

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 Beth Lingenheld
in honor of her mother, Janice Bennett Galusza.*

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

A limited number of UCC Lenten Daily Devotional booklets, entitled "Running from Empty," are available on the literature table in the hallway outside the kitchen. Please take one!

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..

Small-group opportunities for Lent

PARABLES SUBVERT WORLD:

Reflections on the how the parables of Jesus intend to change our seeing
Tues., Mar. 7, 1:00 pm. OR Wed., Mar. 8, 7:00 p.m.

WHEN GOD FALLS OFF THE CEILING

Wed., Mar. 22, 7:00 p.m. OR Thurs., Mar. 23, 10:30 a.m.
We'll read one chapter from Robin Meyers' book *Saving God from Religion*, and consider his idea that the modern church has "a God crisis" and that our basic ideas of God need to be re-thought. (Handout will be made available)

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*

ANNUAL REPORTS - You may pick up a copy of the annual report from the table near the kitchen for your review before the Annual Meeting. Please bring back your copy with you next Sunday.

MISSIONS BOX COLLECTION *twin sheets, blankets, pillows* to support IRIS

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 & Tim Lundgren
Coffee Hour: Casey Levine
Camera: Steve Byko

Sunday 26	Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4
Worship 10:00 am	Choir 5 pm ACA & Al-Anon 7 pm	AA 7 pm	Diaconate 7:00 pm	Cub Scouts 6-8 pm Choir 5:30 pm		AA 11 pm