

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ February 19, 2023

WELCOME

We're glad you've joined us for worship today.
Please know that whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

If you're visiting, we invite you to fill out a visitor's card (found in the pews or on the back tables) and place it in an offering box, to help us better connect with you.

Looking for more information about the church?

Please feel free to ask the pastor or contact the church office during the week.

Masking is optional and masks may be found on the back tables

An Open and Affirming Congregation

The flowers today are given by Casey Levine in celebration of each and every day.

WE WELCOME THIS MORNING AS OUR GUEST PASTOR THE REV. TERRY SCHMITT, who was formerly the Executive Director of the CT Council for Interreligious Understanding and who has served as pastor and interim pastor for several CT churches. Rev. Schmitt and his family live in West Hartford.

LENT BEGINS FEB. 22 ~ ASH WED. SUPPER & SERVICE

6:00 p.m. Soup & bread supper, Parish Hall

6:45 p.m. Brief service in the sanctuary (also live streamed), with ashes offered

NEXT SUN., FEB. 26:

Moment for Missions with Dale Picard of ECAD (Educated Canines Assisting with Disabilities) and a service dog;

Fourth Sunday Food Collection for the Canton Food Bank

UPCOMING PROCESS FOR RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS IN MARCH

We look forward to receiving new members in our church on Sunday, March 19, with a preparatory/informational session to be held right after the service the prior week, March 12, with the pastor and Deacon representatives. If you would like to join in March and have not already let the pastor know, please do so. If you would like to attend the March 12 meeting to learn more, without obligation, you are most welcome.

CHILI FOR A CHILLY FEBRUARY - This Saturday

Join the chili cook-off & games this Saturday, Feb. 25 at noon. See flyer/sign up sheet on bulletin board.

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

of the First Congregational Church, Canton Center, Connecticut, on Sunday, **March 5, 2023** 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. Presentation, discussion and vote on bylaws amendment #15 - Article VII, entitled Church Council, Section A, after the phrase "one representative from each of the following boards and committees:", the following shall be inserted: "the Nominating Committee".
6. Any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, *Bev Sealand, Clerk*

MISSION & OUTREACH

Missions Box collection: twin sheets, blankets, pillows to support IRIS

Brian's Angels: Fri., Feb. 24, at 11 a.m. to make a meal for the homeless community in Bristol

Clean Sweep Cleaning Supplies Drive -The Missions and Outreach Committee is working with the Canton Social Services Department to benefit the Canton Food Bank with a Cleaning Supply Drive. *Dish detergent, dishwasher detergent, laundry detergent, all purpose cleaners and sponges* can be collected now through March 23rd in the Missions Collection Box. Thank you!

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

Duty Deacons: Casey Levine & Hugh Anderson
Coffee Hour: Eric & Jen Herbek
Camera: Craig McAllister

Sunday 19	Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24	Saturday 25
Worship 10:00 am	Choir 5 pm ACA & AI-Anon 7 pm	AA 7 pm	ASH WEDNESDAY Meal 6 pm Service 6:45 pm	Choir 5:30 pm	Missions making meals 11 am	Chili Cook-off & Games 12 pm AA 11 pm