



WELCOME ~ DECEMBER 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 this morning

Thank you to Karen Needham who has loaned us the beautiful crèche for this Advent season.

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.

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas! - How does your shopping list look? If you have gift cards on your list, stop by the Scrip table during Coffee Hour! We have gift cards for over 600 retailers available to order and receive in 1 week. Plus we have many cards in stock for you to take home today. Every gift card you purchase through Scrip gives a percentage back to the church. Next Sunday, 12/15, will be the last day to order to ensure Christmas delivery!

Poinsettia Plants - If you would like to order plants, for the Dec. 22 & 24 service, you may find order forms on the table near the kitchen. \$ 8.25 each and need to be returned to the office before Dec. 15th.

Reminder: 2025 pledges are due in ASAP - as our Trustees & Church Council plan for the coming year. *Thank you for your faithful support of our church!*



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
DECEMBER 24 at 5:00 p.m.



Prime Timers' Annual Christmas Potluck & Concert **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024**

The Prime Timers' have been hosting the annual Christmas Potluck Luncheon to provide lunch for the Canton High School Concert Choir on the day that they travel to different schools and venues to perform.

The luncheon will be held on
FRIDAY, December 20, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

The Canton High School Chamber Singers will join us for lunch, weather permitting, and present a concert following lunch.
If school is canceled, then the luncheon and concert will be canceled.

The event is open to all. There will be a **signup sheet on the kitchen door.** Please arrive by 11:00 am with your casserole or side dish. We also need cookies for dessert.

If you have any questions, you may contact Donna Hammond at 860-693-8676.

Prayers for:

Ben Humphrey's wife, Victoria's health after a scare. (Marianne Burbank)

Paul & Martha Stansel's brother-in-law Jim who had to return to the hospital following complications from surgery.

Joys for:

Family here and those who passed but are not forgotten over the holiday season and prayers for time to slow down and remember the importance of peace for the season. (Rebecca Glinsman)

The gift of my grandparents' Genevieve Stockwell & Harold Humphrey's 1922 wedding invitation from Phil LeGeyt. (Marianne Burbank)

Sunday	8	Monday	9	Tuesday	10	Wednesday	11	Thursday	12	Friday	13	Saturday	14
Worship 10 am		Choir 4:30 pm Guest 5:15 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Al-Anon 7 pm			AA 7:00 pm	Council 7:00 pm ACA7 pm		Choir 5:30 pm				Baby Shower 11-5 pm AA 11:00 pm	