



Walton First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

Updates January 15, 2025

January Celebrations

Birthdays

- 7th: Nancy Grotevant**
- 9th: Steve Sehen**
- 12th: Bruce Ellis**
- 15th: Lynn Allen**
- 20th: Josie Kelly**
- 22nd: Nadene Kopetz**
- 27th: Donna Thomson**

February Celebrations

Birthdays

- 15th: Nancy MacNeill**
- 18th: Sierra Caruso**
- 20th: Fran Robinson**
- 25th: Cooper Evans**

On the Calendar

Sunday, January 19: Sanctuary Worship **10:15 am**; **No** Sunday School

Saturday, January 25: Gathering Table 11:30 am-1:00 pm. Volunteers are always needed.
Contact Loraine Davila if you are able.

Sunday, January 26: Sanctuary Worship **10:15 am**; **No** Sunday School; Annual Meeting following worship

Tuesday/Thursday, January 28 & 30: Chair Yoga 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Sunday, February 2: **Parlor** Worship and **Communion 10:15 am**; Sunday School; Coffee Hour, hosted by Nora and Sarah Kellogg

Tuesday/Thursday, February 4 & 6: Chair Yoga 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Elijah's Closet: Fridays and Saturdays 10 am-2 pm



Member Updates

Please place your non-perishable food and toiletry donations in the wagon located at the back of the sanctuary. Loraine Davila will be driving donations over to the food bank the last Tuesday of each month. A guide with donation ideas will be in the wagon

**CHAIR YOGA FOR OLDER
ADULTS CONTINUES**

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO START!

WHERE? First Congregational Church, UCC
Corner of Mead and North Sts., Walton, NY
Enter using the North St., back entrance

WHEN?
Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

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| January 28 & 30 | February 25 & 27 |
| February 4 & 6 | March 4 & 6 |
| February 11 & 13 | March 11 & 13 |

FREE CLASSES – no registration required. Come to 1 or come to all.

*If you have any questions call the church at
607-865-4066*

Wear comfortable clothes and bring water with you.

There will be paperwork to be filled out, so please come 20-30 minutes early to your **FIRST** class - even if you completed paperwork in the past.

If you have anything that you would like included in our bi-monthly Updates, please contact April at 607-865-4066 or secretary@uccwalton.com

Board Updates

Worship services begins at 10:15 am.

Parlor Worship begins February 2nd and will continue through the entire month.

We have signed on with a "phone chain" service to ensure that members receive pertinent information in a timely and efficient manner. We have the ability to send these alerts by phone, text or email. Please provide April with your contact information and your preferred method of contact.

The annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26th following worship.

Highlights



Baptism of the Lord Service 1/12/25

A Devotional from Pastor Janet

Good Morning by Kenneth Samuel

O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me. For [God's] anger endureth but a moment; in [God's] favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. - Psalm 30:2, 5 (KJV)

I think I've been hearing the refrain of Psalm 30:5 all my life. I've heard it proclaimed with powerful conviction from the pulpit, and I've heard it beautifully intoned in the melodies of gospel songs and anthems. There is perhaps no other psalm that offers as much faithful hope and blessed assurance as this one: "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

I had always understood "morning" to be the daybreak that God sends after the nighttime of our misery and suffering. I believed that joy would surely come when daylight appeared, and we could finally see our way out of the trepidations and tribulations of the night. Then, late one night, I received a call, and when I answered the phone, the caller said to me, "Good morning." I looked over at the clock and it was 12:07 a.m. It suddenly dawned on me that morning comes to most of us not at daybreak, but at night.

And since joy comes in the morning, joy must come when we realize that our new day dawns at night. Joy comes when we understand and believe that desperate times and difficult situations cannot prevent the fulfillment of God's promise and progress in our lives. Joy comes when we celebrate the fact that even in the night, God is still moving us toward better days.

Though my daylight may not yet have appeared, I am now moved to joyfully pronounce to myself and to others: "Good morning!"

Prayer

Dear Lord, even in the darkness of our circumstances, help us to realize that you have already brought us through the debacles and depressions of yesterday and days gone by. Now help us to find joy in knowing that the new day of our salvation has already begun. Amen.

Lifted in Prayer

Dane

Matt Myer

Sherri Price

The family of Florence Grill

The family of Ronald Weiss

Barbara Niedtinski

Monica Cespino-Dowd

Janet Bodisco Massink

The family of Judy Baxter