

**WELCOME ~ NOV. 26, 2023**

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 church office during the week.

*The flowers this morning are*

*in loving memory of Henry LeGeyt given by his family.*

**Join us following the service for "Hot Dog Sunday" hosted by Wider Church** - This is a new program that is being introduced. We are providing free hotdogs for all, along with various condiments. You can look forward to having sauerkraut, chili, New York style onions and the customary relish, onions and mustard and even ketchup. In the future, if there is enough participation, we'll be having hotdogs once a month, usually on the last Sunday. We will vary it at times with something simple other than hotdogs. It will be completely free for a few months but at some point, we'll ask for a free will donation just to defer some of the cost.

**Shop Scrip Today!** - There are just 2 weeks left to support the Missions Committee gift card collections for Wellmore and Canton Social Services. We're collecting Target & Walmart for Wellmore and any local retailers for Gifts for Canton. You can purchase gift cards anywhere, but if you buy them from the Scrip table, the church also makes a percentage on each gift card. Enhance your giving!! Have you been thinking about those hard to shop people on your own Christmas List? Gift cards are great options! Stop by during coffee hour to see the full list of retailers and a special list of local shops.

**A Christmas Carol** - Please join us for an early Lunch and a Christmas traditional production of "A Christmas Carol" in Riverton at the Riverton Congregational Church. Wider Church has bought a block of 20 tickets for "A Christmas Carol" in Riverton on **Saturday, December 2nd at 1:00p.m., with the option to join us for lunch/brunch at the Riverton Inn at 11:00 a.m.** before the performance. Many of our choir members are the stars of this wonderful musical performance. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12.50 for Seniors, \$10 for children 12 and under. If interested, please sign up on the sheet on the kitchen door or contact : Gina Magennis at 860-965-2061 or [g.magennis76@gmail.com](mailto:g.magennis76@gmail.com).

**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.*

*An Open and Affirming Church*

**Pastoral Search Committee** - If you'd like to be considered for the search committee, or would like to suggest someone instead, there are several immediate ways to do so. Please send a private email to [cantoncenterpastorsearch@gmail.com](mailto:cantoncenterpastorsearch@gmail.com), call the church office, or use the confidential suggestion box on the table near the missions box.

**Missions Box collection for December** will be our traditional **new hats, gloves, mittens and scarves** on the Christmas tree. Please place items in a plastic zip bag so they will not get full of needles, on or under the Christmas tree in the front of the sanctuary. Items will be donated to local organizations in the Farmington Valley area. Also, **new or gently used, clean blankets** for the clients of Brian's Angels. Many of these folks are sleeping outside, in tents, or other places with limited shelter. There will be a bin by the Christmas tree for the blankets. (These do not need to be bagged.)

**Sandwiches for Brian's Angels on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.** We will meet at 10:00 rather than our usual 11:00 due to the Prime Timers luncheon and concert that day.

**Movie Night** - We will have **another movie night on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:30.** We are hopeful that this will give parents a break to participate in holiday activities or enjoy an evening out. Encourage your children to bring a friend! All are welcome.

**Interim Minister:** Rev. Kurt Satherlie

**Ministers:** Every Member

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

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

**Director of Music:** Mary Lou Keefe

**Sexton:** Walt LeGeyt

**Office Manager:** Kristen DiMattia

**Duty Deacons:** Bev Sealand & Eric Herbek

**Duty Trustee:** Don Scott & Art Dewey

**Greeter:** Jack Neumann

**Camera:** Kristin Oswald

Sunday 26	Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday 1	Saturday 2
<b>Worship 10 am</b> 4th Sunday Food Collection	Sr. Choir 4:30 Guest 5:15 pm ACA/Al-Anon 7	AA 7 pm		Choir 5:30 pm		AA 11 pm