



WELCOME ~ JUNE 16, 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 Paul & Martha Stansel in loving memory of their parents Ruth & John Wilkins, Joan Prince & Paul L. Stansel.

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads.

We welcome back this morning, our substitute organist Asher Scarlato.

Mission & Outreach - The Missions Box collection will be for the children served by Wellmore. Backpacks & School Supplies: **pencils, pens, markers (non-permanent), colored pencils, crayons, binders, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, colorful folders including pocket folders, glue sticks, blunt scissors, tape, rulers, etc...** any supplies a child would need.

Scrip Table is closed today! - Sorry for any inconvenience. If you would like a gift card, please reach out to Casey today or this week by phone – 860-371-1016. Thanks for your support!

Strawberry Festival - Our Annual Strawberry Festival is **next Sunday!** Come and enjoy with friends and family. There is still time to sign up if you would like to volunteer your time.

FOCUS - Center for Autism - On **Wednesday, June 26**, Pastor Kurt has welcomed a panel discussion to take place in the Parish Hall presented by FOCUS Center for Autism. Pastor Kurt encourages and welcomes you to join us and learn about people on the spectrum and the inner workings of what the Center does working with individuals. This is not only getting to know about FOCUS but the inauguration of our quest to welcome at a future date a meet and greet of the people they serve. It is also the start of offering other events similar to the panel discussion with the mission of Beanz Restaurant (helping people with intellectual disabilities finding work), FAVARH, and Oak Hill school. My hope and prayer is to help integrate their clientele with our congregation as often people living and/or working in these venues do not have the advantages of social interaction within their communities. Simply put, reaching out as neighbors for a meet and greet as one might do for a street block party so people get to know their neighbors.

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

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024 (3-7 pm)



SHORTCAKE WITH REAL WHIPPED CREAM

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Beverages

Eat In or Take Out Available

Summer Worship

JULY SERVICES

will take place at

**The Canton Community
Baptist Church**

125 Down Avenue

and we will host August.

Continued Prayers for:

Our Music Director, Mary Lou Keefe.

Gary Adajian after the loss of his good friend, Michelle and for help going through a very hard time.

Gina Maggennis' grand-niece, Rachel, being treated with chemo.

Martha Stansel, as she is healing at home and doing better.

Daniel Palmeri who needs a lung removed and undergoes chemo.

Continued Joy for:

Good news received from doctor's report for Tim Lundgren.

Sunday 16	Monday 17	Tuesday 18	Wednesday 19	Thursday 20	Friday 21	Saturday 22
Worship 10am						
Yard Goats 1pm	AA/Anon 7 pm	AA 7 pm				AA 11:00pm