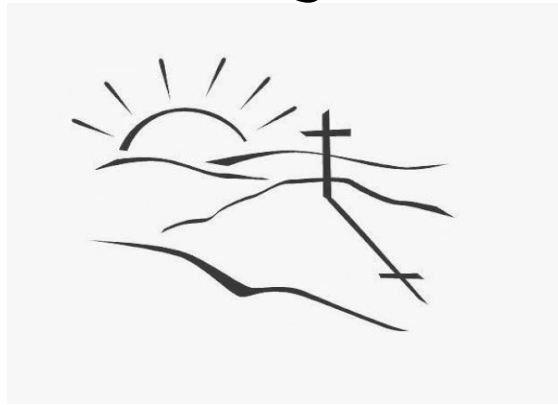


*THE CONNECTION*  
*January 2022*



*Connecting God's People Through Love*

## January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <i>New Years Day</i> Elijah's Closet <i>Closed</i>
2 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Christmas  Worship 10 AM Communion	3	4	5	6	7 Elijah's Closet 10-2	8 Elijah's Closet 10-2
9 The Baptism of Christ Worship 10 AM <i>Deacons Mtg.</i> <i>after church</i> <i>in the Parlor</i>	10	11	12	13  <i>Trustees Mtg.</i> <i>4 PM</i>	14 Elijah's Closet 10-2  <i>Prudential</i> <i>Board Mtg 3:30</i> <i>via Zoom</i>	15 Elijah's Closet 10-2
16 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  Worship 10 AM Annual Mtg. after service	17	18	19	20	21 Elijah's Closet <b>10-2</b>	22 Elijah's Closet 10-2
23 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  Worship 10 AM	24 <i>Church in</i> <i>Society Mtg.</i> <i>6:30 at Church</i>	25	26	27	28 Elijah's Closet 10-2	29 Elijah's Closet 10-2
30 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  Worship 10 AM	31					

## 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 January : (You are encouraged to read them as well)

Date	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading and Psalm	Alternate 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading and Psalm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gospel
Second Sunday after Christmas January 2, 2022	Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12	Psalm 147:12-20 or Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:(1-9), 10-18
Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2022	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
Baptism of the Lord January 9, 2022 First Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 43:1-7	Psalm 29	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 16, 2022	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalm 36:5-10	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 23, 2022	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 30, 2022	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm 71:1-6	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21

### From the Treasurer

October and November Offering Information

Monthly amount needed to meet the yearly budget of \$85,325: \$7,110

*October Offering: \$4,545*

*November Offering: \$3,610*

*Many thanks to all of you for not only your money but your time and talents.*

## DEACONS DIALOGUE

A huge thank you of the youth of our church, the Sunday School teachers, parents and grandparents for the wonderful Christmas play on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. It was a pleasure to see the enthusiasm and joy of our children. They also served a soup, sandwich and cookie lunch to the congregation – eat in or take out. It was wonderful nourishment for the soul and the body.

The Deacons are seeking people to help Pastor Janet with readings each Sunday. They truly are readings, Pastor Janet does all the work in preparing the prayers and scriptures to be read. Please consider helping. Let Nadene Kopetz know if you can help. You can contact Nadene through the Church Office at (607) 865-4066.

We would like to thank all the people who helped in The Hanging of the Greens. Many hands made light work. We appreciate the generous donation of two trees by the Ogden family.

Our church was graced by lovely Christmas flowers donated by caring parishioners. We thank these caring people for their generous donation. This years Christmas Plants were donated by the following members of the church in memory of their loved ones - Ann and Glen LePinnet, Mary and David Carroll, Deb, Brian, and Sierra Caruso, Janet Brienza, Charlene Gregory, and Fran and Lynn Robinson

### ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The 228<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Walton, will take place after services on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022. For further information, contact the church office at 607-865-4066 or by email at [secretary@uccwalton.com](mailto:secretary@uccwalton.com).

### *A NOTE FROM*

*Janet*

The New Year; The Epiphany!

We rejoice in the New Year and we celebrate the fact that, in Jesus Christ, the light has come! In a world marked by the darkness of terrorism, war, and injustice, we boldly proclaim that Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, has the power to overcome this darkness. This can sound too far off, too remote for those of us who gather together week after week. Yet we are called, in our own life situations, which can often be marked by conflict, to welcome Christ, the light, into our hearts, marriages, families, neighborhoods and congregations.

As we listen to the story of the Magi's visit to Bethlehem, let us pray that the light of Christ will radiate from within us to change our own lives and radiate out to change the world.

Happy New Year!