

WELCOME ~ FEB. 18, 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.

*The flowers this morning are given by Walter, Joe & Allyson
in loving memory of Zachery Austin LeGeyt.*

SLEDDING, GAMES, & CHILI COOK OFF CONTEST ~ This Sat. ~ Feb. 24th (3 -7 pm)

Everyone is welcome to join the fun sledding on the hill behind the church! Don't want to go sledding? Then bring your favorite card or board game and we'll have fun sharing time with each other!
Bring your homemade chili, in a crock pot, and we'll have a contest to see who has the best chili! Wider Church invites you to bring your neighbors, games and your chili! See Craig or Linda McAllister.

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 Feb.25.

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!

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.

Volunteers for Canton Food Bank - We have had such great support from the local community filling the shelves and referring families in need since I joined the Canton Food Bank Board in Aug.2022. As with any volunteer based organization, we experience an ebb and flow of people volunteering to help with all of the work to provide food assistance to families in Canton. It takes about 15 people each week to shop for, stock & organize the pantry and distribute food. We could use a few more volunteers to add to the team. Please see Jen Herbek, if interested or have any questions.

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

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.

Next Sunday - 4th Sunday Food Collection - We will collect food items for the Canton Food Bank.

Interim Minister: Rev. Kurt Satherlie

Director of Music: Mary Lou Keefe

Asst. of Faith Formation: Karen Needham

Office Manager: Kristen DiMattia

Duty Deacons: Bev Sealand & Eric Herbek

Greeter: Bob Howson

Ministers: Every Member

Dir. of Faith Formation: Dr. Hollace Bristol

Sexton: Walt LeGeyt

Coffee Hour: Tim & Kathleen Lundgren

Duty Trustees: Sue Lampros & Phil LeGeyt

Camera: Casey Levine

Sunday 18	Monday 19	Tuesday 20	Wednesday 21	Thursday 22	Friday 23	Saturday 24
Worship 10 am	ACA/Anon 7pm	AA 7 pm		Choir 5:30 pm		Chili, Sledding & Games 3-8 pm AA 11 pm