



WELCOME ~ AUGUST 25, 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.

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.

Are you or someone you know thinking about joining our church? If so, please attend one of the New Member Information sessions after church service on either Sunday, September 8th or September 22nd in the lower level corner room in the Parish Hall. These meetings will last no more than one hour. You will have a chance to hear from various church leaders the history, beliefs organizational structure and missions of Canton Center Church. We plan to have a New Member ceremony on Sunday, October 6th during service. Please contact Senior Deacon Kristin Oswald if interested in joining our church family at 860-690-7129 or oswaldfamily90@comcast.net.

Gathering Sunday- Sept. 15 & Matsiko World Orphan Choir - Sept. 14 & 15

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.

Livestream Operators- We are looking for a few more volunteers for our Sunday Service livestreaming. Training is not difficult with a step by step instruction booklet. See Beth Lingenheld.

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:

*Baby Eloise who has a bacterial infection in her blood and is in the hospital and hopefully home on Tuesday.
(Darryl Haberern)*

Rebecca Glinsman's cousin, John Murray who is 55 years old and had his tubes out and is now in hospice. Her prayer is that he passes soon.

Joys for:

Jason Levine's friend, Alex is out of the hospital and his treatment is working so far. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Looking for Greeters- Church greeters are often the first people visitors see when they arrive at our Church. Greeters arrive at 9:30 am, greeting people as they enter, making them feel welcomed and safe, providing information, creating a welcoming environment and inviting visitors to coffee hour. Call Deacon Paul Stansel (cell phone 203-592-1961) for more information.

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

Sunday 25	Monday 26	Tuesday 27	Wednesday 28	Thursday 29	Friday 30	Saturday 31
Worship 10am	AA&ACA 7 pm	AA 7 pm				AA 11:00 pm