

# The First Congregational Church, Canton Center

September 5, 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

### MISSION & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEES TO DONATE GIFT CARDS TO THE NEW HARTFORD FIRE VICTIMS.

If you are interested in helping out please order through Casey and the Scrip program for places like Stop & Shop, Walmart, Target, Shop Rite, gas stations, etc. and have her tag them for the New Hartford Fire Victims. **VISA** gift cards, that can be used anywhere, can be purchased through Scrip with no activation fee. Gift cards may also be dropped off at the church office. If you have questions please contact Debbie at 860-250-4944.

### CHURCH SCHOOL—GATHERING SUNDAY ON SEPTEMBER 12TH

We will be having activities for children on Gathering Sunday (Sept. 12th). Children should begin in church with their families and then we will go outside (weather permitting) after the message for all ages. Parents should come to get their children after church on the back lawn near the parsonage.

### PLEASE BRING A ROCK OR A SHELL TO CHURCH ON SEPT. 12

The Christian Ed. Committee asks everyone to please bring a small rock (smaller than a tennis ball) or a shell to church on Sept. 12, if you can, to be used in an activity with children that morning. Thank you for your help!

### 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).

## 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](http://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.

### FLOWER DONORS

We are looking for flower donors for the dates below. Please contact Nancy Alford 860-693-2863.

#### 2021

September 5, 19

October 17, 24

November 14

#### 2022

January 16, 23

April 24

July 24

December 26

**Pastor:** The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka

**Director of Music:** Mary Lou Keefe

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