

**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 School programs each Sunday morning.
  - In-person Church School will begin in the Sanctuary at 10am. Children in grades K through 5 will leave for class time with Director of Faith Formation, Hilah Clarke following the Word of God for Sm(All) Ages.
  - **Worshipping remotely?** Children who would like to join in Church School on Zoom are welcome to log on following the word of God for (Sm)All ages: <https://bit.ly/zoomchurchschool>

**MUSIC:** As we await the arrival of our new Music Director, Amy Shortt, 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, [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.

**SERVING:**

**Silent Vigil for Racial Justice:** All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice on **February 6<sup>th</sup>**, specific time to be announced. 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](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.

**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 10am 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](mailto: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](mailto:marywhyde@gmail.com) or Louise Brewster: [lrbrewster@gmail.com](mailto:lrbrewster@gmail.com).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Possibility Shop is looking for volunteers to help with a variety of projects. Information and supplies to complete each task will be provided. If you are interested, please call Karan Dewar 802-922-3821 or Brenda Fraser 802-862-4747. 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](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)

**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).

**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).

## **LEARNING AND CONNECTING:**

### **Faith Formation Opportunities:**

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- The next **Confirmation** meeting will be **TODAY from 4-5:30pm** at First Church.
- All middle and high school students are welcome to join us on **Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at College St. from 6:30-8pm** for a game of Throw Throw Avocado and more fun activities! Our full youth group calendar for the spring semester will be distributed soon.

**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! The next discussion will be on Zoom, **Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm!** The fourth book will be Sue Monk Kidd's The Book of Longings: A Novel and Penny Rieley is the January facilitator. For details and to be added to the group's email list, please contact Janice Clements at: [janclem25@gmail.com](mailto:janclem25@gmail.com).

**FREE LEGAL CLINIC:** Our monthly Phone-in Legal Clinics resume on **Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**. All are welcome to this free, confidential, community service sponsored by our Outreach Team and organized by the volunteers on our Legal Clinic Team: Mark Oettinger, Esq.; Kristen Elder-Connors, Esq; Susan Ellwood, Esq.; Rob Backus, Esq.; Mary McKearin and Lucy Samara. Those seeking legal counsel can call 802-862-5010 from 1-3pm on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please share this invitation with all who might benefit from this important service.

## **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.

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

**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](http://www.firstchurchburlington.org). To receive a mailed copy, sign up in the Church Office.

**SAVE THE DATE:** First Church Burlington's **Annual Meeting** will be held **Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>** after the 10am worship. Details and official notice forthcoming.