

The First Congregational Church, Canton Center
January 23, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

HOW TO ACCESS THE JAN. 23 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

This meeting will be conducted online, via Zoom, beginning at 11:00 a.m. You may access the meeting via the Zoom link, below. Or, you may call in to the meeting with any regular phone line, for audio access only (see number below).

Topic: Congregational Budget Meeting

Time: Jan 23, 2022 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

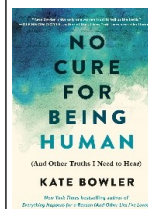
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Winter Book Discussion

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.

The Missions and Outreach collection for February will be money for Holy Joe's Café.

In 2006, members of The First Congregational Church in Wallingford started Holy Joe's Café to support chaplains in Iraq and Afghanistan by providing coffee to serve the troops. As stated on their website, "Holy Joe's Café has become a dynamic part of military Chaplains 24/7/365 service to the troops...in 70 countries throughout the world." As one chaplain explains, "Holy Joe's Café is a place where chaplains in makeshift chapels are able to bring a taste of home to the tired, the anxious, the angry, the lonely and the wounded. They all can get a gourmet coffee, a reminder that the world they willingly left behind still cares."

Our church has supported Holy Joe's for a number of years by having people collect change in labeled cups you can put in your car, on your kitchen counter, etc. If we're in church in February, we will hand out the cups. **If we're unable to return to in-person services, feel free to use any container you have at home to collect your change (or bills). We will provide containers in which to deposit your money in the sanctuary once we return.**

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