



## WELCOME ~ APRIL 6, 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 Susan Lampros in loving memory of Bryant Merriam, Carolyn Merriam and Mickey Halczyn.*

*Welcome to our new Faith Formation Director, Jody Swan.*

**Next Sunday:** Join us for Palm Sunday Worship to include Cantata & Bell Choir, Pot Luck following.

**Easter Flowers** - Please return your Easter flower orders by this Friday if you would like flowers ordered and to take home Easter.. Lilies (\$14.00) tulips (\$8.00) Forms available in back of church.

**Spring Clean-Up ~ this Saturday, April 12, 9-12 pm** - Volunteers welcomed. We will be doing outdoor projects hedge trimming, raking, mulching, sweeping are some of what we expect to do.

**Palm Sunday Pot Luck Dinner - April 13** - As always, we are excited to have our pot luck which is always well attended and a lot of fun. People who will be coming to the dinner are asked to sign-up on the list outside the kitchen door and indicate a category of dish that they'll be bringing

**April Missions Box Collection-** is change for **Holy Joe's Café**. In 2006, members of The First Congregational Church in Wallingford started Holy Joe's Café to support chaplains in Iraq and Afghanistan by providing coffee to serve the troops. Holy Joe's Café has grown since then and currently ships coffee and supplies to hundreds of military locations. Our church has supported Holy Joe's for a number of years by collecting change (and bills), often during Lent. Maybe you have some change hanging around your house, or maybe you want to think about contributing the equivalent of your daily cup of coffee. You can save your money in the cup we'll provide or another container of your choice. Checks, paper money, and change are all acceptable for donation. **We will have a jar for contributions on the small table at the front of the sanctuary.** Please be generous to support our troops.

## Holy Week Schedule



**April 13 ~ 10 am** Palm Sunday; with Cantata and Bell Choir  
**April 17 ~ 7:30 pm** Maundy Thursday; Service of Communion and Tenebrae  
**April 18 ~ 12-3 pm** Good Friday; Sanctuary open for personal meditation  
**April 20 ~ 10 am** Easter Sunday

### Prayers for:

*Our divisions, that they do not turn into hate and unkindness.*

*My friends, Rachel & Jeff Baugher, as they help Jeff's brother Dave navigate through a heart transplant procedure as soon as a donor is found.  
(Kristin Oswald)*

*Lydia Petersen, who is at Lawrence Memorial with her children at her side.*

*Ukraine (Tim Lundgren)*

### Joys for:

*My sisters, Debbie & Diane, visiting to celebrate Mom's 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday.  
(Bev Sealand)*

*AshLynn's 12th Birthday today. (Rebecca Glinsman)*

*Karen & Hollace for their dedication to our youth.*

**Interim Minister:** Rev. Kurt Satherlie

**Director of Music:** Mary Lou Keefe

**Sexton:** Walt LeGeyt

**Deacons:** Beth Lingenheld & Paul Stansel

**Trustees:** Art Dewey

**Ministers:** Every Member

**Dir. of Faith Formation:** Jody Swan

**Office Manager:** Kristen DiMattia

**Greeters:** Karen Needham & Hollace Bristol

**Coffee Hour:** Kathleen Lundgren & Mary Lou Keefe

Sunday 6	Monday 7	Tuesday 8	Wednesday 9	Thursday 10	Friday 11	Saturday 12
<b>Worship 10 am</b>	<b>Book/Bible 10 am</b> Choir 4:15pm Al-Anon 7:30 pm	AA -7 pm	ACA7 pm	Bell Choir 5:30 pm	<i>Easter flower money due</i>	Spring clean up 8-noon AA 11:00 pm