WELCOME ~ MARCH 3, 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 Kristin Oswald in memory of her parents, Sally & Grosvenor Wadman and her husband, Robert Oswald.

Annual Reports - can be found on the table near the kitchen door. Please remember to bring your reports back for the Annual Meeting on March 10th.

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 Favarh 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! - This month, the Missions Committee is collecting **Target & Walmart gift cards for Wellmore for Easter baskets & gifts.** 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 -help with Avon VFW's effort to bring an Afghan Refugee Family to a furnished W. Hartford home. 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 and can be reached at 860-863-1747. A sign-up sheet to help us track is on the bulletin board above the Donation 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*

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 cofee 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. The book is an easy read and the teaching is powerful. 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.

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
Camera: Hugh Anderson

Ministers: Every Member
Dir. of Faith Formation: Dr. Hollace Bristol
Sexton: Walt LeGeyt

Duty Trustees: Sue Lampros & Bob Howson
Coffee Hour: Craig & Linda McAllister

Sunday 3	Monday 4	Tuesday 5	Wednesday 6	Thursday 7	Friday 8	Saturday 9
Worship 10 am	Sr. Choir 4:30 ACA/Al-Anon 7	AA 7 pm	**Diaconate 7:00 pm**	Choir 5:30 pm	Cub Scouts 6:30-8 pm	AA 11 pm