



WELCOME ~ MAY 18, 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 Lorinda Miner Murphy Pane in loving memory of her mother Esther Louise Olson Miner, her mother Esther Louise Case Olson, her mother Bessie Ruth Humphrey Case, and her mother Emma Wilcox Bidwell.

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.

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. See sign up sheets!

Strawberry Festival

Watch for sign up sheets - the Strawberry Festival will be held on **Father's Day, June 15th.**

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

Ministers: Every Member
Dir. of Faith Formation: Jody Swan
Office Manager: Kristen DiMattia
Trustees: Scott Neumann & Phil LeGeyt

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

SAVE THE DATES

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STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025



The Strawberry Festival will be held on **Father's Day, June 15, 2025.**

Please save the date as we will need many volunteers to have a successful event.

Last year was very successful and with your help, we can do it again.

Please watch for sign ups.

Joy for:

The release of the Tufts Ph. D student in Child Study from Turkey, who was grabbed off the street by masked men because she expressed her 1st Amendment Rights (yes, Immigrants also have them). Tufts is the alma mater of myself & Hollace. (Marianne Burbank)

Sunday	18	Monday	19	Tuesday	20	Wednesday	21	Thursday	22	Friday	23	Saturday	24
Worship 10:00 am		Choir 4:30 pm Al-Anon 7 pm		AA 7 pm		ACA 7 pm						AA 11 pm	