

**First Congregational Church, Canton Center
Announcements ~ October 16, 2022**

*The flowers this morning are given by Evelyn Sealand
in loving memory of Evans.*

Help Make a Hot Lunch and Sandwiches for Brian's Angels on Oct. 22nd

The Missions and Outreach Committee has made plans to have our congregation provide a hot meal to Brian's Angels Homeless Outreach in Bristol several times per year and to provide sandwiches approximately monthly. Brian's Angels serves lunch to approximately 50 people every Tuesday through Sunday. Among other services, they also send each person away with a snack bag with food such as sandwiches for dinner. **We are looking for volunteers to help cook the hot meal and make sandwiches on Saturday, October 22nd.** We'll meet in the church kitchen at 10:30 and work until approximately 12:30 to prepare the food. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the kitchen door. Please help feed those in need in the greater Canton area.

Happy Wanderers Family Hike - Sunday, October 23, 2022 right after church.

Located on the shoulder of Ratlum Mountain, the **Sun, Wind and Woodland Preserve** offers a network of 10 trails of varying difficulties. Enjoy hiking through fields, streams, giant pines, and some beautiful views. We'll hike for not more than four miles and/or two hours. Meet in the Parish Hall during coffee hour. Bring water, sturdy shoes and dress in layers. Rain date TBD if needed. We will caravan from the church or you can meet us there.

The Cake Auction is Back by Popular Demand!!

The Missions and Outreach Committee is sponsoring the return of the Cake Auction on **Sunday, Oct 30th**. All proceeds will be put into the committee's special fund to benefit food ministries such as the Canton Food Pantry, Brian's Angels, Hands of Grace, Thanksgiving meals, etc. The theme this year is Fall/Halloween.

**STAGES OF FAITH:
A Small Group Learning Opportunity (in-person)**

Tues., Nov. 1, 7:00 p.m. OR Wed., Nov. 9, 10:30 a.m.

Three article-length readings will be the basis for our discussion on a spectrum of stages of spiritual growth, and why it is that we can see things quite differently at different stages in our lives.

Please sign up for one of the sessions
by contacting Rev. Brenda and to receive the materials.

Shop Scrip Today!

Weekly Bonuses are back at the Scrip table! Stop by to see what brands are on special for this weekend only. Brands change every weekend through the month of October. Our church earns more when you purchase a brand on bonus! We're available during coffee hour every week to supply all your gift card needs. We have lots of cards in our inventory that you can purchase and take home today or you can place an order and have your cards in one week.

Missions Box Collection for October: COATS & TOILETRIES

The Missions & Outreach Committee will gladly receive winter coats, as well as toiletry items, for Gifts of Love, an organization in Avon that provides food, clothing, housewares and self-sufficiency consultation to working families that have been impacted by financial crises. Please leave items you wish to donate in the Missions Box outside the kitchen.

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka **Dir. of Faith Formation:** Dr. Hollace Bristol
Director of Music: Mary Lou Keefe **Asst. Dir. of Faith Formation:** Karen Needham
Sexton: Walt LeGeyst **Office Manager:** Kristen DiMattia

Ministers: Every Member **Camera:** Hugh Anderson
Duty Deacons: Tim Lundgren/Hugh Anderson

Sunday	16	Monday	17	Tuesday	18	Wednesday	19	Thursday	20	Friday	21	Saturday	22
Worship 10:00 am		Choir 5 pm ACA & Al-Anon 7 pm		AA 7 pm								Mission Cooking for Brian's Angels 10:30 am	AA 11 pm