

The First Congregational Church, Canton Center
Announcements ~ March 27, 2022

*The flowers this morning are given by
 Charlie & Donna Hammond in celebration of our family.*

Hiking Again! Yay! - We are out and about again and are planning a **hike next 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!

Easter Flowers - With Easter just around the corner, it's time to order plants for our Easter Sunday service. **Lilies (\$14.00) and tulips (\$8.00)** Please take your plants after the Easter service to enjoy at home. Orders for plants will be **accepted through Sunday, April 10th**, and forms will be available in the Easter Basket at the back of the church.

Spring Cleanup - 9 to noon, on Saturday, April 16th (Holy Saturday). Put this on your calendar, bring your garden tools, and help (kids too).

April's Mission Box Collection - will benefit New Hartford's **Hands of Grace's backpack program** which provides weekend meals to children who might have to fend for themselves. Hands of Grace currently supplies two of each item in a 2 gallon plastic bag to an elementary school in Winsted and one in New Hartford. All items should be single serving in size: **Cereals, hot or cold - oatmeal packets, ramen noodles, Chef Boyardee meals, macaroni & cheese, fruit cups.** The "shopping" shelves at Hands of Grace, which is separate from the backpack program, they are always in need of **64 oz juice bottles or 12-16 oz sized cans of coffee as well as crackers.**

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. **Today is the last day for purchasing gift cards for Wellmore Easter gifts through the Scrip program.** Thanks for your support!

Yard Goats Game ~Mark your calendars!- On **May 15th**, we'll be heading to Hartford to watch a Yard Goats game. Did you get your tickets? It will be a great afternoon! Come and have fun with 30 of your closest church friends. Please see Linda McAllister (Wider Church Committee Chair) for more info.

CONVERSATIONS FOR LENT

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.

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

PALM SUNDAY POTLUCK DINNER
APRIL 10, 2022 (after the church service)

*A long standing tradition at the church is the Palm Sunday Pot Luck Dinner
 Where everyone gets the opportunity to bring a favorite dish.*

Plases see sign up on the kitchen door.

*We will gather for dinner right after the church service.
 The fellowship committee will provide coffee, tea, water, juice and milk.*

Sunday 27	Monday 28	Tuesday 29	Wednesday 30	Thursday 31	Friday 1	Saturday 2
Worship 10:00 am	Sr Choir 5 pm ACA 7 pm	AA 7 pm	LENT CONVERSATION 10:30– noon	Handbell Choir 5:30 pm		AA 11 pm