

WELCOME ~ FEB. 11, 2024

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.

Today - Cake Auction - Join us this morning after the service for our much anticipated Cake Auction. Grab coffee and a snack, have a seat, and be ready to bid on your favorite cake!

Ash Wednesday - Join us February 14th for a Simple Supper at 6 pm and a brief service at 6:30 pm.

Brian's Angels- We will make sandwiches on Friday, **February 16th at 11:00 a.m.** Sign-ups will be on the kitchen door.

Cooperative Games Night - Faith Formation will have a Game Night on **Friday, February 16th** from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. for children of all ages. It's an opportunity to share our community with friends and provide for a parent's night out.

Stop by the Scrip Table today and help families in need! - This month, the Missions Committee is collecting **Target & Walmart gift cards for Wellmore for Easter baskets & gifts.** You can purchase these cards anywhere, but if you buy them through the Scrip program, the church also makes a percentage on each card sold. Maximize your giving! You can donate cards through 3/10 and give them to Casey Levine or Geri Bunnell. Thanks for your support!

Butter Braids - The Church School kids are now taking orders for Butter Braids and Cake Rolls that will be distributed on Palm Sunday so you can enjoy them for Easter. There are 8 flavors of Butter Braids and 6 Kinds of Cake Rolls, all are offered for \$16 each. We will be taking orders through February 25. Thanks for your participation!!

Missions Box Collection - Cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, coffee, canned or dry milk for Canton Food Bank. These items are less frequently donated, but very much needed and appreciated.

REMINDER: Annual Reports are Due TODAY. -Committee chairs are asked to please have their 2023 annual reports emailed to the church office today. Annual Reports will be available a week before the Annual Meeting.

Mission Items Needed for Refuge Family -During a recent Moment for Missions, Paul Stansel spoke about our Church being part of the Avon VFW's effort to bring an Afghan Refugee Family to a furnished W. Hartford home. We are still waiting for a family to be assigned to us. The immediate need will be linens and towels. Specifically, we will need mattress pads, sheets, pillow cases and blankets (2 queen, 1 full & 2 twin sized mattresses). We will also need bath towels, hand towels, wash cloths and dish towels. Items should be either new or gently used please. Grant Hagedorn has volunteered to help coordinate this effort for the Church and can be reached at 860-863-1747. A sign-up sheet to help us track what's been donated and what we still need will be on the bulletin board above the Missions Box near the kitchen door. Donated linens can be left in the Mission Box.

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

of the First Congregational Church, Canton Center, Connecticut, on Sunday, **March 10, 2024** 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. Any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Bev Sealand, Clerk

Interim Minister: Rev. Kurt Satherlie

Director of Music: Mary Lou Keefe

Asst. of Faith Formation: Karen Needham

Office Manager: Kristen DiMattia

Duty Deacons: Kristin Oswald & Eric Herbek

Greeter: Craig & Linda McAllister

Ministers: Every Member

Dir. of Faith Formation: Dr. Hollace Bristol

Sexton: Walt LeGeyt

Coffee Hour: Eric Herbek

Duty Trustees: Sue Lampros & Bob Howson

Camera: Hugh Anderson

Sunday 11	Monday 12	Tuesday 13	Wednesday 14	Thursday 15	Friday 16	Saturday 17
Worship 10 am Cake Auction	Sr. Choir 4:30 Trustees 7 pm ACA/AA non 7 pm	AA 7 pm	Ash Wednesday Meal 6 pm Service 6:30 pm	Choir 5:30 pm	Sandwich Making 11 am Faith Form. Game Night 5-8 pm	AA 11 pm