



## WELCOME ~ MAY 11, 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 Jim & Gina Magennis in loving memory of their mothers, Claudette Magennis and Evelia Guitierrez.*

*Again, this year, the Bristol family is donating pansy plants on Mother's Day. This tradition was started by Ruth Bristol in the late 1940s in memory of her youngest son, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Sterling W. Bristol, Jr., who died when the B-17 bomber that he piloted was shot down by the Germans in WWII. Dan Bristol and his son Josh Bristol now do the annual donation and feel warmly about carrying on this tradition for the fourth generation in honor of Mother's Day. Thank you to the Bristol family for their generosity in continuing this beautiful tradition.*

### **Yard Goats Baseball ~ May 18, 2025 at 1:10 pm**

Tickets will be **\$12 each** (discounted). Sign up during coffee hour to get your tickets!

### **Scrip orders in May:**

The Scrip table will be open during coffee hours for the rest of the month, but only cards in inventory will be available. Sorry for the inconvenience and thanks for your support!

### **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!

### **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*

### **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. 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.

### **Prayers for:**

*Judy Conway recovering from pancreatic cancer operation (Gail Macbeth)*

*Lynn Carcio who has been diagnosed with cancer. She is like a sister to the LeGeyt family, having grown up together. (Dan LeGeyt)*

*Kate (Simmons) Kaplan now on hospice care.*

*All the girls and women of the world and their reproductive rights, health, safety and welfare and prayers in the struggle against violence against women. (Marianne Burbank)*

**Interim Minister:** Rev. Kurt Satherlie  
**Director of Music:** Mary Lou Keefe  
**Sexton:** Walt LeGeyt  
**Coffee Hour:** Kathy & Karen  
**Deacons:** Vicki Reese & Dan LeGeyt

**Ministers:** Every Member  
**Dir. of Faith Formation:** Jody Swan  
**Office Manager:** Kristen DiMattia  
**Trustees:** Julius Ziemba & Art Dewey

Sunday	11	Monday	12	Tuesday	13	Wednesday	14	Thursday	15	Friday	16	Saturday	17
<b>Worship</b> <b>10:00 am</b>		Choir 4:30 pm <b>Trustees 7 pm</b> Al-Anon 7 pm		AA 7 pm		<b>Council 7 pm</b> ACA 7 pm						AA 11 pm	