



WELCOME ~ SEPTEMBER 8, 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 are given by Ruth Morholt in loving memory of her husband Jim.

Search Committee Meeting- the search committee will meet following services on Sun. Sept. 8.

Are you or someone you know thinking about joining our church? If so, please attend one of the New Member Information (less than 1 hour) sessions after church service today Sept. 8th or Sept. 22nd in the lower level corner room. 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 Sr. Deacon Kristin Oswald at 860-690-7129 or oswaldfamily90@comcast.net.

Reminder: "Gathering Sunday" will be held September 15 with a church school theme of "We Are the World" as we include the Matsiko World Orphan Choir.

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

SECOND HOUR ~ SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE - 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.

The Missions Box collection for September ~ Cat and Dog food - both canned and dry. The food will be donated to two local organizations the *Canton Food Pantry* and the mission of *Beacon of Light Animal Rescue, Inc.*

Prayers for:

The friends and family of Gail Macbeth's brother, Neal O'Connell, who passed away Aug. 29, and for nephew, Clayton Macbeth who recently passed away - both from Cancer.

The friends and family of Phil Doyle's brother-in-law, John Carter, who passed this week of cancer.

Marianne Burbank's friend, Kristin Parks Hicks of Simsbury, recently diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer metastasized to the spine.

Joys for:

John Sharp's grandson Ryan who is admitted to grad school after months of applications!

MATSIKO CHOIR & GATHERING SUNDAY EVENTS:

Thursday, September 12

6:30 pm - Set up tables, chairs, silverware

Saturday, September 14

5:00 pm - Meet & Greet potluck dinner
Sign up sheet on kitchen door
African crafts for sale

7:00 pm - Matsiko Choir Concert

Sunday, September 15 - Return to program year and Matsiko Choir

10:00 am Intergenerational service with Matsiko Choir as our guest
Church School program returns
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

Monday, September 16 - Choir leaves from Church



Sunday 8	Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13	Saturday 14
Missions 9 am Worship 10 am New Member Mtg	Trustees 7 pm AA&ACA 7 pm	AA 7 pm	Council Meeting 7 pm			Potluck 5 pm Matsiko Choir 7 pm AA 11:00 pm