



Walton First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

Updates March 15, 2025

March Celebrations

Birthdays

- 2nd: Betty Johnston**
- 13th: Eliose Kelly**
- 26th: Paige Clark**

April Celebrations

Birthdays

- 8th: Don Ogden**
- 10th: Ann LePinnet**
- 11th: Libby Kelly**
- 13th: Heather Ogden**
- 19th: Ron Richards**
- 26th: Deb Caruso**

Anniversaries

- 14th: John & Janet Brienza**

On the Calendar

- Sunday, March 16:** Sanctuary Worship 10:15 am; Sunday School
- Saturday, March 22:** Gathering Table 11:30 am-1:00 pm
- Sunday, March 23:** Sanctuary Worship 10:15 am; Sunday School
- Tuesday/Thursday, March 25 & 27:** Chair Yoga 11:00 am-12:00 pm
- Sunday, March 30:** Sanctuary Worship 10:15 am; Sunday School
- Tuesday/Thursday, April 1 & 3:** Chair Yoga 11:00 am-12:00 pm
- Sunday, April 6:** Sanctuary Worship and **Communion** 10:15 am; Sunday School; Coffee hour, hosted by Lynn Allen
- Tuesday/Thursday, April 8 & 10:** Chair Yoga 11:00 am-12:00 pm
- Saturday, April 12:** Gathering Table 11:30 am-1:00 pm
- Sunday, April 13:** **Palm Sunday** Sanctuary Worship 10:15 am; Sunday School

Elijah's Closet

Fridays and Saturdays 10 am-2 pm

March 14 & 15: 50% Off Winter Fashion Collection



Next weekend, 3/21-3/22, is the Bag Sale for winter clothing. We will be putting out the Spring clothing beginning Monday, 3/24. Mary will be in Monday at 10:00 to start removing the remaining clothing. Deb will be there Monday – Thursday at 4:45. Any help will be greatly appreciated. We have at least 30 totes of clothing to get out.

Member Updates

Please place your non-perishable food and toiletry donations in the wagon located at the back of the sanctuary. Lorraine Davila will drive donations to the food bank the last Tuesday of each month.

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

Maundy Thursday Service



REMEMBER HIS SACRIFICE

Thursday, April 17th
4:00 PM



Don't forget to sign up for Coffee Hour, if you are able. We are still in need of a host for June



Highlights



Ash Wednesday Service



Loraine and Edie on Ash Wednesday



First Sunday of Lent, Burying the Alleluia

A Devotional from Pastor Janet

Light as a Feather by Mary Luti

Jesus said, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light." - Matthew 11:30 (NRSV)

An older church member succumbed to a lingering illness. He'd been much loved, but that love was hard-won. Whenever his shame, regret, and bitter memories kicked up inside him, he'd take it out on people in the church. It took perseverance to love him, to find the places in him that were beautiful. With God's help, some of us eventually did.

His funeral was on a holiday weekend. Many folks had gone away, and the reception fell to one woman, someone he'd often offended. She made sandwiches, set up chairs, laid the table, served the coffee, and stayed late to put things away. I caught her at the door. "That was so much work! Thank you."

"A pleasure," she replied.

A pleasure? I looked at her, wide-eyed. She could read between my lines: A pleasure? For him?

"Oh, yes," she assured me. "Light as a feather!" And out she went, looking younger than she was.

And I thought about times of my own when, because of love, some hard thing I was doing seemed the best, most compelling thing in the world. Times when I felt almost weightless. Times when the hours sped by as fast as they did for Jacob, who served Laban seven years to wed Rachel, "and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her."

Love, Paul says, bears all things. Love shoulders it all, bending under it to unburden us. Light as a feather. There are many ways to live in this world, but to live the best way, go to Jesus, take his love yoke upon you, learn how light it is.

Prayer

Place your yoke upon us, O Christ, that we may know the weightless joy of love.

Lifted in Prayer

Dane

Iva Caffery

Nancy Allen

Gale Sheridan

The family of Wayne Kilmer

The family of Cecelia Jacob

The family of Isabel Taylor

Pastor Janet

Harold Rosario

David Baker

Macky Church

Margaret Cobane

Moira Walter's Family

The family of Jeffrey D'Addezio

The family of Vern Wildenstein

The family of Dick Wasserstrom