



WELCOME ~ APRIL 27, 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 a reminder to spread the light of Easter into each new day.

Second Hour ~ Pastoral Search

Join us after Worship this morning,
as the Pastoral Search Committee discusses updates on the search

Scrip orders in May:

Please note, there will be no Scrip orders placed in May after 5/4.

If you would like to purchase a specific card not usually available in stock, please order by that date.

The table will be open during coffee hours, but only cards in inventory will be available.

Sorry for the inconvenience and thanks for your support!

Church School sign up on the kitchen door.

Reminder to all: In order to adhere to Safe Church policies, a second adult is needed in the Church School.

Easy commitment and you get to share your heart with our youth and children!

Questions? Please see Jody Swan or jodyswan567@gmail.com

May Missions Box Collection- Diapers & Wipes

The Missions Box collection for May will be diapers and wipes to be donated to Gifts of Love in Avon.

These are frequently requested items that Gifts of Love has difficulty keeping stocked.

Gifts of Love serves individuals/families who "face a short-term crisis due to reduced working hours, illness, divorce, death of spouse/mate, domestic abuse, or unexpected increase in expenses.

Second Hour ~ Safety in Houses of Worship

Next Sunday on May 4th, we are having a Second Hour Power Point about "Safety in Houses of Worship".

Our presenter will be Canton Police Captain, Andy Schiffer. Please join us.

Strawberry Festival

Mark your calendars!!! This year, the Strawberry Festival will be held on **Father's Day, June 15th.**

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

The Church will be hosting an outdoor community tag sale on Saturday May 31st

(rain date June 7th)

We will invite members of our congregation and the local community to bring tag sale items they'd like to sell and will provide them with spaces on the lawn along Cherry Brook Rd.

The Church will have its own space to sell donated items and will also have a food tent.

Paul Stansel is coordinating this event through Bridge The Gap. More information to come!

Prayers for:

*All folks to focus on the more important human qualities of immigrants,
like their talents, character, contributions to families, communities
and to our nation rather than obsessing over their status. (Marianne Burbank)*

Joys for:

*Lori & Grant Hagedorn's granddaughter Caroline Kosis,
Granby High School class of 25, for being accepted and
committing to UCONN - Mechanical Engineering class of 29.*

Interim Minister: Rev. Kurt Satherlie

Director of Music: Mary Lou Keefe

Sexton: Walt LeGeyt

Deacons: Beth Lingenheld & Paul Stansel

Coffee Hour: Donna Hammond/Rebecca Glinsman

Ministers: Every Member

Dir. of Faith Formation: Jody Swan

Office Manager: Kristen DiMattia

Trustees: Sue Lampros

Sunday	27	Monday	28	Tuesday	29	Wednesday	30	Thursday	1	Friday	2	Saturday	3
Worship 10:00 am Second Hour		Choir 4:30 pm Al-Anon 7 pm		AA 7 pm		ACA 7 pm		Choir 5:30 pm Scouts 6:30 pm				AA 11 pm	