

WELCOME ~ DEC. 3, 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 given by Gail Macbeth
in loving memory of Stan Macbeth
and grandsons Michael and Kevin Macbeth.*

Poinsettias - If you would like to purchase poinsettias to decorate for our December 17 & 24 services, please fill out a form located on the table near the missions box, return to the red box next to forms, offering plate or call the church office before Dec. 12. **(\$8.25 per plant)**

Missions Box Collection for December will be our traditional **new hats, gloves, mittens and scarves** for the Hands of Grace. Please place items in a plastic zip bag so they will not get full of needles, on or under the Christmas tree in 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 don't need to be bagged.)

Movie Night - We will have a movie night (**Muppet's Christmas Carol**) on **Friday, December 8th 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.

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas! - How does your shopping list look? If you have gift cards on your list, stop by the Scrip table during Coffee Hour! We have gift cards for over 650 retailers available to order and receive in 1 week. Plus we have many cards in stock for you to take home today. Every gift card you purchase through Scrip gives a percentage back to the church.

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

Who bought the painted drum from Asante Sana Art Sale? - If you recently purchased the painted drum from the Art Sale, please let Geri Bunnell know - there is a case that belongs with it.

Prime Timers' Annual Christmas Potluck & Concert

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.

The PRIME TIMERS' annual Christmas Potluck Luncheon will be held on **FRIDAY**, December 15, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

The Canton High School Chamber Singers will join us for lunch, weather permitting, and present a concert following lunch.

If school is canceled then the luncheon and concert will be canceled.

Note the change of day to **FRIDAY** to accommodate the schedule of the chorus.

Please note that due to the early arrival of the Chamber Singers, we are Requesting Prime Timers' arrive at 11:00 a.m. with a casserole of your choice.

You do not have to belong to Prime Timers' to attend. All are welcome.

If you are not a member and wish to attend or have any questions, you may contact Donna Hammond at 860-693-8676

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, call the church office, or use the confidential suggestion box on the table near the missions box.

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: Kristin Oswald/Tim Lundgren **Camera:** Noah Herbek

Sunday 3	Monday 4	Tuesday 5	Wednesday 6	Thursday 7	Friday 8	Saturday 9
Worship & Communion 10 am	Sr. Choir 4:30 Guest 5:15 pm ACA/Al-Anon 7pm	AA 7 pm	Diaconate 7:00 pm	Choir 5:30 pm	Movie Night 5-8:30 pm	Orchestra 12 Ch. & Orch. 1-2:15 AA 11 pm