

WELCOME ~ MAY 31, 2026

We're glad you've joined us for worship today.

Please know that whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!
If you're visiting, we invite you to fill out a visitor's card, to help us better connect with you.

The Nursery is open on the lower level each Sunday for children under 3. The room is staffed on the 1st Sunday of the month for parents to drop off children in a safe and loving environment. Looking for more information about the church? Please feel free to contact the church office.

Flowers today are given to celebrate our two grandsons, Jack Goodwin and Jake Wiedrich, who are graduating from Canton High School in June. We are so proud of the young men you are becoming.

Today we welcome Christina Reiser from ECAD ~ see her bio on the other side of this page.

Our church community will have a celebration of our graduates during our Sunday service on June 7th. Please let the church office know if your graduate will be able to attend that day and what their future plans are so we can share it with the congregation and in our summer newsletter.

Choir Recognition ~ Sunday, June 14th we will recognize our Senior Choir & Handbell Choir during our 10 am service.

Children's Sunday ~ June 14th: The youth will participate in the service and after service the CE Committee will service ice cream as we celebrate the close of another wonderful year together. Please contact Jody at jodyswan567@gmail.com if you have a son or daughter, 3rd grade and higher that has not yet received a Bible from our church. We hope to pass them out on June 14th.

Strawberry Festival ~ Sunday, June 21st from 3 to 7 pm. Come enjoy, hot dogs, hamburgers and fresh strawberry shortcake with real whipped cream! Eat in or take out. Last year was very successful and with your help, we can do it again. Please watch for sign ups.

Name Tags have arrived. If you requested a name tag to be ordered, please check on the table on the right side as you enter the church.

Sunday 31	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
Sr. Choir 9 am			Deacons Mtg		Knitting	
Worship 10 am			7pm		Ministry	
Yard Goats Game					9am	
Bell Choir at Valerie Manor	Al-Anon 7 pm	AA 7 pm				AA 11 pm

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

If you are visiting with us today, may you discover a friendly church, a safe haven where you will be loved and accepted. A church where you will be free to share 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. No matter who you are or where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

Christina Reiser's Bio from ECAD

My name is Christina: I am the puppy trainer at ECAD- Educated Canines Assisting with Disabilities. We are a non-profit located in Winsted CT. We breed and train labs and goldens to help people with disabilities. We have helped a wide range of people from veterans with PTSD to children and adults with mobility issues. We have placed hundreds of dogs all over CT and the US. Our dogs are in training for 2 years learning over 80 commands before they are matched and paired with their client. They learn basic obedience commands like sit, down and stay as a puppy which is what I specialize on and then they enter their advanced training where they learn more specialty commands like how to turn on a light switch or open a door. ECAD is non profit and we wouldn't be where we are without our wonderful volunteers and donors. If anyone is looking to get involved they can visit [ecad1.org](https://www.ecad1.org).

ECAD's Amazon Wish List: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/16MGRVWKRUUVUL?](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/16MGRVWKRUUVUL?pf_rd_p=5a6d3000-4000-4000-4000-400040004000)

A live link is in our weekly eblast or contact the office and we can send you a link.

Worship Leader: Rev. Kurt Satherlie
Director of Music: Mary Lou Keefe
Sexton: Walt LeGeyt

Ministers: Every Member
Dir. of Faith Formation: Jody Swan
Office Manager: Christine Motasky

Duty Deacons: Vicki Rees
Duty Trustees: Sue Lampros & Colin Lussier

Greeters: Larry Smith & Bob Howson
Coffee Hour: Jeff Goodwin