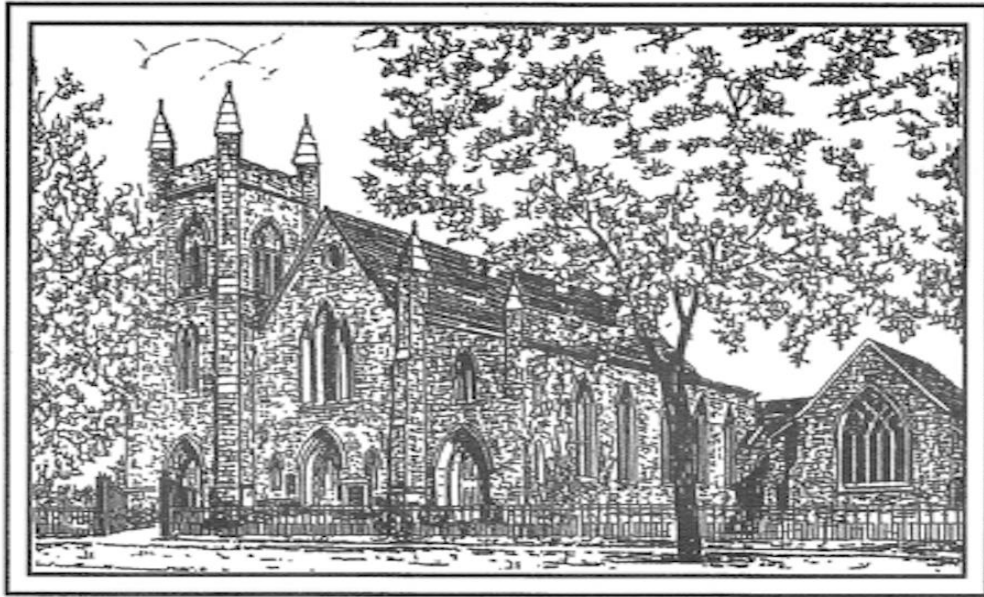


First Congregational Church

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Founded in 1680



Living the Love and Justice of Jesus

A SERVICE COMMEMORATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI BOMBINGS

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 17, 2025 ~ 10:00 am

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Bringing Forth the Light of Christ

Acolytes

***Call to Worship** (*A Poem by Fred Kaan*)

One: Put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it; protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it.

Many: Put peace into each other's hands with loving expectation; be gentle in your words and ways, in touch with God's creation.

One: Give thanks for strong yet tender hands, held out in trust and blessing. Where words fall short, let hands speak out, the heights of love expressing.

Many: Put peace into each other's hands these are love's deepest measure; in love make peace, give peace a chance and share it like a treasure.

One: Reach out in friendship, stay in touch with those around you. Put peace into each other's hands; the peace which sought and found you. **Amen.**

***Hymn**

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

NCH #556

***Benediction Response**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.

With God our Creator
Family all are we;
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,
Let this be the moment now;
With every step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.

Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

Postlude

This service is adapted from one conceived, researched, and edited by the Rev. Dr. Leslie Simonon, Mr. Vaughn Bryner, and the Rev. Dr. Nancy Hamlin Soukup, “A Service Commemorating the 78th Anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Bombings,” held at Amicable Congregational Church, Sunday, August 6, 2023, Tiverton, RI.

~ *Leading Worship today is the Rev. Dr. Nancy Hamlin Soukup* ~
~ *Our Music Director and Organist is Nikita Zabinski* ~
~ *Our greeters today are Janine Beausoleil, Eleanor Ingraham & Clifford Gustafson* ~

NCH = New Century Hymnal (black hymnal) and PH = Pilgrim Hymnal (red hymnal)

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Prayer List for Sunday, August 17, 2025

As a congregation, we lift up prayers today and throughout the week for the following people.

For concerns in the world:

Members of our local community who are experiencing food insecurity as well as frustration about access to health care.

The Palestinian people who are suffering under a humanitarian crisis because needed aid has been prevented from reaching them on the border with Israel. The Israeli hostages who still languish in Gaza. The Palestinian and Israeli people that peace will one day prevail in the ancient land of our spiritual ancestors.

Peace in the Middle East and wisdom for the leaders of the world and all those who have lost their lives in recent conflicts.

Peace in the Ukraine

For those in need of healing on our prayer list:

Camille Pansa and Grace Steere, who are recovering from a fall last Sunday

Mark Fisher, who is recovering from a fall last Saturday

Sarah, Celeste's niece, who is nine years old and is waiting for a liver transplant

Steve, Amanda, and Elliana Wiacek, Ed Wiacek's son and family, who will begin a three-year diplomatic tour at the U.S. Embassy in Manila, Philippines.

Nick Chaconne, for recovery

Christy, a friend of Lynne Ramos, who has been ill with considerable pain; for her medical team, and her wife Becky as they navigate Christy's latest illness

Gail, Gina Damiano's wife, who has been in hospital and is very ill

Ryan Higgins, Lilly Kilvert's son-in-law, who has Leukemia

Kathy, Jen Johnson's cousin, who is still healing after brain surgery and is experiencing financial strains from the therapy

A beloved son, who is suffering from Leukemia

Kristen, who is recovering from surgery and has begun aggressive chemo and radiation therapies; prayers for the best outcome

Marty Costianes

Renee that she may find resolutions to issues pressing in on her

Family and friends who seek hope and healing in mind, body, and spirit

Prayers for all victims of violence

Roxanne, who is now dealing with breast cancer

Claudia and her family, as she enters hospice

Scott, Brenda, and Cameron, who need divine guidance and strength to follow God's path for them

Max, for healing and freedom, and for his Mom

Robin Vestal, who has Stage 4 Duodenal Cancer, and her husband Ulysses, who are friends of the Grant family

Peter MacDonald, who has Lung Cancer

Rusty, who has Lung Cancer

Ellie's Dad, who she misses

Carol, Karen's cousin, who had brain surgery

Carrigan, who has cancer, and for Carrigan's nurse, Kristen, who is also
being treated for breast cancer
Tyler, who is making a steady recovery from a bone transplant
Ken Latham in Leicester, MA, who is on chemotherapy for Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma
Those who have lost their way may have wisdom, courage, and strength
Harriet
Ryan
Mark E., who has an aggressive form of prostate cancer
Fred Davis, who has stomach cancer
Meriel Smith
Charlotte Griffith
Kellie and Juan Morales's daughter
Bruce C., who is in rehab, and Pat P., both friends of Ed Wiacek
Caregivers in our congregation

For those in who have died:

Bryce Ainslie, a friend of Chuck and Lynne Ramos, who passed away suddenly; he is the 28-year-old brother of Mitchyl Ainslie, their granddaughter, Cassidy Allen's, boyfriend.

Upcoming Birthdays:

Katherine Harcourt 08/28

Matthew Benson 08/30

What's on the Church Calendar

August 17, 2025 Sunday Worship: 10:00am

August 19, 2025 Tuesday Office Closed (Barbara Vacation Day)
Church Council Meeting 7:00pm

August 24, 2025 Sunday Worship: 10:00am

August 28, 2025 Thursday CE Meeting 6:30pm ZOOM

August 31, 2025 Sunday Worship: 10:00am

**Congregational Meeting, Sunday, August 10, 2025 is postponed
to Sunday, August 24**

To the Members of First Congregational Church:

Due to unforeseen circumstances, two of our presenters for tomorrow's Congregational meeting about the heating/cooling system in the DeWolf complex were not able to attend church last Sunday. We would like to reschedule the meeting for Sunday, August 24, following the service, and we hope that you will be able to attend. We appreciate your understanding and will look forward to our discussion about this important Facilities Committee and Church Council's proposal at that time.

Blessings, Rev. Nancy Soukup

Please visit our website for more information about the Church
and its events: **fccbristol.org**



“Invitation to Share Time, Talent, and Treasure”

When you give to First Congregational Church, you make possible our ministries that serve all God’s people. Your gifts share the love of Jesus all year long. The act of giving is our personal expression of worship and also keeps our church financially healthy. Stewardship is not payment for services rendered. It is an act of faith and devotion to God. You may go to the following link to give now: <https://fccbristol.org/support-us/>.



Church Office Hours are Tuesday – Friday 10:00am – 2:00pm

Office e-mail address: office@FCCBristol.org

Barbara on Vacation Aug. 19 - 22

Pastoral Office Hours Tuesday – Thursday, 9am – 1pm

You may also schedule an appointment by contacting Rev. Nancy.

Church office line 401/253-7288 or e-mail office@FCCbristol.org

 **East Bay Food Pantry**
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Good morning!! ☀️ We are in need of breakfast items! 🥣
Please consider donating cereal, breakfast bars and non-dairy milk (shelf stable only!) to help stock our food pantry. You can drop off donations during any of our open hours. Thank you! ✨

Pantry Items Needed



Cereal Breakfast bars Non-dairy milk (shelf stable)



Breakfast, please!

Drop off donations any time we're open!
Mon, Tue 10-4, Wed 10-6:30, Fri 10-3, Sat 10-4

FOR THE MONTH OF
AUGUST



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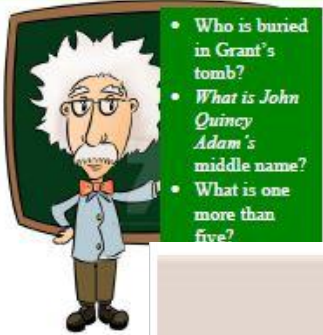
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Team Trivia Friday Night's

October 10th, November 14th, Jan. 9th, Feb. 13th,
March 13, and April 10, 2025 @ 7PM

**Ask Friends and Family and Come
Join the Fun**

- Up to 8 per Team
- No Charge
- Bring Snacks and a Beverage
- Light Refreshments and Snacks will be available
- Prizes for the Top Finishers
- Call (401) 253-4813 to pre-register your team or send an email to dubordrjd@cox.net



BRISTOL'S STONE CHURCH COFFEEHOUSE 2025 –2026 Season

September 27, 2025	Neal and The Vipers	American Roots Music	www.NealandTheVipers.com
October 25, 2025	Porch Party Mamas	Urban Folk, Country, Blues	www.PorchPartyMamas.com
November 8, 2025	Studio Two	Beatles Tribute Band	StudioTwoTributeBand.com
December 2025	No Show		
January 24, 2026	Ellis Paul	Folk Music	www.EllisPaul.com
February 28, 2026	Kevin Doyle's Roscommon Soles	Irish Music and Dance	www.kevindoyledance.com
March 28, 2026	Dirty Cello	Blues, Americana, Rock	www.DirtyCello.com
April 25, 2026	The Clements Brothers	Roots, Bluegrass, Jazz	www.TheClementsBrothers.com
May 9, 2026	Tracy Grammer & Jim Henry	Contemporary Folk Music	www.TracyGrammer.com

Bristol's Stone Church Coffee House is located at the First Congregational Church (300 High Street in Bristol, RI).

Seating is limited. Early reservations are recommended.

Doors open at 6:45pm. All shows start at 7:30pm.

For ticket information, ticket purchase or to inquire about season tickets, please call 253-4813.

* Tickets are \$25 for adults; students are half price; children 5 and under are free.