



## WELCOME ~ FEBRUARY 16, 2025

*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 are given by Walter, Joe & Allyson  
in loving memory of Zachary Austin LeGeyt.*

### **February Missions Box Collection**

**Household cleaning supplies and bottles of 100% Juice**  
to be donated to the Canton Food Pantry.

*Donations can be left in the Missions Box outside the kitchen door.*

### **Annual Reports due today.**

Each committee and pertinent officers are asked to please have their  
2024 annual reports in to the church office **by February 16.**

Annual Reports will be available 3/16 a week prior to the meeting on 3/23.

### **Fourth Sunday Food Collection - Next Sunday**

The church school youth will be collecting food next Sunday, February 23 for the local food bank.

## **NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING**

of the First Congregational Church, Canton Center, Connecticut, on Sunday, **March 23, 2025**  
following the service OR on subsequent Sundays at until a quorum is obtained.

### **AGENDA:**

1. Call to order and opening prayer.
2. Reading of the call to the meeting.
3. Presentation of the Minutes from the previous meeting(s).
4. Receiving and accepting of the reports of the church officers, committee chairpersons, and staff.
5. Any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, *Bev Sealand, Clerk*

## **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*



### **Prayers for:**

*Kathy Todd's cousin Craig who is in the ICU at Hartford Hospital in a coma.  
Please pray for his recovery.*

*Family and friends of John Merrill, Debbie Poleyestewa's Dad, who passed on Feb. 3.  
The victims and families of the 2 recent plane crashes.*

*Grant & Lori's daughter Danielle, in rehab after neck and back surgery.*

*Peggy Young who had a fall at home, was in Charlotte Hungerford Hospital and now rehabbing at Litchfield Woods in Torrington. (Pastor Kurt)*

*Girls and women of the world for their safety, welfare, health and lives through their reproductive rights and in the continued struggle against violence against women.  
(Marianne Burbank)*

### **Continued prayers for:**

*Jack Casey, Eleanor Smith, Linda McAllister, Mary Lou, Linda Herbek.*

| Sunday 16                           | Monday 17                     | Tuesday 18 | Wednesday 19 | Thursday 20        | Friday 21 | Saturday 22 |
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| <b>Worship 10 am</b>                |                               |            |              |                    |           |             |
| <i>Annual Reports due to office</i> | Choir 4:30 pm<br>Al-Anon 7 pm | AA 7:00 pm | ACA7 pm      | Bell Choir 4:30 pm |           | AA 11:00 pm |