



WELCOME ~ SEPTEMBER 15, 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 today are given for a warm

Welcome to the Matsiko CHOIR from a Grateful Congregation.

(Flowers handmade by Gail Macbeth with real shells)

Today's Happenings:

- 10:00 am** Intergenerational service with Matsiko Choir, Church School program begins
Picnic Lunch after Church with hamburgers, hotdogs and salads
- 2:00 pm** Matsiko Choir Concert
- 3:00 pm** Reception hosted by Missions with viewing of African crafts for sale
- 3:30 pm** Assemble bag lunches for choir. Breakdown tables and chairs

Sandwich Making - Brian's Angels - On Friday, Sept. 20 at 11 am we will make sandwiches to benefit Brian's Angel's Homeless Outreach. Please see sign up sheet on the kitchen door.

Out to Lunch Bunch - On Wed., Sept. 25 at noon we will eat at Green Tea in Farmington. Please sign up on the kitchen door. Any questions, contact Gail Macbeth 860-677-5050.

4th Sunday Food Collection- Next Sunday, we will collect food for the Canton Food Bank.

Are you or someone you know thinking about joining our church? If so, please attend the New Member Information (less than 1 hour) sessions after church service Sept. 22nd in the lower level corner room. You will have a chance to hear from church leaders the history, beliefs structure and missions of Canton Center Church. We are planning a New Member ceremony on Sun., Oct. 6th during service. Please contact Kristin 860-690-7129 or oswaldfamily90@comcast.net.

The Missions Box collection for September ~ Cat and Dog food - both canned and dry.

The food will be donated to *Canton Food Pantry* and the mission of *Beacon of Light Animal Rescue*.

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

SECOND HOUR ~ SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our settled pastor search committee has been busy this summer, collecting all your feedback and using it as valuable input as we complete our church profile. We're happy to hear from all who have thoughts so if you haven't responded yet, please feel free to do so. We will hold a second hour session after church on Sept. 29 to share where we are and what's next heading into the next phase of our

Prayers for:

All the students, families, teachers and the community in Georgia and prayers that this senseless gun violence would end and something be done to protect our children.
(Kathleen Lundgren)

A family member undergoing a test this past Monday for diagnosis and treatment.
(Darryl Haberern)

Family & friends of Henry J. Bahre (94) who passed away.
(Bob Howson)

Kathy Todd's husband, Jim, who went to Hartford Hospital on Monday for a week to start a new chemo treatment.

Prayers & Joys for Marianne Burbank's daughter, Anna & son-in-law, Aaron as they travel to, within and from Bali on their honeymoon.

| Sunday 15 | Monday 16 | Tuesday 17 | Wednesday 18 | Thursday 19 | Friday 20 | Saturday 21 |
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| Worship 10am & Gathering Sunday Matsiko Choir 2pm | Choir 4:30 pm AA&ACA 7 pm | AA 7 pm | | Handbell Choir 5:30 pm | Sandwich Making 11 am | AA 11:00 pm |