

**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.

- **CHILDREN:** Families are encouraged to check in at the *Faith Formation Kiosk* after 9:40am. See "Learning" for more info!

MUSIC: Help us welcome our new Music Director, Amy Shortt! If you are interested in offering your musical gifts, vocal or instrumental, please contact Amy Shortt at ashortt@firstchurchburlington.org.

Choirs: The Sanctuary Choir rehearses at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Chapel and on Zoom, all are welcome. For information about the Sanctuary or Youth Choirs, contact Amy.

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

Bell Choir: We welcome new ringers! Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:15pm at First Church. For details contact 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 this applies to you, please park in the church lot. Drivers are invited to drop off passenger(s) before using street parking or the parking garage (both FREE on Sundays). 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!



We celebrate the birth of Micah Kamil Sachs on March 5th, 2022, son of Hannah Sachs and Renata Hanusková Sachs!



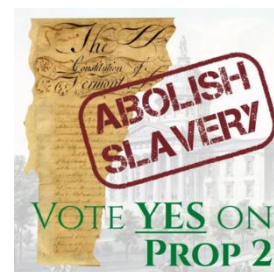
TODAY: Come help us fold our prayers into peace cranes – after worship in the Chapel!



FREE LEGAL CLINIC next Sunday, March 20th 1 to 3pm. Please call (802) 862-5010 during those hours for assistance. This service is available to any in our church and in the wider community.

Missed it? Abolish Slavery: Educating Our Communities on Prop 2:

Use this link: <https://bit.ly/vtprop2via2022> to watch Vermont Interfaith Action Executive Director Debbie Ingram's presentation on VT Prop 2. The presentation, developed in collaboration with the Vermont Racial Justice Alliance, covers our Vermont constitution's current language regarding slavery and how it evolved; how this language has influenced the U.S. Constitution and many of our systems and practices; and the proposed amendment, which Vermont voters will have the chance to pass in November of 2022.



LENTEN BOOK STUDY:

Crafting a Faithful Vision: Using the writing of three inspiring authors, our Vision Team, and the Rev. Elissa Johnk are collaborating throughout Lent - offering a Lenten book study and sermon series focused on "Crafting a Faithful Vision." The book groups get started the week of March 6th and will meet on Zoom. Learn more and sign up to participate using this link: <https://bit.ly/lentenbookgroup>



SERVING:

Vermont Interfaith Action is hosting a Public Safety Action & Launch of: Vermont Guide to Citizen Engagement with Local Police Departments on Wed, April 6, 7 – 8:30 pm at the College Street Church. Members of First Church serve on the VIA group working on this initiative. All are encouraged to participate. Additional details TBA.

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 twice monthly, or as a substitute. As of January, First Church volunteers have doubled the number of meals we are delivering each month – so we could use you!

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 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.

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@burlingtotelecom.net. JUMP is currently offering services by mail, phone, and email on weekdays - and in-person on Thursdays (only) at starting at 9am.

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

Brenda Frazer: bkfrazer@comcast.net

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.

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

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.

Sunday Morning Welcomers & Ushers! Friendly faces are needed to greet or usher. For more information, please contact Office Manager, Caroline Catlin at office@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 *Church Office*).
- In-person Church School will begin in the **Sanctuary at 10am**. Children in grades K through 5 will leave for class time with 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 after the word of God for (Sm)All ages: <https://bit.ly/zoomchurchschool>
- All middle and high school students are invited to join us on **Friday, March 18th at College St from 6:30-8pm** for Board Game Night! Check out our Youth Calendar: bit.ly/winterspringyouth2022

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, March 28th at 7pm!** The sixth book will be [The Rose Code: A Novel](#) by [Kate Quinn](#) and Ann Vivian is the facilitator. For details and to be added to the group’s email list, please contact Janice Clements at: janclem25@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE: Peace Camp 2022 (for all ages!) will be Monday – Thursday, July 11th – 14th from 5:30-7:30pm!

JUNE 2022 YES (Youth Experience Service) for Middle Schoolers: We’re planning a great service experience for youth during the week of June 20, 2022. Mark your family calendar to plan time for this important multi-day event. More details – including specific dates - coming soon.

WELCOMING:

NAME TAGS help build community: We're rolling out new, magnetic name tags! Forms and completed name tags are available in Sanctuary Narthex! For questions, please email office@firstchurchburlington.org

Fellowship Hour: Every Sunday, after worship, on Zoom - bit.ly/sundayfellowship! 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>

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.