

# The First Congregational Church, Canton Center

February 6, 2022

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GUEST PASTOR NEXT SUN., FEB 20

Rev. Brenda will be off next Sunday, and our guest pastor will be the Rev. Marcia Lynn Cox.

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes, if you ordered them, are ready for pick up on the table near the kitchen.

### MISSIONS & OUTREACH

**Supporting Brian's Angels**, an outreach organization for the homeless in Bristol. We have received word that they urgently **need coats for men in sizes large up to 3 xl and boots in sizes 11-13 (new or good, used condition)**. If you can donate any of these items, please drop them off at the church or call Martha Stansel at 860-693-1796 to make arrangements.

**Collecting 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."

**The Missions committee will have cups available for collecting loose change for Holy Joe's Café** to support chaplains in all parts of the world by providing coffee to serve the troops. We will have a large container in the church hall where the change can be emptied each week of Feb.

**Requesting gift cards for Wellmore thru end of March** - this is in lieu of the Easter baskets we have provided in the past. We will be **collecting the cards thru the end of March**. You can purchase them from Casey and she will get them to the Mission committee. This purchase also benefits our church. Walmart and Stop and Shop cards are a good choice. Wellmore provides social services to many families in Western Connecticut.

**Amazon Smile:** Do you know you can help support our church if you shop on Amazon? Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to the charities selected by customers. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/06-6049075> on your web browser and sign in with your Amazon.com credentials. Choose a charitable organization to receive donations, or search for the charity of your choice. and sign up to support our church with your purchases. And remember to set smile.amazon.com as your bookmark.

*Thanks for supporting these important missions.*

## NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

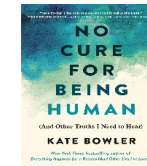
of the First Congregational Church, Canton Center, Connecticut, on Sunday, **March 6, 2022** at 10:45 a.m. OR on subsequent Sundays at 10:45 a.m. until a quorum is obtained.

### AGENDA:

1. Call to order and opening prayer.
2. Reading of the call to the meeting.
3. Presentation of the Minutes from the previous meeting(s).
4. Receiving and accepting of the reports of the church officers, committee chairpersons, and staff.
5. Any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Bev Sealand, Clerk*

*Council & Committee Members: Please have your reports to the church office by **February 13**.*



### 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 and contact Rev. Brenda: [pastor@cantoncenterchurch.org](mailto:pastor@cantoncenterchurch.org) to sign up for the discussion. If you are interested but cannot make the date, please let her know.

**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:** Ali Hager & Tim LeGeyt

**Camera:** Steve Byko