

Walton First Congregational Church United Church of Christ

Updates February 1, 2025

February Celebrations	
Birthdays	
15 th : Nancy MacNeill	
18 th : Sierra Caruso	
20 th : Fran Robinson	
25 th : 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

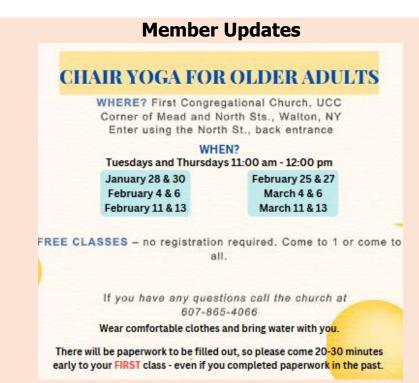
Saturday, February 22: Gathering Table 11:30 am-1:00 pm; "Bonhoeffer" playing at Walton Theatre 7:00 pm

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





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 <u>secretary@uccwalton.com</u>

Board Updates

Worship services begins at 10:15 am.

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

PLANNING RETREAT



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.