

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
4 Mead Street
Walton, NY 13856**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

THE CONNECTION
October 2017
**Connecting God's People
Through Love**



OCTOBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 (17th Sunday after Pentecost/World Communion Sunday) 10:00 – Worship/Communion 11:00 - Coffee Hour Church in Society- after the service Neighbors in Need Offering WALTON WALKS FOR HUNGER 2:00 PM	2	3 Trustee's Meeting 6:30 pm	4	5 Elijah's Closet – Pricing 10:00 Elijah's Closet Committee Meeting 10:30	Elijah's Closet 10:00-3:00 QUICHE AND PIE SALE 1pm-5pm	Elijah's Closet 10:00-3:00 The Gathering Table 11-1 Harvest Festival 10am-4pm
8 (18th Sunday after Pentecost) 10:00 – Worship 11:00 - Coffee Hour Deacon's meeting- after the service	9	10	11	12 Elijah's Closet – Pricing 10:00	Elijah's Closet 10:00-3:00	Elijah's Closet 10:00-3:00 The Gathering Table 11-1
15 (19th Sunday after Pentecost) 10:00 – Worship 11:00 - Coffee Hour	16	17 Newsletter Deadline	18	19 Elijah's Closet – Pricing 10:00	Elijah's Closet 10:00-3:00 Prudential Mtg 3:15 pm	Elijah's Closet 10:00-3:00 The Gathering Table 11-1
22 (20th Sunday after Pentecost) 10:00 – Worship 11:00 - Coffee Hour	23	24	25	26 Elijah's Closet – Pricing 10:00	Elijah's Closet 10:00-3:00	Elijah's Closet 10:00-3:00 The Gathering Table 11-1
29 (21st Sunday after Pentecost) 10:00 – Worship 11:00 - Coffee Hour	30	31 Reformation-Reconciliation Day		If there are any additions or changes that you would like to submit after the 17 th please do so and I will do my best to get it in the Newsletter. Information can be left in the Secretary's mailbox or emailed to the church at: waltonucc@frontiernet.net		

COFFEE HOUR HOST

If you agree to be a host it will be your responsibility to find a second person to help you with Coffee Hour. The host will also supply Half n Half and Juice. Also if you agree to do a Sunday and are unable to do it after the fact then it would be your responsibility to find a replacement Coffee Hour Host. The Church will make Coffee and hot water for the host and provide paper products, sugar and sweet n' low. The Church Secretary will call you with a reminder before the Sunday you are to host.

COFFEE HOUR HOST FOR OCTOBER

October 1 – Donna Thomson
 October 8 – Dorothy Welch
 October 15 – Patty VerNooy
 October 22 – Lynn Allen
 October 29 – Donna Truman

COFFEE HOUR HOST FOR NOVEMBER

November 5 – Charlene Gregory
 November 12 – Janet Brienza
 November 19 – Fran Robinson
 November 26 – Ann LePinnet

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4 Mead Street, Walton, NY 13856

Church Office Hours: Wednesday and Friday 9am-12pm

Elijah's Closet Thrift Shop Open Friday and Saturday 10am-3pm

Church Phone: (607) 865-4066 Email: waltonucc@frontiernet.net

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A NOTE FROM

Janet

FIVE HUNDRED YEARS

On October 31, 1517 (All Saint's Eve) it is believed that Luther nailed his "Ninety-Five Theses" to the chapel door at the University of Wittenberg, where he taught. These theses outlined his critique against the Roman Catholic Church's sale of indulgences, which Luther believed was unscriptural. Luther also argued for justification by faith alone. This would be the beginning of a long battle between Luther and the Roman Catholic Church. He would eventually be excommunicated.

It all began when Luther was asked to lecture on Paul's letter to the Romans. As he was studying and preparing for his lectures, he came across [Romans 1:17](#) "For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, 'The one who is righteous will live by faith.'" This verse changed his life and the course of history. Luther came to the understanding that he could not earn God's favor. Salvation was a gift given from God (Grace). It had to be received by faith.

In time, Luther and the other Reformers agreed on three primary Fundamentals of the Christian Reformation.

1. The Sole Authority of Scripture
2. By Faith Alone
3. The Priesthood of All Believers.

The Protestant Reformation is one of the most important events and turning points in history. It signified the beginning of a new era in history. Whether or not we want to acknowledge it, the Reformation is the event that set the stage for the democracy and freedom that we all enjoy in the Western World.

Now after 500 years, the Lutheran and Reformed Churches are in dialog with the Roman Catholic Church and all have fundamentally agreed that we are one in the Spirit and in the faith, only minor details of denomination (power) need to be worked out.

I have heard it said that every 500 years the church is reformed; I am looking forward to this new reformation!

REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY

The readings used at our weekly worship service and in most Mainline Protestant Churches and in Roman Catholic Churches are from a list of assigned readings known as The New Revised Common Lectionary. In our Congregational tradition, pastors are encouraged to use the assigned readings but it is not mandatory.

I personally prefer to follow the readings and I mainly focus on the Gospel lessons for my meditation. It gives me and you a structure through which we can study and learn from the teachings of the scripture of the Word (Logos) of God in our midst.

The readings for October: (You are encouraged to read them as well)

OCTOBER 1 – TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ex 17:1-7; Ps 78:1-4,12-16 or Ezek 18:1-4, 25-32; Ps 25:1-9; Phil 2:1-13; Matt 21:23-32

OCTOBER 8 – TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ex 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Ps 19 or Isa 5:1-7; Ps 80:7-15; Phil 3:4b-14; Matt 21:33-46

OCTOBER 15 – TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME /19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ex 32:1-14; Ps 106:1-6, 19-23 or Isa 25:1-9; Ps 23; Phil 4:1-9; Matt 22:1-14

OCTOBER 22 – TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME /20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ex 33:12-23; Ps 99 or Isa 45:1-7; Ps 96:1-9, (10-13); 1 Thess 1:1-10; Matt 22:15-22

OCTOBER 29 – THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Deut 34:1-12; Ps90:1-6, 13-17 or Lev 19:1-2, 15-18; Ps 1; 1 Thess 2:1-8; Matt 22:34-46

From the Past.....

I thought it would be interesting to share with you from the books of minutes that I have been reading in our church archives some of the businesses mentioned in the treasury reports at these meetings during the late 50's and early 60's. How many of them do you remember in Walton?

More Bros., Stockton Market, Hermans Market, Kents, A&P, Ivy Florist, Chris's Florist, Walton Bakery, Newberry's, Meadowbrook Dairy, Henderson Bros.

Times have changed and all of these businesses are gone; but they are still a part of our church and community history, bringing back memories and not forgotten.

Jeri Ogden, Church Historian

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR CHURCH

• **Notes from Church in Society:**

1. The Annual Craft Show will be held at our church on **November 4**. The money for the tables must be received before the vendors are given a table. We would like to sell refreshments instead of having a bake sale, and are thinking of setting up a cafe near the food area. We will also make a sign saying that no food is allowed outside the area.
2. The Harvest Festival will take place on **October 7** at the fairgrounds. We will have a pie and quiche pre-sale at the Church on Friday, October 6 from 1:00 to 5:00. Baked sales were to be held along with the hot dog sales, but since that fell through, we have discontinued the monthly bake sales.

• **Notes from Deacons:**

1. Sunday School is underway and all is set; it would be nice to see more children to be involved with our great teaching!

2. Reformation Sunday will be celebrated on **Sunday October 29**. In addition to this celebration we will dedicate our outdoor sign board to Dr. Peter Huyler, please come to celebrate both occasions!

• **Notes from Trustees:**

1. The stage floor will be in the process of being repaired; this may cause some problems with the use of the stage area, please be patient.
2. The trees and bushes at the parking lot entranceway are being trimmed so it should be easier to get out of the driveway with less obstruction.

• **Additional Notes:**

1. **The Gathering Table will continue and is asking for people to help when possible, please speak with Nadene if you are willing to be involved.**
2. **Elijah's Closet also needs continued help! Please speak to Karen and find ways you can be assistance. We need people to sit at the desk, place items on the floor and just be available to either wash or fold or re-arrange items. The fellowship is wonderful and enjoyable, bring a friend if you would like....we'd love to see new people involved!**



If you would like someone on the prayer list, please contact Mary Carroll at 607-865-6442. If an address is provided, a card will be sent.

If anybody is interested in receiving the newsletter by e-mail please leave a message with your e-mail address in the Secretary's mailbox, or email the church at: waltonucc@frontiernet.net



There is always a need for donations, so please bring in your donation for the Walton Food Bank.

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce
- Hot and Cold Cereal
- Pasta (Elbows, ziti, shells, etc.)
- Canned vegetables (corn, peas, green beans, spinach, etc.)
- Tuna Fish (chunk lite or solid white in water)
- Noodles
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Soups (chicken noodle, tomato, vegetable, cream of mushroom or chicken)
- Canned fruit

Peanut Butter and Jelly

Rice

Jell-O, pudding, Ramen noodles are a plus

Cake mixes for Christmas

Please don't donate out-of-date items. We can't use them.

We are collecting Household and Personal items to donate to the Walton Food Bank. Such items include: Laundry soap, Bath Soap, Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Deodorant and so on.

The Duty Church in Society member for October is Diane Meredith.

The Duty Deacon for the month of October is Donna Thomson.

Mary Carroll is the Elijah's Closet Duty Member for October.

The Trustee for the month of October is Gail McNee and you may reach her at 865-6384.



These are the Birthdays and Anniversaries of members and friends of our church family. If you know someone on the list who's having a birthday or anniversary, feel free to send that person a card. Even if you don't know anyone on the list, feel free to send any celebrant a card. More importantly, strive to hold each of these people up in prayer on the anniversary of their birth. Please call the Church Office with additions or corrections 607-865-4066.

7th Marc Evans

7th Ginny O'Dell

11th Janet Brienza

13th Jerry VerNooy

14th Karen Inglis

15th Roger Bowker

17th Donna Truman

18th Betty Vail

27th Jeri Ogden

13th Steve Sehen & Charles Kazarian

