

WELCOME ~ OCTOBER 18, 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.

WHITE ROSES OF REMEMBRANCE

Twenty six white roses symbolizing innocence, purity and youthfulness are in memory of the twenty six innocent lives lost in Sandy Hook on December 14, 2012:

Charlotte Bacon, Daniel Barden, Olivia Engel, Josephine Gay, Dylan Hockley, Madeline Hsu, Catherine Hubbard, Chase Kowalski, Jesse Lewis, Ana Marquez-Greene, James Mattioli, Grace McDonnell, Emilie Parker, Jack Pinto, Noah Pozner, Caroline Previdi, Jessica Rekos, Avielle Richman, Ben Wheeler, Allison Wyatt and their guardians Rachel D'Avino, Dawn Hochsprung, Ann Marie Murphy, Lauren Rousseau, Mary Sherlock and Victoria Soto.

*Please feel free to take a rose home in their memory ~ **Jim & Kathy Todd***

Chicken Pie Supper & Harvest Fair~ **THANK YOU** to everyone who attended and volunteered to make the event such a success!

Happy Wanderers are Hitting the Trail! ~ Today, after church we will be hiking in the Canton Land Trust Trails on Breezy Hill. We will find each other during coffee hour.

Our Missions Box Collection for the month of October will be coats, as well as blankets and linens donated to Gifts of Love in Avon. They also need diapers sizes 4 -7 and wipes.

Please Note: Confirmation Classes will begin today after service.

Save The Date ~ Youth Group: Youth Group will meet Wednesday, October 28th from 5:30 - 7 pm.

Sunday 18	Monday 19	Tuesday 20	Wednesday 21	Thursday 22	Friday 23	Saturday 24
Sr. Choir 9 am Worship 10 am Confirmation Class after svc	Cherry Brook Garden Club Setting Up 8 am-3 pm Al-Anon 7 pm	Cherry Brook Garden Club Luncheon 8-3 AA 7 pm		Handbell Choir 5:30 pm		Fall Clean Up 8:30 am 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

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING: First Congregational Church, Canton Center

On Sunday, October 25, 2026 after the 10 am service or

on subsequent Sundays until quorum is obtained.

AGENDA

1. Discussion and subsequent congregational votes on the following:
 - a.) Should we put air conditioning using splitters in the Parish Hall?
 - b.) To Change the wording in Article IX, Section A of the by laws to read:

DIACONATE - There should be three male and three female Deacons elected for three-year terms at the Annual Meetings. The Nominating Committee should strive to nominate one female and one male deacon for each three-year term, but if they are unable to find one female and one male to serve for a given term, they can fill the term with either two male or two female deacons, as needed. The terms should be arranged so that the term of only one female and one male Deacon shall expire in any one year, as best possible.

This is the By Law as it reads now:

DIACONATE - There shall be three male and three female Deacons to be elected for three year terms at Annual Meetings. The terms shall be arranged so that the term of only one female and one male Deacon shall expire in any one year.

Respectfully Submitted ~ Bev Sealand, Clerk

✠ 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.