

**First Congregational Church, Canton Center  
Announcements ~ October 23, 2022**

*We welcome our guest pianist this morning, Sue Clarke, who lives in Marlborough. Sue retired in June after 42 years of teaching music, 38 of them in the Simsbury school system. She was the 2019 Simsbury Teacher of the Year, and a semifinalist for the state Teacher of the Year. Sue comes from a musical family and started playing in church when she was 15 years old. She often accompanies choruses and musicals, and she teaches private piano and voice lessons. Sue recently moved from Bloomfield to Marlborough after getting married in June.*

*The flowers today are given by Jenn McCormick in loving memory of her mother, Kathy Worley, on Kathy's birthday when she would have been surrounded by her family and chocolate! She is missed every day.*

**SPECIAL OFFERING FOR HURRICANE RELIEF continues today.**

Please make checks payable to The United Church of Christ, marked clearly for "Hurricanes 2022."

**The Hike for today has been tentatively rescheduled for Nov. 6th** - More information to follow.

**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.

**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.

**The Cake Auction is Back by Popular Demand!!** - The Missions and Outreach Committee is sponsoring the return of the Cake Auction on **Sunday, Oct 30<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**Christmas Wreath Sales to benefit the Susan B. Anthony Project, Torrington** - Benefits those victimized by domestic violence & abuse. Three wreath sizes and other greenery will be available. **Orders must be in by Nov. 1**, delivery date is Nov. 20. See wreath table at coffee hour.

**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  
**Director of Music:** Mary Lou Keefe  
**Sexton:** Walt LeGeyt

**Dir. of Faith Formation:** Dr. Hollace Bristol  
**Asst. Dir. of Faith Formation:** Karen Needham  
**Office Manager:** Kristen DiMattia

**Ministers:** Every Member  
**Camera:** Steve Byko

**Duty Deacons:** Tim Lundgren & Kristin Oswald  
**Coffee Hour:** Kate Sutter, Declan & Hunter

Sunday	23	Monday	24	Tuesday	25	Wednesday	26	Thursday	27	Friday	28	Saturday	29
<b>Worship</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <i>(food collection)</i>		<b>Choir 5 pm</b> ACA & AI-Anon 7 pm		AA 7 pm		J. Vose Memorial 11 am		<b>Bell Choir</b> <b>5:30 pm</b>					AA 11 pm