

# The First Congregational Church, Canton Center

October 3, 2021

## WELCOME

We're glad you've joined us for worship today.  
Please know that whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!  
Questions? Please feel free to ask the pastor, or call the church office during the week.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The flowers today are given by Darryl Swain Haberern  
in loving memory of my parents, Edna and Robert Petersen.*

**MISSIONS COLLECTIONS** - For October we will collect warm clothes: **coats, jackets, hats, mittens, gloves, etc.** to donate to Gifts of Love. Please have clothes clean and in good condition. Also we will continue collections of **toiletries** for our Wellmore mission. Donations can be left in the Missions Box next to the kitchen door. Thank you!

**FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH** - We are planning for a reception of new members during the service on Sun., Oct. 24, with a preparatory meeting after the service on Sun., Oct. 10. Those who would like to explore membership, without obligation, are welcome to attend the meeting. Those definitely wishing to join are asked to attend. Please let Rev. Brenda know of your interest, if you have not already done so, and of any scheduling conflicts you may have.

**THE ROAMING SCRIP LADY!** - Scrip gift cards are still available for immediate purchase or order every week. Since we are not having a traditional coffee hour for the time being, there will not be a table set up on Sundays. Look for Casey in church or reach out via phone (860-693-0134) or email ([c.levine@comcast.net](mailto:c.levine@comcast.net)) to place an order. Karen Needham is "holding the bag" today, so do locate her if you would like to make a purchase today. Thanks for your support!

**FLOWER DONORS FOR SUNDAY SERVICES** - There are still 3 Sundays available to donate flowers in the fall and winter seasons. Please contact Nancy Alford 860.693.2863 if you'd like to help.  
**2021** November 14, & December 26      **2022** January 16  
Thanks so much to all who have volunteered for other Sundays recently!

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We gather as a welcoming community in worship, learning, service and fellowship, to embody Christ's message of love, compassion and justice. Joining faith with action, both within and beyond our church, we strive to build a community that serves all.

## Fall Book Discussion: *Tattoos on the Heart: The Boundless Power of Compassion*

by Gregory Boyle

Tues. evenings, Oct. 19 and 26 ~ 7 – 8:30 p.m. on Zoom

This 2010 best-selling book is a selection of beautiful, heart-opening stories told by the author, a Jesuit priest who founded Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, to work with gangs.  
From the back cover: *These essays about universal kinship and redemption are moving examples of the power of unconditional love and the importance of fighting despair. Gorgeous and uplifting, Tattoos on the Heart reminds us that no life is less valuable than another.*

**Rev. Brenda will facilitate. Please contact her by Tues., Oct. 12 to sign up ([pastor@cantoncenterchurch.org](mailto:pastor@cantoncenterchurch.org)).**  
**We'll read & discuss approximately half the book in each session (please obtain your own copy).**  
**If you are interested but can't make the dates, please let her know.**

**Pastor:** The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka      **Ministers:** Every Member  
**Director of Music:** Mary Lou Keefe      **Sexton:** Walt LeGeyt  
**Office Manager:** Kristen DiMattia  
**Duty Trustees:** Julius Ziemba & Dave Heyer      **Duty Deacons:** Hugh Anderson & Vicki Rees

Sunday 3	Monday 4	Tuesday 5	Wednesday 6	Thursday 7	Friday 8	Saturday 9
<b>Worship/ Communion 10:00 am</b>			Deacons' Mtg. Zoom 7:00 pm	Handbell Choir 7 pm		
Confirmation Class 11:30-12:15 pm.	Sr. Choir 5 pm ACA 7 pm	AA 7 pm				AA 11 pm