



## WELCOME ~ APRIL 21, 2024

*We are glad you've joined us for worship today. If you are visiting with us today may you discover a friendly church, a safe haven where you will be loved and accepted; where you will be challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask questions, and grow in your faith. May The First Congregational Church, Canton Center help you find God's compassion, healing, reconciliation, justice and joy in our worship service and where you are given the opportunity to put your faith into action through effective outreach ministries. We hope to get to know you as a new friend and invite you to fill out a visitor card. No matter who you are, or where you are in your journey, you are welcome here.*

### Case for Christ Book Group

The book group (and Confirmands) will meet in the Bunnell room 15 minutes after the service ends.

### Happy Wanderers

We will hike the Butler Trail in Pine Meadow after the service.

The path follows the river the whole way and is beautiful. It accommodates all walking levels.

### Clean Up Day - this Saturday

The board of trustees has planned our spring clean up day for **Saturday, April 27 from 8:30 - noon**. Bring your tools that will be used to clip some bushes, spread mulch on the beds, and anything else we see that we can do. Thank you in advance for your help. Questions: email Phil at gacserv2@comcast

### Auction News!

**The church's live auction is posted with an end date of April 28th** and can be found online at: **www.aarauctions.com**. Go to: **Canton Auction (not Collinsville Auction)**, click on **Catalog** to view the many wonderful donated items that you can bid on.

More directions for bidding and terms/conditions will be posted on that website.

Paul Stansel reminds everyone that this is a very competitive auction, with thousands from multiple states registering to bid. We expect several hundred bidders.

### April Missions & Outreach Collection

Our Missions Box collection for April is **diapers and wipes** for Gifts of Love, Avon. "Gifts of Love" helps meet the basic needs of individuals and families in the Greater Hartford area experiencing a short-term financial crisis so they can return to self-sufficiency."

### 4th Sunday Food Collection

Next Sunday, we will collect food for the Canton Food Bank.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We gather as a welcoming community in worship, learning, service and fellowship to embody Christ's message of love, compassion and justice. Joining faith with action, both within and beyond our church, we strive to build a community that serves all.*

*An Open and Affirming Church*

### Continued Prayers for:

*My grandson Robert and all the troops in the Middle East.  
(Marilyn Larose)*

*Peace in Israel and in Palestine.  
(Tim Lundgren)*

*Rev. Kevin Mongeau, from Hands of Grace, who started radiation for throat cancer.  
(Linda McAllister)*

### Continued Joys for:

*All the love and condolences on the passing of my Mama Wini.  
(Hollace Bristol)*

*Jarod Emirzian's starting work as a Simsbury Police Officer after graduation from CT Post Police Academy.  
Prayers for all graduating cadets and may they serve their communities safely.  
(Dina Raimo Pelham)*

**Interim Minister:** Rev. Kurt Satherlie

**Ministers:** Every Member

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**Duty Deacons:** Cora Mutch & Phil Doyle

**Camera:** Casey Levine

**Coffee Hour:** Kathleen Lundgren

Sunday 21	Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26	Saturday 27
<b>Worship 10 am</b> <b>Book Club</b> <b>Happy Wanderers</b>	Sr. Choir 4:30 ACA/A-Aron 7	AA 7 pm		Bell Choir 5:30 pm		<b>Clean Up Day 8:30-12</b> AA 11 pm