

WELCOME ~ OCTOBER 4, 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 this morning are given by
Evelyn Sealand in loving memory of Evans.*



Today we welcome our guests from FOCUS Center for Autism ~ Please join us at 11 am for a meet and greet during fellowship.

Our Missions Box Collection for the month of October will be coats, as well as blankets and linens. These will be donated to Gifts of Love in Avon.

We will be "Taking a Trip" on Thursday, October 8th to Vintage Radio & Communication Museum ~ 115 Pierson Lane in Windsor, CT at 10 am. We will carpool at the church parking lot at 9:15 am. The group admission is \$5. We welcome everyone and you may bring a friend. Sponsored by the Prime Timers. Any questions ~ call Geri Bunnell 860-693-2520 or Gail Macbeth 860-677-5050.

Chicken Pie Supper & Harvest Fair~ Saturday, October 17th from 4 to 7 pm. Volunteer sign ups are on kitchen door. Tickets \$18 for adults and Children under 12 are \$8. Invite friends & family!

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.

Sunday	4	Monday	5	Tuesday	6	Wednesday	7	Thursday	8	Friday	9	Saturday	10
Sr. Choir 9 am Missions Mtg 9 am Worship 10am Communion FOCUS Meet & Greet After Svc	Robert Paul Namnoum Funeral 11 am Al-Anon 7 pm			Deacons Mtg 7 pm	Handbell Choir 5:30 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

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



Moment for Missions - Sunday, October 11th

The Missions and Outreach Committee welcomes Kristina Carey and Chloe Allen, Outreach and Prevention Educators from Susan B Anthony Project. In their role, they provide information and resources for those impacted by intrapersonal violence in the communities served by SBAP. They also provide training and education for youth and adults around the prevention of domestic and sexual violence. Our church has supported SBAP, recognizing the importance of their mission and the impact of their work.