



Walton First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

Updates May 1, 2025

May Celebrations

Birthdays

3rd: Lorraine Miller
8th: Mary Carroll
25th: Keri Batson

Anniversaries

4th: Chris & Jenny Clark
17th: Ron & Loraine Richards

On the Calendar

Thursday, May 1: National Day of Prayer Breakfast at NHCC 7:15 am- 8:45 am; Chair Yoga 11:00 am-12:00 pm
Sunday, May 4: Sanctuary Worship and **Communion** 10:15 am; Sunday School; Coffee Hour hosted by Loraine Davila
Tuesday, May 6: Chair Yoga 11:00 am-12:00 pm
Thursday, May 8: Chair Yoga 11:00 am-12:00 pm; Cooking Class 12:00 pm; SNAP education & assistance 12:15 pm
Saturday, May 10: Gathering Table 11:30 am-1:00 pm
Sunday, May 11: Sanctuary Worship 10:15 am; Sunday School
Tuesday, May 13: Chair Yoga 11:00 am-12:00 pm
Thursday, May 15: Chair Yoga 11:00 am-12:00 pm
Friday, May 16: Ministry Committee Meeting 3:30 pm; Operations Committee Meeting 4:00 pm
Sunday, May 18: Sanctuary Worship 10:15 am; Sunday School; Prudential Board Meeting
Saturday, May 24: Gathering Table 11:30 am-1:00 pm
Sunday, May 25: Sanctuary Worship 10:15 am; **No** Sunday School

Elijah's Closet

Fridays and Saturdays 10:00 am-2:00 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 drive donations to the food bank the last Tuesday of each month.

The Gathering Table is looking for volunteers. You can just cook, just serve or do both. Cooks may shop for their own food and be reimbursed or they can send Loraine a shopping list. Meals must be prepared in our church kitchen. Lunch is served from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Cooks would have to arrive early to prepare the meal and servers should plan on clean-up after the meal. Volunteers are needed for the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Currently, we don't have anyone for May 10th or May 26th. If you would like to be on the calendar to volunteer, please contact Loraine Davila.

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

March 25 & 27
April 1 & 3
April 8 & 10

April 29 & May 1
May 6 & 8
May 13 & 15

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.



HEALTHY HABITS

For Older Adults

Thursday, May 8th

At
First Congregational Church,
UCC Walton

NURTURING PHYSICAL HEALTH

Chair Yoga
11:00 am-12:00 pm





HEALTHY BALANCED DIET

Cooking Class
12:00 pm
*RSVP to April by 5/5

SNAP Education and Assistance
12:15 pm

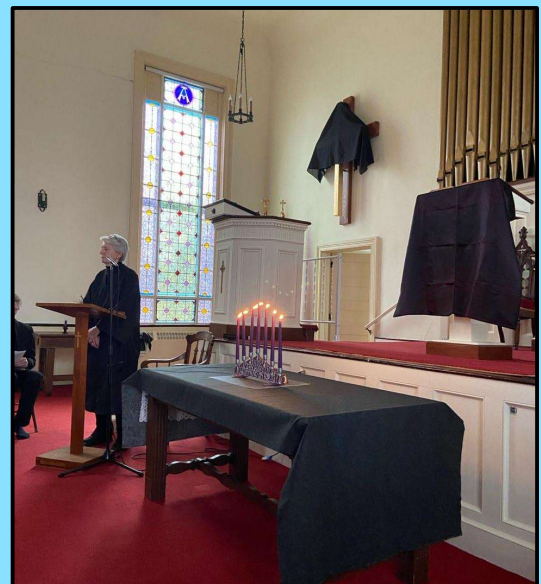



If you have anything that you would like included in our bi-monthly Updates, please contact April at 607-865-4066 or secretary@uccwalton.com

Highlights



Maundy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter

A Devotional from Pastor Janet

Outrunning Your Blessing? by Kaji Douša

Jesus said, "Wisdom is proved right by all her children." - Luke 7:35 (NIV)

Have you ever heard the Naija saying, "Wisdom is chasing you, but you are faster"? It's a startling image—wisdom running after us, blessings right on our heels, while we race ahead, too distracted or stubborn to slow down and receive them.

In Luke 7, Jesus grows frustrated with how much we miss the gifts God is offering. The people were scandalized by him, rejecting the healing right in front of them because it didn't fit their expectations. They tripped over their own assumptions, outrunning the wisdom of his truth.

Have you ever outrun your blessing? Wisdom was chasing you, but you were faster. The healing you needed was offered, but you resisted.

So what do you do when you find yourself running? You stop. Running from your blessing is exhausting. It puts distance between you and the healing you need. And that healing? It often requires a correction. We call that confession.

Confession is the act of stopping. It's when we quit running long enough to admit what's got us tangled.

Here's the good news: Try as you might, you'll never outrun God. God is behind you, but God is also before you. God is even within you.

You will never outrun God. Stop. Just for a moment. And watch what God will do.

Prayer

God of wisdom and grace, I confess that I have been running—from truth, from healing, from you. Help me to stop. Help me to trust. Help me to receive the blessing that is right here, right now. Amen.

Lifted in Prayer

Dane
Lorraine Miller
Mindy Church
David Baker
Bruce Ellis
Brian Caruso
Brenda Doane

Jimmy Otte
Philip Smith & Family
The family of George Wood
The family of Rev. Jacob Bouw
The family of Cathy Bennett
The family of Linda Beers
The family of Frances Watson