



Walton First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

Updates February 1, 2025

February Celebrations

Birthdays

15th: Nancy MacNeill

18th: Sierra Caruso

20th: Fran Robinson

25th: Cooper Evans

On the Calendar

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

Saturday, February 8: Gathering Table 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Sunday, February 9: Parlor Worship 10:15 am; Sunday School; Prudential Board following worship

Tuesday/Thursday, February 11 & 13: Chair Yoga 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Sunday, February 16: Parlor Worship 10:15 am; **No** Sunday School

Friday, February 21: "Bonhoeffer" playing at Walton Theatre 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 22: Gathering Table 11:30 am-1:00 pm; "Bonhoeffer" playing at Walton Theatre 7:00 pm

Sunday, February 23: Parlor Worship 10:15 am; **No** Sunday School; **Planning Retreat** 12:00 pm; "Bonhoeffer" playing at Walton Theatre 1:00 pm

Tuesday/Thursday, February 25 & 26: Chair Yoga 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Wednesday, February 26: "Bonhoeffer" playing at Walton Theatre 1:00 pm

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

Elijah's Closet Thrift Store

Support California Recovery

Friday,
January 31st
&
Saturday,
February 1st

First Congregational Church
4 Mead St.
Walton

10am - 2pm

Parking on North St.

Elijah's Closet Thrift Store

LAST CHANCE OFFER

SALE

50% Off
Yellow & Blue
Stickers

Free!
Pink & Purple
Stickers

Member Updates

CHAIR YOGA FOR OLDER ADULTS

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

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.

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

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.

PLANNING RETREAT

FAITH
MOVES
MOUNTAINS

Matthew 17:20

**FEBRUARY 23,
2025**

Sunday | 12PM | Packin' Heat
RSVP to April by 2/14/25

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. You can opt-in for text messages by texting "ALERT" to 22300.

A Devotional from Pastor Janet

Listen to the Deepening Places by Macrina Wiederkehr

If today you hear God's voice.....

Learn to listen! The voice inviting you is voiceless. Most ancient of all voices. Enticing voice without words. Listen from within the cells of your being. From the marrow of your bones, listen. From the deepest source of your life, listen. A holy vibration, a gentle movement, a persistent tugging – summons you into the deepening places.

Learn to go deep! Like waves of the sea you are being pulled back into the depth. Embrace the depths. *Deep calls unto deep*. There is a depth in you to which you must return. Most silent of all calls. A voice without words calls you to the deepening places.

Learn to abide! Remain in Christ as Christ remains in you. Be like a sponge. Soak up the Word of God. Absorb it. Make the Word your home. Live in the Word. Dwell. Inhabit. Reside. Trust deepening places.

Learn to be silent! Silent as the leaves that fall, silent as the blossoming flowers, silent as the moment before dawn. You are being summoned into the temple of silence. Practice silence, for this voiceless voice can be heard only in the shrine of silence. You are being chosen for the deepening places.

[Read this meditation very slowly, breathing in and out slowly. Understanding the Words depends on your space and place. It is a meditation of a deep spiritual connection. Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB (d. April 2020) is well known for her creative spiritual writings and retreat ministry]

Lifted in Prayer

Dane

Pastor Janet

The family of Joy Heddon

The family of Ralph Taylor

The family of Jean Munson

Peter Michael Sehen

The family of Theresa Orr

The family of Marilynn Wickham

The family of George Kiakis Jr.