

WELCOME ~ MARCH 10, 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 Beth Lingenheld in loving memory of her parents, Myron Michael and Janice Bennett Galusza.

Easter Flowers - 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.

Out to Lunch Bunch ~ March 13, 12:00 pm - Beans Restaurant in Avon Village -Open to all Men and Women who would enjoy a nice lunch with new and known friends. Beans supports and employs Favarrh adults. They do a great job with good food and service and also sell take out. The big house across the driveway from DaCapo Restaurant. Please sign up or call Harriet Vose 860 -693 -2333

PALM SUNDAY POTLUCK ~ MARCH 24 - A wonderful tradition of our church is to share a potluck meal, Easter dinner style, after our Palm Sunday service. Please see the sign-up sheet if you would like to provide a ham, side dish, or dessert. This would be a great day on which to invite a friend to join you.

Stop by the Scrip Table today and help families in need! - Today is the last day 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! Give your cards to either Casey Levine or Geri Bunnell and they will all be delivered to Wellmore this week. Thanks for your support!

Support for Brian's Angels Homeless Outreach - This Friday, 3/15, at 11am we will be making sandwiches and a hot meal to deliver to Brian's Angels. Sign-up on the kitchen door. **Next Sunday, 3/17**, Pat Stebbins, Founder of Brian's Angels, will be here doing a "moment for missions". Please consider bringing some individual snack and drink items that day so we can provide her with an offering to take back with her.

Happy Wanderer's is revving up for our spring hikes. Hollace Bristol and Karen Needham will lead a hike after church on Sunday, March 17th, weather permitting. We always choose hikes that are not too strenuous and are about three miles in length, accessible for all ages.

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!).

Adult Faith Formation -The Four Agreements, with Hollace Bristol, Ed.D. don Miguel Ruiz, shares teachings of his Toltec lineage. This is a 90- minute introduction to the four agreements. Purchase of the book is not required for the conversation. Attend one session or both! Tuesday, March 19, 10:30 am or Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 pm Sign-up sheet on bulletin board.

Silver Lake Camp - is now accepting applications for summer camp sessions. Go to website at: <https://www.silverlakect.org/campsessions/age> - Wider Church has scholarship money available.

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 & Tim Lundgren

Camera: Casey Levine

Ministers: Every Member

Dir. of Faith Formation: Dr. Hollace Bristol

Sexton: Walt LeGeyt

Duty Trustees: Julius Ziemba & Don Scott

Coffee Hour: Rebecca Glinsman

Sunday 10	Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 13	Thursday 14	Friday 15	Saturday 16
Worship & Communion 10 am Annual Meeting	Sr. Choir 4:30 Trustees 7 pm ACA/A-Aron 7	AA 7 pm	Out to Lunch Bunch Council 7 pm	Choir 5:30 pm	Sandwich Making 11 am	AA 11 pm