

WELCOME ~ FEB. 25, 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 Casey Levine
 in loving memory of her parents, Jack & Susan Anderson.*

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. Today will be the last day for orders..

Easter Flowers - With Easter just around the corner, it's time to order plants for our Easter Sunday service! **Lilies (\$14.00) and tulips (\$8.00)** may be given in memory/celebration/honor of. Please remember to take your plants after the Easter service to enjoy at home. **Orders for plants will be accepted through Friday, March 22**, forms will be available at the back of the church until then.

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!

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 and can be reached at 860-863-1747. A sign-up sheet to help us track what's been donated is on the bulletin board above the Missions Donation Box.

We are also collecting **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.

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*

Book Club - "The Case for Christ". Deacons Tim Lundgren and Eric Herbek will be starting a book club that meets monthly, with the first two meetings planned for 3/17 and 4/21 after coffee hour at church. We will be reading "The Case for Christ", an exploration of the truth and historical fact of what we believe in the Bible. The Deacons will supply the books for all who are interested. All are welcome - join us! There will be a sign-up sheet posted in the church foyer, or see Tim (tlundgren@sbcglobal.net) or Eric (eric.herbek@gmail.com) directly if you would like to join. We are looking for interested parties by 2/26 to allow time to order the books (and read them!).

Volunteers for Canton Food Bank- Please consider joining us in providing food assistance to families in need in Canton. whether you have experience with food pantries or not, we welcome helping hands and people with a willingness to make a difference in the community! If interested in volunteering on Mondays 5:30-7:15pm/ Tuesdays 8am-11:30am during food distribution please email Jennifer Herbek at Cantonfoodbank@gmail.com or for shopping opportunities on Wednesdays - Fridays call Madeleine Drummey at (860)693-8081.

Interim Minister: Rev. Kurt Satherlie
Director of Music: Mary Lou Keefe
Asst. of Faith Formation: Karen Needham
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Ministers: Every Member
Dir. of Faith Formation: Dr. Hollace Bristol
Sexton: Walt LeGeyt
Coffee Hour: Bev Sealand
Duty Trustees: Sue Lampros & Jen Herbek
Camera: Kristin Oswald

Sunday 25	Monday 26	Tuesday 27	Wednesday 28	Thursday 29	Friday 1	Saturday 2
Worship 10 am	Sr. Choir 4:30 ACA/Anon 7	AA 7 pm		Choir 5:30 pm		AA 11 pm