

The First Congregational Church, Canton Center

September 26, 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 Geri Bunnell in loving memory of her husband Ned, his parents, John & Anna Bunnell and Geri's parents, Franklin & Helen Andrews.

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. Just look for Casey in church or reach out via phone (860-693-0134) or email (c.levine@comcast.net) to place an order. Next Sunday, 10/3, Karen Needham will have the bag, so do locate her if you would like to make a purchase that day. Thanks for your support!

MISSIONS COLLECTIONS - For September and 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.

FLOWER DONORS FOR SUNDAY SERVICES - We are looking for flower donors for the dates below. Please contact Nancy Alford 860-693-2863.

2022 January 16 April 24 November 14 July 24 December 26

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.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!! - Our new website is finally live! Check it out! (Same web address as before: www.cantoncenterchurch.org). A small Council-appointed committee (Larry Minichiello, Kathy Smith and Rev. Brenda) has worked for months on it with a professional web designer. Our aim was to update the site as a whole, both visually and content-wise, streamlining content areas and making the site as succinct and useful as possible, especially for visitors and newcomers. Going forward, we will largely be able to edit and update from within the church office.

WALK FOR HUNGER – SAT., OCT. 2 Collinsville - The third annual Walk to Feed the Hungry, supporting Buddhist Global Relief, will take place on Sat., Oct. 2, rain or shine, all welcome. It is sponsored locally by White Lotus Zen of CT, a non-profit American Buddhist community based in Collinsville. Gathering spot is 50 Depot St. in Collinsville. Day-of registrations & donations begin at 9 a.m., the walk (with 6-ft. social distancing) begins at 10 a.m. For pre-registrations & donations, go to: <https://www.buddhistglobalrelief.org/campaigns/2021-connecticut-walk-donate/> See flyer on the church bulletin boards & literature table (outside kitchen).

SUPER SATURDAY – OCT. 2, ONLINE - Super Saturday is the annual workshops-and-speakers event offered by our Conference, currently in virtual form. All members of the churches of the Conference are invited to attend for a day of learning & connecting. Workshop topics include: dealing with pandemic stress, the grieving process, climate crisis, prayer, stewardship, racial justice, digital worship, simplifying church structure, youth concerns & much more. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Monica Coleman, theologian/teacher/writer, professor of Africana Studies at the Univ. of Delaware, who focuses on connecting faith and action. For more information about the event, or to register, go to: <https://www.sneucc.org/supersaturday> **Registration deadline is Sept. 28.**

Sunday 26	Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday 1	Saturday 2
Worship 10:00 am						
<i>Food Collection</i>	Sr. Choir 5 pm ACA 7 pm	AA 7 pm		Handbell Choir 7 pm		AA 11 pm