



WELCOME ~ MAY 19, 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 Lorinda Miner Murphy Pane in loving memory of her mother Esther Louise Olson Miner, her mother Esther Louise Case Olson, her mother Bessie Ruth Humphrey Case and her mother Emma Wilcox Bidwell Humphrey.

**Book Club "Case for Christ" is cancelled this morning and will be rescheduled.**

**Happy Wanderers Hike** - We are venturing to Norfolk to hike Haystack Mountain after the church this morning. It's not super steep. We hope you will join us!! Meet in the Parish Hall.

**Confirmands - Next Sunday** - May 26th we will meet together for a mandatory class for Confirmands and hopefully our Mentors will be present. We will discuss the following week's graduation ceremony on June 2nd including a rehearsal in the sanctuary. Please have your one-page paper on your bio, brief notes on your family, interests and your confirmation experience, especially in regards to your beliefs.

**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.

**Stop by the Scrip Table today and help families in need! - Two Weeks left** to support the Missions Committee in their collection of Visa and Stop & Shop gift cards for Hands of Grace in New Hartford. You can purchase these cards anywhere, but if you buy them through the Scrip program, our church also makes a percentage on each card sold. And no activation fee on those Visa cards like you'd pay if you buy them at the grocery store. Hands of Grace will be using the gift cards to purchase perishable items like milk, eggs and butter that they do not get donated. Thanks for your support!

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

Sign-ups to be posted soon.

## Summer Worship

We will share summer services again this year with  
**CANTON COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Canton Community Baptist Church will host in July  
and we will host in August.

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024**  
**3 PM - 7 PM**

SAVE THE DATE



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
CANTON CENTER  
184 Cherry Brook Road  
Route 179  
Canton Center, CT  
06020  
SHORTCAKE WITH REAL WHIPPED CREAM  
Hamburgs, Hot Dogs & Beverages  
Eat In or Take Out Available

### Prayers for:

*Gail Macbeth's nephew, Peter Miller, who had a stroke.*

*Eric & Jennifer's close friend, Matt, who is undergoing surgery at Sloan Kettering for prostate cancer.*

*The Magennis' family as they grieve the loss of Gina's sister, Magaly, who passed last week, for her grand-niece, Rachel Van Arsdale, diagnosed with cancer and seeing a specialist, and for Gina and 14 "amigas" safe journey on their pilgrimage to Spain.*

*Lori Hagedorn's sister, suffering from COPD, prayers for a successful pulmonary surgery.*

*Martha Stansel, who has fallen and fractured her ankle and will need surgery this Tuesday.*

Sunday 19	Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24	Saturday 25
<b>Worship 10am</b>	Sr. Choir 4:30					
<b>Wanderer's Hike</b>	ACA/Anon 7	AA 7 pm				AA 11 pm