our website) when worshipping remotely: <https://bit.ly/churchschool930>

**MUSIC:** We are in a search process for a **Director of Music Ministries** - we are thankful for the service of our Fall Music Coordinator, Ann Vivian, and of our lay musicians and vocalists. If you are interested in offering your musical gifts, vocal or instrumental, please contact Ann Vivian: [av@gvvarchitects.com](mailto:av@gvvarchitects.com).

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

**Bell Choir:** Our Austin Chimers welcome new ringers. For details contact Director, Jennie Coleman at: [jcoleman@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:jcoleman@firstchurchburlington.org)

**PARKING:** On Sunday mornings, **the First Church parking lot is most needed and reserved for - our visitors, friends and members with limited mobility.** If that is your situation – please park in the church lot. Drivers are invited to drop off passenger(s) before using (FREE on Sundays) street parking or the parking garage. Thank you.

**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](mailto: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 **TODAY and October 31.**

Sign up on Sunday after worship or contact Susan Saunders at [susansaunders@comcast.net](mailto:susansaunders@comcast.net) any time. Zoom option is available. Thank you!



**FIRST CHURCH 101:** Interested in learning more about membership at First Church? We invited you to join the Rev. Elissa Johnk, First

Church staff, and lay leaders in the **Chapel** following worship **TODAY and October 31.** (The Chapel is at the north end of the church midway.) To request a remote option – please contact us at: [info@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:info@firstchurchburlington.org)



#### **Champlain Association Fall 2021 Meeting TODAY at 1pm**

The leaders of the Champlain Association of the Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ are planning a fall business meeting on

Zoom **TODAY, October 24 at 1pm.** All UCC members are invited to join in this gathering. To join online: <https://bit.ly/vtcuccfallmeeting2021>



#### **PRE-ORDER CHICKEN & BISCUIT TAKE OUT DINNER**

Dinners are \$12 each or \$40 for a family of 4 or more! Orders can be picked up **Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30pm.** Please place your order online: <https://bit.ly/chickenandbiscuit2021> Or contact the Church Office (802) 862-5010 ext. 4 to reserve your dinner tickets or arrange payment.

### SERVING:

**Silent Vigil for Racial Justice November 7<sup>th</sup>:** 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!

**VIA Racial Justice - Housing and Land Ownership Presentation: Update and Information for Congregations:** You are invited to attend a presentation by Vermont Interfaith Action (VIA) about the effects of racial discrimination in housing and land ownership in Vermont. Members of the College Street Church and First Congregational Church BTV are part of a larger multi-congregation VIA Local Organizing Ministry (LOM) seeking to address the impact of systemic racism on home and land ownership by people of color in Vermont. The presentation will address how systemic racism has disadvantaged people of color in accumulating generational wealth. The presentation will help us lay a foundation for advocacy for specific legislative action in Vermont beginning in January. The Rev. Debbie Ingram, Executive Director of VIA, will lead the presentation.

The same program is being presented at two different times - please participate in the time/location that is most convenient for you:

- Thursday November 4th 6:30-8:00 PM in the Perkins Room at College Street Congregational Church, OR
- Sunday November 7th at 11:30am in the First Congregational Church Sanctuary. This First Church UCC/BTV presentation will be live-streamed using this [LINK](https://bit.ly/viaracialjustice7nov2021): <https://bit.ly/viaracialjustice7nov2021>

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

**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](mailto: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 and Fridays 10am-3pm!

Interested in learning more about volunteering? Contact Mary Hyde: [marywhyde@gmail.com](mailto:marywhyde@gmail.com) or

Louise Brewster: [lrbrewster@gmail.com](mailto: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!

**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).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:office@firstchurchburlington.org)

**Quilt/Shawl Ministry & Evening Knitting/Crocheting Group:** On break currently, for more information, please contact Jan Jackson at [organjan@comcast.net](mailto:organjan@comcast.net) or Betsy Freeman at: [bfreeman789@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:hclarke@firstchurchburlington.org), or drop by the "Faith Formation Kiosk" before the 10 am worship.

- **Worshipping remotely?** Youth age K-5 are invited to join Hilah Clarke on Zoom, Sundays from 9:15-9:45am <https://bit.ly/churchschool930>
- **Confirmation** begins at First Church on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm for youth grades 10-12. For more information, please email [ejohnk@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto:ejohnk@firstchurchburlington.org)
- **Pumpkin Carving Party** at First Church on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm. All middle and high school youth are invited to participate! Pumpkins and supplies will be provided!

**Bible Study:** The Rev. Elissa Johnk's Thursday morning Bible Study at 9am on Zoom: [bit.ly/BibleStudywithElissa](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 TBD. For more information contact to Baki Nelson at: [fn.info@icloud.com](mailto: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, Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm! The second book will be Brit Bennet's [The Vanishing Half](#). Donna Lee is the October facilitator. The list of books for 2021-2022 is available here: [bit.ly/2021booklist](https://bit.ly/2021booklist) For details and to be added to the group's email list, please contact Janice Clements at: [janclem25@gmail.com](mailto: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](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](mailto: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](https://bit.ly/fccbconnectioncard)

**First Church Podcast:** "First Church Phonic" is located at: [anchor.fm/firstchurchbtv](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-Newsletter – in the Church Office - or at [www.firstchurchburlington.org](https://www.firstchurchburlington.org). To receive a mailed copy, sign up in the Church Office.