

The First Congregational Church, Canton Center

February 6, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING ENVELOPES

For those of you who requested offering envelopes, they are ready for pick up in the Church Office.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Requesting gift cards for Wellmore - 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.

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." 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.**

Thank you from the Mission and Outreach Committee!

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

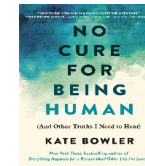
of the First Congregational Church, Canton Center, Connecticut, on Sunday, **March 6, 2022** at 10:45 a.m. OR on subsequent Sundays at 10:45 a.m. until a quorum is obtained.

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 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

Director of Music: Mary Lou Keefe

Office Manager: Kristen DiMattia

Duty Deacons: Ali Hager

Ministers: Every Member

Sexton: Walt LeGeyt

Camera: Casey Levine