



WELCOME ~ DECEMBER 1, 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 this morning celebrate gratitude and love for our congregation as we begin a joyous Advent season.

Thank you to Marianne Burbank for the donation of the sanctuary tree in memory of Marianne's grandfather, Harry Humphrey, and her father, Sam Humphrey.

Please welcome our guest organist, Asher Scarlato, 14 years old.

December Missions Collections. We are once again collecting **winter scarves, hats, gloves, mittens, and socks** for the month to be given to various organizations. Please put on or under the Christmas Tree in the sanctuary. Please place in a plastic bag so the don't get pine needles in them.

Cherry Brook Health Care -We have been asked to help Cherry Brook Health Care provide some simple gifts for their 90 residents, most of whom are on Medicaid and have very limited income. They have requested **small items including pens, pencils, adult coloring books, crossword and word searches, lap blankets, small mirrors, calendars, picture frames, pens and pencils, small notebooks, sticky notes, hand creams, pocket mirrors, magnifying glasses, scarves and cotton socks.** We will collect these items Dec. 1st and 8th from the box near the Christmas tree.

Shop Scrip Today! -This is the final day to support the Missions Committee in their collection of Target & Walmart gift cards for Wellmore and gift cards for local retailers for Gifts for Canton. Stop by the Scrip table today to purchase a card and the church also makes a percentage on each one sold. Power up your giving!! How's your Christmas list looking? Gift cards are great options! Stop by during coffee hour to see the full list of retailers and a special list of local shops.

Prime Timers' have been hosting the annual Christmas Potluck Luncheon to provide lunch for the Canton High School Concert Choir, on **FRIDAY, Dec. 20, at 11:30 a.m.** in the Parish Hall. The Chamber Singers will join us for lunch, and present a concert following lunch. If school is canceled, the luncheon and concert will be canceled. The event is open to all who want to attend. There will be a signup sheet on the kitchen door. Please arrive by 11:00 am with your casserole or side dish or cookies. If you have any questions, you may contact Donna Hammond at 860-693-8676.



A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Please join us for an early Lunch and a Christmas traditional production of "A Christmas Carol" in Riverton at the Riverton Congregational Church.

Wider Church has bought a block of tickets for "A Christmas Carol" in Riverton on **SUNDAY, December 8 at 1:00 p.m.,** with the option to join us for lunch/brunch at the Riverton Inn at 11:30 a.m. before the performance.

Many of our choir members are the stars of this wonderful musical performance.

Tickets are \$15 ~ \$12.00 for Seniors

If interested, please see Linda McAllister.

Prayers for:

Our organist, Mary Lou and her family after the passing of her son Jason on Nov. 24th. Terry Getchell and her sister Linda Smith who are trying to stay strong after the passing of her Dad, Ronald Nathan Edwards. And for Marty Sims who is not feeling very well.

Martha Stansel's brother in-law Jim who had surgery for lung cancer and for her sister, Mary Ruth who will be caring for him at home.

Joys for:

Dionna who had surgery and tumor removed completely.
(Rebecca Glinsman)

All who supported me in asking for prayers for women's dignity, welfare, safety, health and lives especially through their bodily autonomy.
(Marianne Burbank)

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