

The First Congregational Church, Canton Center

October 10, 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.

WHITE ROSES OF REMEMBRANCE

Twenty six white roses symbolizing innocence, purity and youthfulness are in memory of the twenty six innocent lives lost in Sandy Hook on December 14, 2012:

Charlotte Bacon, Daniel Barden, Olivia Engel, Josephine Gay, Dylan Hockley, Madeline Hsu, Catherine Hubbard, Chase Kowalski, Jesse Lewis, Ana Marquez-Greene, James Mattioli, Grace McDonnell, Emilie Parker, Jack Pinto, Noah Pozner, Caroline Previdi, Jessica Rekos, Avielle Richman, Ben Wheeler, Allison Wyatt and their guardians Rachel D'Avino, Dawn Hochsprung, Ann Marie Murphy, Lauren Rousseau, Mary Sherlock and Victoria Soto.

Please feel free to take a rose home in their memory ~ Jim & Kathy Todd

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.

For the month of November the Missions and Outreach Committee and the CE Committee are collecting **non-perishable food items** for the Canton Food Bank. Brown bags and a list of food suggestions will be handed out on Sunday, 10/31 and on Sunday, 11/7. Food items may be returned to the area under the stairs by the church office anytime before or on Sunday, 11/21. If you wish to deliver during the week call the church before coming as office hours are intermittent. Please check the dates on what you donate to make sure items are not expired. Thank you for taking the time to share with others who are not as fortunate."

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).

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.

Sunday 10	Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 13	Thursday 14	Friday 15	Saturday 16
Missions 9 am Worship 10:00 am New Members Mtg. 11:15 am	Music 4:30 pm Trustee Mtg 7:00 pm Sr. Choir 5 pm ACA 7 pm	AA 7 pm	Council Mtg. Zoom 7:00 pm	Handbell Choir 7 pm		AA 11 pm