



WELCOME ~ AUGUST 11, 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 Linea Ericson in celebration of family and friends, remembering the past and enjoying the present.

We welcome Ali Hager as our preacher this morning, and 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:

Paul Stansel's brother-in-law, Jim, dealing with two serious illnesses.

Alex Gorman, Jason Levine's friend, plagued by an unknown illness for years and currently intubated in the hospital awaiting treatment this week.

Gail Macbeth's nephews, Gary Macbeth stage 3 lymphoma and brother, Clayton Macbeth stage 4 lung cancer and starting hospice. Prayers for fighting cancer.

The 14 month old great grand-daughter of an acquaintance, who will have extensive surgery for neuroblastoma on Aug. 15 and prayers for a friend, Tina's daughter, Kelly, a single mother with 4 children whose house was destroyed in storms Aug. 2 and looking for rental. (Marianne Burbank)

John Sharp's friend, Sandy P. that her transfusion will help maintain her remission.

Joy for:

Charley & Donna Hammond celebrating their 60th Anniversary on Aug. 8.

Interim Minister: Rev. Kurt Satherlie

Ministers: Every Member

Director of Music: Mary Lou Keefe

Dir. of Faith Formation: Hollace Bristol

Asst. of Faith Formation: Karen Needham

Sexton: Walt LeGeyt

Office Manager: Kristen DiMattia

Duty Deacons: Kristin Oswald & Tim Lundgren

Trustees: Art Dewey & Julius Ziembra

Coffee Hour: Gail Macbeth

Camera: Hugh Anderson

Sunday 11	Monday 12	Tuesday 13	Wednesday 14	Thursday 15	Friday 16	Saturday 17
Worship 10am	Trustees 7 pm A/A/Anon 7 pm	AA 7 pm	Council 7pm			AA 11:00 pm