

## A Season Of Celebrations



The month of June will be full of celebrations. Each Sunday will be special and celebrate a different aspect of our life together.

On June 1 we will celebrate the music ministries of our church. We will honor the dedicated folk who make up our choirs and bring us special music, and thank our Music staff; Evan Allen, Anna Roy, and Brenda Perkins for their commitment to bringing great music to our worship each week. It will be a melodious day of celebrating the music and musicians among us.



On June 8 we will worship together with New Alpha Missionary Baptist Church, the Karen Baptist Community, and perhaps New Namuna Nepali Church, as we celebrate the festival of Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit. It will be a tremendous day of honoring our diversity and our connections as brothers and sisters in Christ.

On June 15 our worship service will be led by the children and youth of our Church School. We will celebrate their insights and energy and we will honor our teachers; Cindy Little, Lois Lynch, Bev Nichols, Karen Pope, Brenda Perkins, Carrie Perkins, and Sarah Wright. These teachers, children, and youth are vital and wonderful parts of our community. It will be a marvelous day of celebrating their presence among us. We will also lift up the men in our community as we celebrate Fathers' Day.



From celebration to celebration, we will recognize the bonds we share and the common call that we receive from Christ who draws us together and empowers us for service. This newsletter is full of opportunities for fellowship, learning, service and celebration. It is a joy to be in ministry with you.

Yours in Christ,

~ Karen

*Rev. Karen A. Mendez*  
Pastor





June 01 – Megan Pelchat	June 18 – Morgan Smith
June 05 – Beverly Klandl	June 19 – Joshua Perkins
June 06 – Dawnaly Dax	Anna Roy
June 07 – Catherine Paulsen	June 20 – Larry Smith
June 11 – Susan Norken	Wayne Woods
June 12 – Michael Casarico	June 23 – Beth DuRona
Lauren Keeler	June 24 – Patricia Brown
June 14 – Karen Hall	Virginia Mitchell
June 28 – Kathy Browne	
Stuart Burroughs	
Keegan Smith	
June 29 – Joshua Swasey	



**June 16**

Steve & Brenda Perkins 52yrs.

**June 18**

David & Cindy Little 42yrs.

**June 30**

Thomas & Jill Couture 33yrs.



## **Gift of Caring, Time & Visitation**

All of us are part of the First Baptist Visitation Team and can call or email our church friends or send a note or card. Please take some time to reach out to the church members and friends who live in your town. You can access the church directory through [Instantchurchdirectory.com](http://Instantchurchdirectory.com) or through the Instant Church Directory App. Try phoning someone you might not otherwise call, but miss seeing in church.





## Making A Financial Donation

If you are unable to attend worship in person, you may mail a check to the church office or give electronically through the donate button on our church website:

<http://www.fbcburlingtonvt.com> or through the smartphone app called Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement. Our ministries depend on the generous gifts of our members and friends. You can also give using this QR code.

Thank you for your participation in sharing the love of God in our community and our world.



## Sunday Worship Service

**June 1**

Music Appreciation Sunday | Acts 16:16-34 | Singing with Paul & Silas

**June 8**

Pentecost | Acts 2:1-21 | Winds of Power

**June 15-**

Church School Sunday/Father's Day

**June 22-**

Pentecost 2 | Galatians 3:23-29 | True Freedom

**June 29-**

Pentecost 3 | Galatians 5:1, 13-25 | Living by the Spirit



## Upcoming Special Sunday in June

**June 1**

Music Appreciation Sunday

**June 8**

Pentecost Combined worship with the Karen Baptist

Community and New Alpha Missionary Baptist Church

**June 15**

Church School Sunday



# Opportunities for Fellowship & Learning

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## MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

Meets in Fellowship Hall & on Zoom each Monday at 11:30am.

We are reading the Gospel of Luke.

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84430309219?pwd=MF1vR2Rpem9qYi8vSVRoMndvMk1Sdz09>

Meeting ID: 844 3030 9219 | Passcode: 303940

Call: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 844 3030 9219 | Passcode: 303940



## FBC ZOOM COFFEE HOUR

10-10:30 A.M ON THURSDAYS

All will be welcome for informal chatting!

The zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89855564406?pwd=R2FtbC9tRnoyU1R1cXJTRmRsY1Vldz09>

Meeting ID: 898 5556 4406

Passcode: 993539

To Dial in +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)



## THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Rehearses on Thursdays at 7pm. Come share your voices and your spirit with this melodious and harmonious group! For more information, contact Anna Roy at [aroy@fbcburlingtonvt.com](mailto:aroy@fbcburlingtonvt.com).

## SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

From late June through August, we have opportunities for Special Music in worship each Sunday. This is a wonderful time for people of all ages to share their musical gifts and skills. If interested, please contact the church office.

## PRAYER WALK WITH NEW ALPHA

Over the years we have seen our community struggle with addiction, crime and a sense of purpose. For the past few years New Alpha has been walking through our city in prayer and songs to release the Holy Spirit to cover our city, our children specifically. We are in need of your help!!! We are asking for your assistance in joining us in this fight through our Prayer Walk. On Saturday, June 21, at 12pm we will gather at City Hall Park (at the stairs) and walk the Old North End ending at First Congregational Church on S. Winooski Ave. We will have light refreshments. Theme: "Walking for our Children by Faith"

Scripture: Proverbs 11:10-11



## OPPORTUNITY TO FEED THE HUNGRY ON SUNDAY EVENINGS



This is called 'The Share' and is a simple meal of soup, sandwich, and beverage. The event begins at 4:30 and is done by 6. For more information or to volunteer, please speak to Lois D'Arcangelo, or Beth Gamache. There are sign-up sheets on the round table.

## ABCUSA BIENNIAL IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Deb Holonitch, Sarah Wright, and Rev. Karen Mendes will attend the ABCUSA Biennial meeting in Omaha, NE on July 3-6. This national gathering of American Baptists will be a great opportunity to meet folks from our new region of Rochester/Genesee, strengthen our bonds with our wider denomination, and to get new ideas for our church life here in VT.

## GUEST PREACHERS

This summer we will have the privilege of worshipping with 3 guest preachers while Rev. Mendes is away at the Biennial and on vacation. Rev. David Wood, retired pastor of the United Church of Lincoln, will preach on July 6 and August 3. Annie Field, our former Director of Christian Education will preach on July 13, 20, 27. Josh Sharp, a recent graduate of Andover Newton Seminary at Yale, will preach on August 10.



## CARDS FOR MEMBERS IN NEED

We have a number of church members who are ill, homebound, or in a nursing home setting.

Please use the directory or contact the church office for their mailing addresses.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Can be shared via a Google doc entitled FBC Prayer List.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-LNr3fYocdi7KWlcXDY7AbUfGwCh-SxdoVYX5vwrogM/edit?usp=sharing>.

The Prayer List is an opportunity for us to strengthen our connections and care for each other through prayer. These prayers will be lifted up by name during Sunday worship. They can also be added to our Prayer Chain if requested. If you have trouble opening the Prayer List link, please email [welcome@fbcburlingtonvt.com](mailto:welcome@fbcburlingtonvt.com).

**LAY READERS AND PROVIDERS OF REFRESHMENTS AND FLOWERS** are needed for Sunday worship. If interested please call or email the church office at [welcome@fbcburlingtonvt.com](mailto:welcome@fbcburlingtonvt.com).



## THE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 9am-12pm

## SUNDAY WORSHIP ON ZOOM

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86024135383?pwd=b1pWcXRqZVo1YjI2Zmh3Q2x5MXliZz09>

Meeting ID: 860 2413 5383 | Passcode: 676074

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Church School ends June 15th with a celebration during worship. The next few Sundays students will be working on their contributions to our worship service on the day. We hope all will have a healthy, happy, fun summer. Classes will resume in September and the CE team and teachers are reviewing lesson materials for next year.

We still need 2 additional volunteers willing to teach half time. We have a great energetic group of kids who would love to get to know you. Being on the teaching team is rewarding and fun. We hope to see you at worship and for our annual picnic in August.

In other news, Advertising for the Joint Christian Education and Outreach team staff position has begun in the 7 Days Newspaper and on Front Porch Forums. Forums run their notices for only a day or two so reposting is needed. If you are willing to post the ad in your Front Post Forum please let Lois Lynch know and she will send you a copy of the ad.



## Mission News

### One Great Hour of Sharing

June is our official month for giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special offering. Contributions will be sent to American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS). Some of that money will provide a partnership with non-profit organizations to "preserve families and help immigrants achieve the American dream." To contribute, make checks to First Baptist Church and just write OGHS in the memo line.



So far, in 2025, our congregation has given a total of \$1,430 to OGHS (\$800 toward California Wildfires, \$135.69 to Ann and Bill Clemmer for Goma disaster relief, and \$495 to International Ministries for Myanmar earthquake relief.)

### Popup Art Gallery at FUMC to Benefit the Share

The Share of First United Methodist Church in Burlington (FUMC) is hosting a popup art gallery with snacks and music on their front lawn on June 29 from 1-4pm. Liz Dallas will speak to our congregation at a Mission Moment on June 1 to give us all the details and how First Baptist can help.

### Anew Place Forum Visit

Adam Avery, pastor of "The Well" and board member of Anew Place, requested an opportunity to meet with First Baptist to share the good work Anew Place is doing in Burlington. A date of September 21 has been set (after our church service) and a free catered lunch will be provided by the New Moon Café.



May 19, 2025

Calendar updates were noted:

1. Noodles for Burma will be May 31
2. Church Logo survey only has 13 responses so far
3. ABCRGR delegates reported on 5/3/25 meeting which seemed to be primarily budget oriented.



**Outreach Team:** only question was around how to divide money for Burma. So far, there has been little interest in preparing a meal for ANEW Place June 1.

**Fellowship Team:** Mark reported a positive response to Service of Hymns

**Education Team:** A thank you note was received from Eh Ka Klinker for her scholarship last year and an accounting of how she used it. She was very grateful. To date there have been no bites on the ads for the CE/Missions position.

**Property Team:** Roto Rooter was paid \$725 for work at the church; Jim Calder will swing shift with Dave Little to keep lawn mowed over summer.

**139 Bank St Team:** Contract auto renews; we are going over the contract in the event there is a need for any changes. VT Cares seems a bit stressed and is writing some new grants.



**Financial reports:** The Financial Secretary's report was presented. The Treasurer's report was presented noting a \$1000 carryover for next year's mission trip. The TPF report was presented with no action necessary.

**Pastor's Report:** The Thriving Congregation Program Team has met and hopefully we will hear in June if we have been received into the grant program.

\*Highlights of the youth mission trip, particularly noting the adult support. The trip was smooth and the young people very enthusiastic.

\*The summer preaching schedule includes David Wood, a retired pastor from Lincoln, for July 6th and August 3rd, and Annie Field for three Sundays in July. Joshua Sharp, a recent UCC pastor graduate, will preach on August 10th. Karen discussed the church office coverage during staff vacations, suggesting either using volunteers or asking Marie if she is available to work part-time.

Cindy commented that work in the archives turned up a copy of "Robert's Rules of Order" that was published in 1876 and belonged to Holland Smith. The book has been given to his family.

ATTENTION  
PLEASE!

We're giving First Baptist a little glow-up! ✨ As we reimagine our website and refresh our logo, we want the look and feel of our church to match the heart behind it — welcoming, vibrant, rooted in love, and full of purpose. This rebrand isn't about changing who we are; it's about celebrating who we've always been, just with a clearer, more creative voice. And the best part?

You get to help shape it!

Please fill out the survey Link: <https://forms.gle/BvnMTDqAudMeNGs86>

## Photos & Social Media

Got Photos? Help Me Tell FBC Story!

Hey y'all—I know this sounds super millennial of me, but I could really use your help! First Baptist is doing some beautiful, Spirit-led work, and we don't have enough pictures to show folks what we're up to.

If you've snapped any photos from events or gatherings this year (2025), please send them my way! You can email them to me or drop printed ones in the box outside the office door. Just make sure you're okay with them being shared on our website, Facebook, or Instagram.

If you send me a picture with a kid - please let me know if they can be posted. Otherwise, I will only use photos without their faces showing.

Thank you so much—I can't wait to see what you've captured!



## Building Use

Planning to Be in the Building?

If you don't have a key and you're planning to be in the church during office hours, just shoot me an email first—so I don't accidentally lock you in like a surprise sleepover guest! 😊

## QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What's your ultimate comfort meal—and who makes it best? 🍲✨

Bonus points if you include a recipe or a story.

We'd love to hear your answers! Email me or drop a note in the box by the office—your response might even show up in next month's newsletter (with your permission, of course!).



# HOW TO CONTACT US?



## Church Staff Directory

Rev. Karen A. Mendes - Pastor  
Pastor Thee Say - Karen Baptist Pastor  
Justice Elijah - Church Administrator  
Evan Allen - Organist  
Anna Roy - Chancel Choir Director  
Brenda Perkins - Youth Choir Director  
Karen Baptist Community - Sexton Team  
Dazzling Diadem - Tech Support

## Officers of First Baptist

Cindy Little - Moderator  
Mark Paulsen - Assistant Moderator  
Beth Gamache - Assistant Clerk  
Frank Swasey - Treasurer  
Daz Diadem - Assistant Treasurer  
Marilyn Siple - Financial Secretary  
Marie Morton - Assistant Financial Secretary  
Pat Reasoner - Historian  
Mark Paulsen - Parliamentarian

## Church Email Addresses

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## PAST WORSHIP SERVICES...

Available on our website and our YouTube Channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0vlptkSAyIRbAifDbGFIw>

## CHURCH HOURS

Monday: 9 AM - 12 PM  
Tuesday: 9 AM - 12 PM  
Wednesday: CLOSED  
Thursday: 9 AM - 12 PM  
Friday: 9 AM - 12 PM

