

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

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The office will be closed until November 23rd. If you have a pastoral care emergency, please contact Lead Minister, Rev. Elissa Johnk, ejohnk@firstchurchburlington.org, or Director of Creative Ministries, Hannah Sachs, hsachs@firstchurchburlington.org.

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.

- **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 School programs each Sunday morning.

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.

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

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 for details.

FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS!



WREATH ORDERS NEEDED

TODAY: Our annual Christmas Wreath and Garland sale benefits youth programs at First Church. You can place an order online

<https://bit.ly/wreathorder2021> or after worship in the Sanctuary Narthex.



TODAY Phone In FREE Legal Clinic November 21st 1-3pm

Our volunteer attorneys will offer FREE legal - confidential - counsel to anyone in the community by phone: 802-862-5010. All are welcome to access this service with any legal questions.



SCHOLARSHIPS: Scholarship funds are available for those affiliated with

First Congregational Church who are actively enrolled in post-secondary educational programs. Learn more on our website or email Director of Faith Formation, Hilah Clarke: hclarke@firstchurchburlington.org with questions and/or to request an application.

SERVING:

Silent Vigil for Racial Justice on December 5th: 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!

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.



FINAL VISION MEETINGS: We need every First Church member and friend to participate! Meetings will be held **TODAY at 11:30 and November 23rd at 10am on**

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

Share Christmas is a First Church tradition dating back to 1988! Share Christmas is a way to give the joy of the holidays to others - and a way to receive practical support (and joy!) from the congregation.



CHRISTMAS GIVE: To support Share Christmas with a gift or time or treasure, use this link: <https://bit.ly/givesharechristmas2021>

APPLY: If you are affiliated with First Church and need support, apply for Share Christmas assistance using this link: <https://bit.ly/applysharechristmas2021>

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.

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.

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.

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!

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:

Faith Formation Opportunities

- **Childcare** is available for Nursery, Pre-School, and Elementary School programs each Sunday morning. 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).
- **Worshipping remotely?** Youth age K-5 are invited to join Hilah Clarke on Zoom, Sundays from 9:15-9:45am <https://bit.ly/churchschool930>
- The next **Confirmation** meeting will be held **TODAY, Sunday, November 21st** from **4-5:30pm** at First Church. For more information, please email ejohnk@firstchurchburlington.org.

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! The next discussion will be on Zoom, Monday, November 22nd at 7pm! The third book will be Brian Doyle’s Tour Long River of Song: Notes on Wonder Linda Elrick is the November facilitator. 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: janclm25@gmail.com.

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.