



WELCOME ~ SEPTEMBER 22, 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 by Geri Bunnell
in loving memory of her husband Ned.*

New Member Meeting this morning - If you are interested in joining the church, you are invited to attend the New Member Information (less than 1 hour) sessions after church service this morning 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.

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.

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*.

Artisan Fair at Canton Center Church- Calling all artists, crafters and makers. We are hosting an Artisan Fair on Saturday, November 23rd, from 10 AM to 2 PM in the fellowship hall. Vendor spaces are available so act now to secure your spot! For more information or an application, please email Jennifer Herbek at jenniferherbek@hotmail.com

Happy Wanderers - We will resume our hiking habit with a hike on a Canton Land Conservation Trust trail after the Second Hour Meeting on Sunday, September 29th. More details next week.

Matsiko Debriefing Meeting - On Wed., Oct. 2 we will have a meeting to share thoughts on what went well and what could be improved, should we host Matsiko World Orphan Choir again in the future. Everyone's input is important. Feel free to email Pastor Kurt with any thoughts, as well.

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: SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Next Sunday, September 29th

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 search.

Prayers for:

*The family and friends of Rev. Walter Pittman of Southbury Church
who passed away recently.
(Tim LeGeyt)*

*Austin Collin's friend Mason, who is finally out of the hospital,
able to sit up for longer periods of time and still having a long road ahead,
of therapy for the ability to walk again.*

Sunday 22	Monday 23	Tuesday 24	Wednesday 25	Thursday 26	Friday 27	Saturday 28
Worship 10 am New Member Meeting	Choir 4:30 pm AA&ACA 7 pm	AA 7 pm	Out to Lunch Bunch 12 pm	Handbell Choir 5:30 pm		AA 11:00 pm