



WELCOME ~ SEPTEMBER 29, 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 Joy Petersen
in loving memory of her husband Dick.*

We welcome our Guest Preacher, Alexa Rollow.

Alexa is a second year Master of Divinity student at Yale Divinity School and an Andover Newton Seminary diploma candidate. Originally from Alabama, Alexa moved to CT from Waco, Texas where she studied religion at Baylor University. She has experience in youth and college ministries in her local Baptist congregations in Alabama and Texas, and has been preaching through YDS's Pulpit Supply Program for the past two semesters.

This Morning - SECOND HOUR: SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE - Please join us this morning as the Search Committee shares where we are and what's next heading into the next phase of our search for a settled pastor.

Happy Wanderers - We will resume our hiking habit with a hike on a Canton Land Conservation Trust trail after the Second Hour Meeting this morning.

October Missions & Outreach- We will be collecting toiletries for Hands of Grace, such as: **toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo and deodorant.** We are also collecting for Gifts of Love: **Mens/Womens & Children's coats.**

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

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

Save the Date:

HARVEST FAIR & CHICKEN PIE SUPPER

Sat., Oct. 19 ~ 4:00 - 7:00 pm

MUCH HELP NEEDED! LOOK FOR SIGN UP SHEETS.

We are looking for **Harvest Fair** volunteers or volunteers for the **Chicken Pie Supper** and have an evening of food, fellowship, and fun!
If you have never worked on the event, don't worry, we'll make sure you get all the information.

Marianne Burbank - Harvest Chair Phil LeGeyt & Jim Magennis - Chicken Pie Co-chairs



Prayers for:

*Edward Gaynor who was diagnosed with brain cancer
and is receiving treatment.*

*Gary Macbeth who has cancer of the stomach.
Prayers that the new treatment will be able to help him.*

Sunday	29	Monday	30	Tuesday	1	Wednesday	2	Thursday	3	Friday	4	Saturday	5
Worship 10 am		Memorial 3 pm				Matsiko Mtg.							
Second Hour		Choir 4:30 pm				Debriefing 11 am							
Happy Wanderer's Hike		AA Annual Mtg 4 pm ACA 7 pm		AA 7 pm		Diaconate Mtg 7 pm		Handbell Choir 5:30 pm				AA 11:00 pm	