

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

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### **WORSHIP:**

**Sunday Morning Worship:** Worship is at 10 am 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. 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](mailto:ashortt@firstchurchburlington.org).

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

Children's Choir rehearses at 9:15am on Sunday – All in grades K through 5 are invited to meet Children's Choir Director, Laura Elder-Connors. For more information, please contact Laura at [lelderconnors@firstchurchburlington.org](mailto: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](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 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](mailto:office@firstchurchburlington.org) for details.

### **FIRST CHURCH HAPPENINGS!**



#### **FCCB Spring Clean Up after**

**worship TODAY:** Let's buff up the property inside and out - we will have a list of tasks for all ages and abilities.

What to bring? Outdoor work gloves; basic gardening tools, and a rake if you have one. There'll be indoor tasks too. Bring a brown bag lunch and a water bottle – plan to eat outside.

#### **Sign up for Maundy Thursday Vigil at First**

**Church:** "Could you not stay awake with me one hour?" (Matthew 26: 40) After the Maundy Thursday service, until 7pm on Good Friday, sign up for a one-hour slot to hold a silent vigil in the Sanctuary. Visit [bit.ly/maundythursdayvigil2022](http://bit.ly/maundythursdayvigil2022) to learn more and to sign up.

### **SERVING:**

**Silent Vigil for Racial Justice:** All are invited to stand in solidarity for racial justice **May 1<sup>st</sup> from 1 to 1:30pm**. 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 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](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).

**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, 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? If you are interested, please call Karan Dewar 802-922-3821 or Brenda Frazer 802-862-4747. Thank you!

**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).

**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)

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

## **LEARNING AND CONNECTING:**

**Vermont Conference UCC Annual Meeting – April 22 & 23:** Our church will send an official delegation to this important virtual gathering for all Vermont UCC members and friends. Use this link to learn more and consider participating as part of Vermont’s wider UCC community: <http://vtcucc.org/annual-meeting/>

### **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 for a son-rise waterfront **Easter Service April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30am**. More details to come! Check out our Youth Calendar: [bit.ly/winterspringyouth2022](https://bit.ly/winterspringyouth2022)
- The next confirmation meeting will be at **First Church TODAY from 11:30am-1pm**.

**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.

**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, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm!** The seventh book will be *Mink River* by Brian Doyle and Janice Clements is the facilitator. For details and to be added to the group’s email list, please contact Janice Clements at: [janclm25@gmail.com](mailto:janclm25@gmail.com).

**SAVE THE DATE: Peace Camp 2022 (for all ages!)** will be Monday – Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm! Peace Camp Registration: <https://bit.ly/peacecampregistration2022>  
Peace Camp Volunteer Sign Up: <https://bit.ly/peacecamp2022volunteer>

**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.

**FCCB Gardening Get Together, Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7PM on Zoom:** Do you like to garden? Want to learn about FCCB gardening opportunities? We’d like to hear of your gardening interests and adventures! Hosted by the Connections Team.

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

**Virtual Fellowship:** Every Sunday, after worship, on Zoom - [bit.ly/sundayfellowship!](https://bit.ly/sundayfellowship) All are welcome!

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

## **Holy Week Schedule**

### **Maundy Thursday Worship Service - 7pm**

In-Person at First Church and live-stream on [Youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV](https://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV)

### **Holy Week Vigil from 8pm on Maundy Thursday until 7pm on Good Friday**

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### **Easter “Son-Rise” Worship with Communion - 6:30am**

At the BTV waterfront, north of ECHO Science Museum with the College Street Church

### **Easter Festival Worship - 10am**

In-Person at First Church and live-stream on [Youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV](https://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchBTV)