

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ May 7, 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

*The flowers this morning are given by Bob Howson in loving memory of his wife, Patricia Ann Howson and his brother, Lieut. Colonel Richard G. Howson*

**Upcoming Worship Leaders in May**

May 14

The Rev. Terry Schmitt (Communion)

May 21

The Rev. Linda Huff

May 28

Sarah Graves (student, Andover Newton Seminary)

**Missions & Outreach**

**Hands of Grace** - For the month of May we will be collecting toiletries and 64 oz. bottles of juice for Hands of Grace, an outreach of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Hartford. Hands of Grace offers help with food, clothing and household goods.

**Garden Plots** - If you are interested in signing up for one of our garden plots to benefit The Canton Food Bank, please see Art Mauger or email at: amauger8819@gmail.com

**Brian's Angels** - Please see the sign up on the kitchen door if you would like to help make sandwiches for Brian's Angels (Homeless Outreach in Bristol) on May 19th at 11:00 a.m.

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

*We gather as a welcoming community in worship, learning, service and fellowship to embody Christ's message of love, compassion and justice.  
 Joining faith with action, both within and beyond our church,  
 we strive to build a community that serves all.*

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 An Open and Affirming Church

**Second Hour** - On **Sunday, May 21**, there will be a Second Hour following the service to discuss the pastoral search and any concerns.

**The Strawberry Festival** - This is a fun, busy event with many hands needed to make it successful. We need to fill the positions required in order to hold the festival on Father's Day, June 18. The festival would be SHORTCAKE - TAKE OUT ONLY. We have fewer slots to fill but hullers and bakers are required. The decision whether the festival can be HELD or NOT depends on how many positions are filled by Sunday, May 28 to allow time to advertise the event. Church attendance has increased but is still very light and we cannot commit to holding the festival if we don't have the people to work. Please respond by signing up at church or by calling Donna Hammond at 860-693-8676 or 860-882-8375 by May 28.

**Ministers:** Every Member

**Director of Music:** Mary Lou Keefe

**Sexton:** Walt LeGeyt

**Camera:** Casey Levine

**Coffee Hour:** Trustee Committee

**Dir. of Faith Formation:** Dr. Hollace Bristol

**Asst. Dir. of Faith Formation:** Karen Needham

**Office Manager:** Kristen DiMattia

**Duty Deacons:** Kristin Oswald & Tim Lundgren

Sunday 7	Monday 8	Tuesday 9	Wednesday 10	Thursday 11	Friday 12	Saturday 13
<b>Worship 10 am</b>	<b>Choir 5 pm</b> <b>Trustees 7 pm</b> ACA/Al-Anon 7 pm	AA 7 pm	<b>Council 7 pm</b>	<b>Choir 5:30 pm</b>		AA 11 pm