WELCOME ~ AUGUST 4, 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 Marilyn Larose,
in loving memory of her husband Prosper, and her parents Marion & Bob Ellison.

We welcome the congregation of The Canton Community Baptist Church,
joining us for services in until September 1st and their pastor, the Rev. Amy Johnson.

Save the Date: September 15th - Gathering Sunday and Matsiko World Orphan Choir

Have you ever heard a choir that's performed at the White House, the Rose Bowl, and even been called "Our World's Treasure" by Disneyland? Meet the Matsiko World Orphan Choir, a group of talented singers and dancers from Liberia. They are orphans and at-risk children who have found hope and a future through music and education. They are scheduled to be here from Sept. 14th - Sept. 16th. Not only will you be entertained by their incredible talent, but you'll also learn about their inspiring stories and the mission to empower millions of orphaned and vulnerable children around the world. **Please let Pastor Kurt know if you are able to help with this event,** with advertising, marketing, someone in charge of the bagged lunch & dinner; and hosting families.

Bridge the Gap Update

Our Mission is two-fold: Raise money to reduce what we use each year from the endowment and in doing so, hopefully attract new members. Our next scheduled event is an Artisan Fair, Sat., Nov. 23rd. Hopefully this will include a bake sale or serving hotdogs & hamburgers. **Our Team needs your help. We are hoping to grow the number from 5 volunteers to at least 10 or more volunteers.** If you can afford to help out our Bridge the Gap Team, even periodically or on special events or even simply joining our meetings to brainstorm with us, or with simple jobs like phone calls, emails, or sharing your ideas, etc...please let Pastor Kurt know if you are able to help.

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:

The family and friends of Cora Mutch's father-in-law,
James Alba Silver Mutch who recently passed away.

The family and friends of Bob Mankowski who passed away on July 28th.
Please keep children Katie, Nathan and ex-wife Diane in your prayers.

Volunteers Needed for zoom call with our Church Consultant

We have four members signed up for the Zoom calls and are looking for more members who would like to help with stewardship. Stewardship always seems to be a difficult time for most churches for obvious reasons and I hope our consultant, Paul Nickerson, provides us with some new material from his many contacts throughout the U.S. It would be great to have at least three more members join the calls as oftentimes someone cannot make one and the more information, we can provide our Trustees or a formal stewardship committee, the better. Thanks to Hugh, Kristin, and Sue, and thank you to any other volunteers who may sign up even if you can make only a few of the Zoom calls. Please let the office know if you are interested.

Interim Minister: Rev. Kurt Satherlie
Director of Music: Mary Lou Keefe
Asst. of Faith Formation: Karen Needham
Office Manager: Kristen DiMattia
Duty Deacons: Kristin Oswald & Tim Lundgren
Coffee Hour: Gail Macbeth
Ministers: Every Member
Dir. of Faith Formation: Hollace Bristol
Sexton: Walt LeGeyt
Trustees: Sue Lampros & Bob Howson
Camera: Hugh Anderson

Sunday 4	Monday 5	Tuesday 6	Wednesday 7	Thursday 8	Friday 9	Saturday 10
Worship 10am	A/Al-Anon 7 pm	AA 7 pm	**Diaconate 7pm**			AA 11:00 pm