



WELCOME ~ MARCH 2, 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 Kristin Oswald in memory of her friend, mentor, mother-figure and business partner, Carolyn Staub, who died 7 years ago from today.

Ash Wednesday - March 5th - Simple Soup, Bread Supper at 5:30 pm and Worship at 6 pm.

February Missions - Extended for a few weeks - Don't forget your **cleaning supplies and juices** for the Canton Food Bank. Since we missed a couple of Sundays, we are extending this collection.

March Mission Box Collection ~ Gift Cards for Wellmore - Target & Walmart gift cards to be donated to Wellmore. These gift cards are given out by the social workers to help clients have an enjoyable Easter with their families. The social workers often shop with the clients and use the gift cards as a tool to teach how to budget and shop smart. To donate, please see Casey at the Scrip table.

EASTER FLOWERS - With Easter just around the corner, it's time to order plants for our Easter Sunday. **Lilies (\$14.00) tulips (\$8.00)** Please take your plants after the Easter service to enjoy at home. Orders due by **April 11th**. Forms will be available in the Easter Basket at the back of the church.

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:

Casey Levine's friend Sally in Mt. Kisco, hospitalized for 1 month being treated for cancer. Comforting prayers also for her son Rocco, who is experiencing tremendous anxiety and dysregulation at this time.

All the girls and women of the world and for all the vulnerable and oppressed people of the world. (Marianne Burbank)

Joys for:

*The sunny day today with the glistening snow with the reflection. (Ashlynn)
Rebecca's cousin John's birthday Feb. 25,
he would have been 56, this is first peaceful birthday in years.*

Interim Minister: Rev. Kurt Satherlie

Director of Music: Mary Lou Keefe

Asst. of Faith Formation: Karen Needham

Office Manager: Kristen DiMattia

Deacons: Cora Mutch & Phil Doyle

Coffee Hour: Rebecca Glinsman

Ministers: Every Member

Dir. of Faith Formation: Dr. Hollace Bristol

Sexton: Walt LeGeyt

Trustees: Sue Lampros & Bob Howson

Greeters: Jeff Goodwin & Ashlynn Glinsman

| Sunday | 2 | Monday | 3 | Tuesday | 4 | Wednesday | 5 | Thursday | 6 | Friday | 7 | Saturday | 8 |
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| Worship 10 am | | Choir 4:30 pm Al-Anon 7 pm | | AA 7:00 pm | | ASH WED. 6 pm ACA7 pm | | Bell Choir 4:30 pm | | | | AA 11:00 pm | |