

THE CONNECTION
May 2023



Connecting God's People Through Love

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Elijah's Closet 10-2	6 Elijah's Closet 10-2
7 5 th Sunday of Easter Worship 10 AM Communion	8	9	10 Elijah's Closet Mtg. 4:45	11	12 Elijah's Closet 10-2	13 Elijah's Closet 10-2 The Gathering Table 11:30-1:30
14 6 th Sunday of Easter Worship 10 AM Trustees Mtg. after service	15	16 Alzheimer's Presentation 11:00 AM	17	18	19 Elijah's Closet 10-2	20 Elijah's Closet 10-2
21 7 th Sunday of Easter Worship 10 AM	22 Church In Society Mtg. 6:30 @ Church	23	24	25	26 Elijah's Closet 10-2 Prudential Board Mtg. 3:30	27 Elijah's Closet 10-2 The Gathering Table 11:30-1:30
28 Pentecost Sunday Worship 10 AM	29	30	31			

Celebrations

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 or marriage. For any additions or corrections, please call the church office at 607-865-4066, or email the secretary at secretary@uccwalton.com.

Birthdays

- 3 – Lorraine Miller
- 7 – Ken Schrider
- 8 – Mary Carroll
- 16 – John Litz

Anniversaries

- 4 – Chris & Jenny Clark
- 17 – Ron & Lorraine Richards

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 st Reading and Psalm	Alternate 1 st Reading and Psalm	2 nd Reading	Gospel
Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024	<u>*Acts 10:44-48</u>	<u>Psalm 98</u>	<u>1 John 5:1-6</u>	<u>John 15:9-17</u>
Ascension of the Lord May 9, 2024	<u>*Acts 1:1-11</u>	<u>Psalm 47</u> or <u>Psalm 93</u>	<u>Ephesians 1:15-23</u>	<u>Luke 24:44-53</u>
Seventh Sunday of Easter May 12, 2024 (If Ascension not observed here)	<u>*Acts 1:15-17, 21-26</u>	<u>Psalm 1</u>	<u>1 John 5:9-13</u>	<u>John 17:6-19</u>
Day of Pentecost May 19, 2024	<u>*Acts 2:1-21</u> or <u>Ezekiel 37:1-14</u>	<u>Psalm 104:24-34, 35b</u>	<u>Romans 8:22-27</u> or <u>Acts 2:1-21</u>	<u>John 15:26-27;</u> <u>16:4b-15</u>
Trinity Sunday May 26, 2024 First Sunday after Pentecost	<u>Isaiah 6:1-8</u> <u>Psalm 29</u>		<u>Romans 8:12-17</u>	<u>John 3:1-17</u>

Treasurer's Report

March 2023 Offering Information

Monthly amount needed to meet the yearly budget of \$88,475: \$7,373

March Offering: **\$4,842.00**

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

Marc

Moderators' Message

Greetings as we welcome the month of May! The approach of Mother's Day always reminds me of one of my favorite hymns, *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*.

I was there to hear your borning cry; I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry; I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

<https://lyricstranslate.com>

“Borning Cry” (John Carl Ylvisaker, 1985) is one of the most popular songs in recent hymnals. The ballad style of the music lends itself to a feeling of a love song. A love song it is—between God (the parent) and each of us. Many hymns address God from the human perspective, but few address humanity from God's point of view. The spirit of “Borning Cry” is one of a God who loved us from the beginning of time and continues to love us throughout the seasons of our life. . . . “Borning Cry” gives us a sense of the timelessness of God, as the final stanza is the same as the first stanza. While we think of ourselves as finite beings, God re-creates us and gives us new life in the baptismal waters, a spiritual regeneration that lasts for eternity.

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/history-of-hymns-i-was-there-to-hear-your-borning-cry>

For in faith and in life we are never alone. Thanks be to God!

Prayer For Our Soldiers --Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands, protecting them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

From the [Road to Emmaus Ministries](#)

A Note From Janet

FIRE AND FOREIGN TONGUES

This year the last Sunday in May is what we name as Pentecost Sunday. There are many things we know about Pentecost: it is the Sunday that comes 50 days after Easter, but it is actually a Jewish celebration called the Feast of Weeks, a harvest celebration after Passover. Pentecost is a term that Christians used and it is Greek for 50 days. Pentecost was a time of the gathering of many people in Jerusalem for celebration of their feast.

As we read in Scripture it was a time in which flames of fire appeared, the wind blew very hard, people were able to understand each other in their own language, regardless of where they came from. It was a time in which the Holy Spirit was poured out on all the people present. In the past many churches used Pentecost to do Baptisms, a sign of the pouring out of the Spirit on the Baptized. It is also called the birthday of the church. This is the first time timid followers of Jesus stepped forward to express their faith and witness to the resurrection. They were the first “Christians”. Pentecost is a major celebration in the church year just as Christmas and Easter.

Today we do not celebrate it much in many churches, mainly because today church is less of a preacher of the Spirit; instead it is more of a social gathering. But that is exactly how Pentecost happened, a social gathering of people witnessing the pouring out of the gifts of the Spirit! Pentecost is truly the celebration of the Holy Spirit entering our hearts and minds. As we all journey in our faith, Pentecost happens every day as we gather with people and share our faith. Even in church! So let us celebrate the out pouring of the Spirit among us, we may even see flames, hear the wind, and enjoy all languages of people!

Pastor Janet

The Gathering Table

The Gathering Table free lunch program held on April 22 was very successful. A large number of volunteers helped serve a delicious meal of Beef Barley Soup (donated by Danny’s Restaurant), salad (made by Pastor Janet and two of our volunteers, Anika and Oliver), rolls and butter, and Brownies (made by Ron). 20 lunches were served. Future dates for the Gathering Table are the second and fourth Saturday of the month, from 11:30 – 1:30. In May, the lunches will be held on May 13th and 27th. These meals are free to any member of our community. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church at 607-865-4066 or by emailing secretary@uccwaton.com

Wellness Program **Blood Screening Available**

The Walton Chapter of NYS Women is sponsoring Quest Diagnostics AMBA Wellness Program for blood analysis on Saturday, May 13th from 6:30 AM to 9:30 AM. The clinic will be held at the United Presbyterian Church at 58 East St. in Walton. The basic AMBA panel includes more than 20 tests – from triglycerides to creatinine to red and white blood cell counts to albumin and potassium. Cost for the program is \$42.00 for the tests and \$8.00 sponsor fee for a total of \$50.00.

Appointments are required and may be made by calling 1-800-234-8888, Monday thru Friday from 8:30 – 9:30. Please have your doctor's name and address available when you call. Personal physician authorization and a photo ID are required.

The funds raised by the sponsorship fee go to provide 2 scholarships to Walton Central School graduates, presented by The Walton Chapter of NYS Women. Please see the flyer posted outside the Church Office for more information.

One Hour Program Explains **the Basics of Alzheimer's and Dementia**

In the United States alone, more than 5 million individuals are living with Alzheimer's and 16 million are serving as their unpaid caregivers. The disease is a global crisis that impacts numerous families right here in our community. However, no one has to face this disease alone or without information.

The Alzheimer's Association® has created an education program covering the basics of Alzheimer's and dementia to provide a general overview for people who are facing a diagnosis as well as those who wish to be informed.

The free one-hour Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia program:

- Explores the relationship between Alzheimer's disease and dementia.
- Examines what happens in a brain affected by Alzheimer's.
- Details the risk factors for and three general stages of the disease.
- Identifies FDA-approved treatments available to treat some symptoms.
- Looks ahead to what's on the horizon for Alzheimer's research.
- Offers helpful Alzheimer's Association resources.

The program is being held in conjunction with our Church. The program will be held twice. Once on Tuesday May 16th at 11:00 PM and again on Thursday June 1, at 6:00 PM. Call 607-206-4514 or email Ann at athayer@alz.org