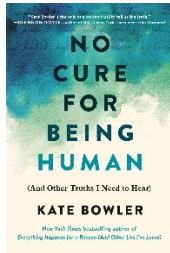


The First Congregational Church, Canton Center
January 16, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATE ON COVID RESPONSE

Per decision of our Church Council, we are currently suspending in-person church services, for as many weeks as it seems prudent to do so. As with the other churches in the area who have made the same call, we are hopeful that this will need to be only for a matter of a few weeks. Our services will continue to be live streamed on Sundays at 10 a.m. (except where otherwise noted -- there may be an occasional need to pre-record), and available after the fact on our website (under "Connect with Us") or by going to www.YouTube.com and searching "Canton Center Church." Council will reevaluate regularly.



Winter Book Discussion

**No Cure for Being Human
(And Other Truths I Need to Hear)**
by Kate Bowler

Wed., Feb. 23, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

In her second memoir, Kate Bowler (Duke Divinity School faculty & NY Times best-selling author) writes about her diagnosis at age 35 with Stage 4 cancer and the challenges of a newly limited and fragile life. As with her first memoir, *Everything Happens for a Reason (and Other Lies I've Loved)*, this one is a deeply honest reflection on what acceptance of our finitude means. Regardless of what cultural messages we may receive, she says, the nature of life is that "we cannot out-eat, out-learn, out-perform our humanness." Fragility is part of the package; what would it mean to be able to acknowledge that? The book has been called "a sensitive memoir of survival."

Please obtain your own copy of the book and contact Rev. Brenda
(pastor@cantoncenterchurch.org) to sign up for the discussion.

If you are interested but cannot make the date, please let her know.

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.

An Open and Affirming Congregation.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ~ SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING: of the First Congregational Church, Canton Center, Sunday, January 23, 2022 after the 10 am service, *OR* on subsequent Sundays until a Quorum is obtained.

AGENDA

1. Approval of the proposed 2022 budget.
2. Vote on new President and 1st Vice President.
3. Any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bev Sealand, Clerk

*This meeting will be held online via Zoom.
Information for accessing the meeting will be sent out next week with the Weekly Reminder.
Please email the church office if you would like a copy of the budget emailed
or stop by the office to pick up a copy.*

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka

Ministers: Every Member

Director of Music: Mary Lou Keefe

Sexton: Walt LeGeyt

Office Manager: Kristen DiMattia

Duty Deacons: Casey Levine/Hugh Anderson **Camera:** Craig McAllister