

The First Congregational Church, Canton Center

March 20, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers this morning are given by Susie Mather, with thoughts of solidarity and support for the people of Ukraine and all who are helping them.

HIKING AGAIN! YAY! - We are out and about again and are planning a **hike on Sunday, April 3rd, after church.** Come join us for a spring hike on the Nepaug section of the Tunxis Trail. This trail section is relatively flat and wide and accessible, making it easy for conversation as we walk. We can do as many as six miles but will probably limit it to no more than four round trip (we can turn around at any point). The woods will be waking up and may display some early blooms. The trail head is 4.6 miles and about 7 minutes from church, on Route 202 in New Hartford. We will provide maps the day of the hike. Meet in the Parish Hall after service. Wear sturdy footwear and bring water. Hope to see you there!

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Brian's Angels - Put March 26th and 27th on your calendar! **BUY A MEAL - GIVE A MEAL** Together with Wider Church Fellowship, we will be **providing the meal and the sandwiches on Saturday, March 26th to clients of Brian's Angels Homeless Outreach Center in Bristol.** You'll have the opportunity to purchase then pick up the same lunch after church on March 27th. The cost will be \$10 per meal which will cover a meal for you and a meal for someone at Brian's Angels. **Please sign up to buy a meal or meals by Sunday, March 20th.** If there are extras, we will sell those after church. Menu: Chicken parm, meatballs, spaghetti and Craig's homemade Italian bread. We are looking for helpers, please see signup sheets on the kitchen door. If you have questions, please contact Gina Magennis, Martha Stansel, or Craig & Linda McAllister.

Holy Joe's Café - Cups are 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 March.

Wellmore - We will be **collecting the cards thru the end of March.** You can purchase them from Casey and the 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.

CONVERSATIONS FOR LENT

"I LOVE THE CHURCH, I HATE THE CHURCH"
Tues. March 22, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
with the Rev. Dr. Robert LaRochelle

Pastor Bob (who was guest preacher at our church last fall) will give a presentation from his new book by that title, and lead a conversation. The book is his reflection from many years of participation and ministry in more than one denomination (Roman Catholic, UCC, Lutheran) on both his love for the church and its mission and his frustration with what he sees as getting in the way of the church truly living out its purpose.

It is not necessary to have read the book before this discussion, but if you wish to do so, it is available for purchase.

**Versions of the Last Supper:
 The Differing Stories in Scripture
 and What They Tell Us**

Wed., March 30, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**Conversation facilitated by Rev. Brenda,
 in person, assuming conditions permit.**

We'll look at the four Last Supper stories in the gospels, the origin of our Sacrament of Communion, and reflect on what they tell us about the earliest understandings of discipleship, table fellowship, and developing Christian tradition.

**If you are interested but prefer an evening time,
 please let Rev. Brenda know.**

Please sign up by contacting Rev. Brenda (pastor@cantoncenterchurch.org).

SHOP SCRIP TODAY! - The Scrip table is set up every week during coffee hour. Stop by after the service for all your gift card needs or just to say "hi"! See what's available for immediate pick-up or place an order for next week. We are also collecting gift cards on behalf of the missions committee for Wellmore through the end of the month. Thanks for your support!

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: Vicki Rees & Tim LeGeyt **Camera:** Kristin Oswald
Duty Trustee: Bruce Grigg & Dave Heyer

Sunday 20	Monday 21	Tuesday 22	Wednesday 23	Thursday 24	Friday 25	Saturday 26
Worship 10:00 am	Sr Choir 5 pm ACA 7 pm	LENT CONVERSATION Zoom 7 pm AA 7 pm		Handbell Choir 7 pm		AA 11 pm