



WELCOME ~ MAY 12, 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 Jim & Gina Magennis, in loving memory of their mothers, Claudette Magennis & Evelia Guterrez. Have a nice Mother's Day!

Again, this year, the Bristol family is donating pansy plants on Mother's Day. This tradition was started by Ruth Bristol in the late 1940s in memory of her youngest son, 2nd Lieutenant Sterling W. Bristol, Jr., who died when the B-17 bomber that he piloted was shot down by the Germans in WWII. Dan Bristol and his son Josh Bristol now do the annual donation and feel warmly about carrying on this tradition for the fourth generation in honor of Mother's Day. Thank you to the Bristol family for their generosity in continuing this beautiful tradition.

“Out to Lunch Bunch” We will have lunch at Crown & Hammer on May 15th at noon. Please see the sign up sheet in the kitchen. All are welcome to join us.

Brian's Angels - We will make a meal/sandwiches on May 17 at 10 am. Sign-ups will be in the kitchen.

Happy Wanderers Hike - We are venturing to Norfolk to hike Haystack Mountain after the church service Sunday, May 19. It's a treat to climb the stone tower at the top which offers a 360-degree view. It's not super steep. We hope you will join us!! Meet in the Parish Hall.

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 is for Hands of Grace, needed items: **coffee, toothpaste, \$25 VISA or Stop & Shop gift cards.** The gift cards can be purchased through the Scrip program (with no fee), or you can donate cash. Cards and cash will be used to buy non perishable, needed food items.

Yard Goat's Game -We have tickets for the Sunday, June 16th game at 1 pm. for \$12. Please see Linda.

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

Prayers for:

Kurt's son and to be daughter -in-law as they have become foster parents to his to be daughter-in-law's nephew.

The 4 officers that were killed in Charlotte, NC. (Charlie Hammond)

Family & friends dealing with health issues. (Darryl Haberern)

Peace on the college campuses for the students and police. (Kathleen Lundgren)

Bill Zahina dealing with cancer. (Paul Stansel)

Marianne Burbank's daughter, Anna, her fiancé, Aaron, and their beloved golden retriever, Charlie just diagnosed with cancer. Anna & Aaron will be married next month.

Continued Joys for:

Hollace's son David and his 3 teammates are Team USA mixed curling, representing the USA in the international competition in October in Aberdeen, Scotland.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL ~ SUNDAY, JUNE 23 (3-7 p.m.)

The Strawberry Festival will be held on Sunday, June 23, instead of Father's Day. Please note the change of date as we will need volunteers to have a successful event. Last year was very successful and with your help, we can do it again.

Sunday 12	Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8	Thursday 9	Friday 10	Saturday 11
Worship 10am	Sr. Choir 4:30 ACA/AlAnon 7	AA 7 pm				AA 11 pm