



WELCOME ~ APRIL 28, 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.

The flowers this morning are given by Susie Mather in celebration of Spring.

Auction News ~ Bidding Ends This Evening!

The church's live auction ends this evening 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 reminds everyone that this is a very competitive auction and expect several hundred bidders.

Shop Scrip Today! Spring is here!

Why not purchase a Scrip gift card to use for Spring planting or home improvement projects? It's also the season for graduations and weddings. Gift cards are a perfect gift – it's in the name!

There are over 600 retailers to choose from and orders are available in less than a week.

Or stop by to see what we have in inventory to take home today.

Mission & Outreach

The collection for May is **Coffee and toothpaste** and **\$25 VISA and Stop & Shop gift cards** for Hands of Grace. The gift cards can be purchased through the Scrip program (with no fee), or you can donate cash and cards will be purchased with the collected funds.

Brian's Angels

We will make a meal & sandwiches on Friday, May 17 at 10 am. Sign-ups will be on the kitchen door.

"Out to Lunch Bunch"

We will have lunch at Crown & Hammer on May 15th at noon. Please see the sign up sheet on kitchen door. All are welcome!

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:

Lori Hagedorn who had her 3rd hip surgery on Wednesday.

Martha Stansel's sister, Sarah Goodrich, whose husband, Dave, passed away unexpectedly one year ago today.

Margaret Malentacchi, who is very ill, and for her family. (Geri Bunnell)

Family & friends with undiagnosed conditions, waiting for tests and results. (Darryl Haberern)

Merideth Bear and for more positive recovery from eye surgery last year. (Rebecca Glinsman)

Continued Joys for:

Katie Mankowski graduating with Masters in Social Work and for her father Bob Mankowski getting better from cancer surgery. (Phil LeGeyt)

Lin Erickson who celebrated a birthday. (Darryl Haberern)

Interim Minister: Rev. Kurt Satherlie

Ministers: Every Member

Director of Music: Mary Lou Keefe

Dir. of Faith Formation: Dr. Hollace Bristol

Asst. of Faith Formation: Karen Needham

Sexton: Walt LeGeyt

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Duty Deacons: Cora Mutch & Phil Doyle

Camera: Kristin Oswald

Coffee Hour: Rebecca Glinsman

Sunday 28	Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4
Worship 10 am AUCTION ENDS	Sr. Choir 4:30 ACA/AI-Aron 7	AA 7 pm	Deacons 7 pm	Bell Choir 5:30 pm Scouts 6:30 pm	Auction Pick up 9-1 p.m. Appointment Only	AA 11 pm