



Walton First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

Updates October 1, 2025

Celebrations

October

Birthdays

7th: Marc Evans

7th: Ginny O'Dell

10th: Charlotte Kelly

11th: Janet Brienza

17th: Donna Truman

Anniversaries

4th: Chaz & April Epps

Remembrances

October

Heavenly Birthdays

12th: Lynn Parkinson

Day of Resurrection

LeRoy Sawyer 10/1/24

John Meredith 10/26/09

On the Calendar

Thursday, October 2: Chair Yoga 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Saturday, October 4: Blessing of the Animals 10:30 am-11:30 am

Sunday, October 5: Sanctuary Worship and **Communion** 10:15 am; Sunday School; Coffee Hour, hosted by Nora and Sarah Kellogg

Tuesday/Thursday, October 7 & 9: Chair Yoga 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Friday, October 10: Please turn in your basket donation for our booth at the Fall Market

Saturday, October 11: Gathering Table 11:30 am-1:00 pm; Fall Market 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Sunday, October 12: Sanctuary Worship 10:15 am; **No** Sunday School

Tuesday/Thursday, October 14 & 16: Chair Yoga 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Wednesday, October 15: Operations Committee Meeting

Sunday, October 19: Sanctuary Worship 10:15 am; Children's Sabbath; Sunday School; Prudential Board Meeting

Tuesday/Thursday, October 21 & 23: Chair Yoga 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Saturday, October 25: Gathering Table 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Sunday, October 26: Sanctuary Worship 10:15 am; Sunday School

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

Elijah's Closet

Fridays and Saturdays 10:00 am-2:00 pm



Elijah's Closet Staff Development Day: September 27th

Proctors Theatre, A Beautiful Noise - Neil Diamond Story and dinner at Blue Ribbon Restaurant and Bakery

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

**Beginning:
September 30th**

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.



OUR CHURCH WILL BE PARTICIPATING AGAIN THIS YEAR! OUR BOOTH WILL BE A COLLECTION OF BASKETS TO RAFFLE OFF. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO MAKE UP A BASKET, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE HELP! IF YOU NEED A BASKET TO FILL, WE HAVE SEVERAL IN ELIJAH'S CLOSET. PLEASE STOP IN DURING BUSINESS HOURS TO PICK ONE UP. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO STOP AT LOCAL BUSINESSES AND ASK FOR GIFT CARDS, THAT WOULD BE GREAT. BASKETS CAN BE DELIVERED TO THE CHURCH ANYTIME BEFORE OCT. 10

Fall Market hosted by the Walton Historical Society
at the Delaware County Fairgrounds

10.11.2025

10:00 am-4:00 pm Rain or Shine

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.

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



Construction has begun!



October 4, 2025
10:30 am-11:30 am

Blessing of the Animals



In honor of St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day, we invite you to the Blessing of the Animals! Bring your cat, dog, bird, etc. and meet Pastor Janet on the portico. All loving pets are welcome, as God loves all of creation!

WHY DONATE?

- Save lives: A single donation can save up to three lives.
- Health benefits: Donating blood can improve your overall health.
- Feel good: Experience the fulfillment of helping others in need.



LGBTQ+ INCLUSIVE BLOOD DRIVE

JOIN US IN OUR MISSION TO
SAVE LIVES THROUGH BLOOD
DONATION. WHERE WE COME
TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE
LIFE, COMMUNITY AND THE
POWER OF GIVING BACK.



Our organization would like to sponsor an American Red Cross blood drive, but we need to make sure we have enough people to donate before we can commit. To sign up, please contact April at (607) 865-4066, secretary@uccwalton.com or scan the QR code.



To honor loved ones that are no longer with us, we would like to add birthdate/memorial dates to our newsletter. If you would like to have a loved one included, please submit their names and dates to April.

Sunday School has resumed! We are looking for adults to help teach Sunday School. It can be a day or you can get into the rotation. Lessons are preplanned and will be printed out for any person willing to teach. Once a month, the kids are split into the older group and younger group. Please let Ann know if you are available to help.

Previous Sermons and Liturgy

❖ September 21, 2025

- ▶ Scripture Reading: *1 Timothy 1:12-17*
- ▶ Gospel Reading: *Luke 15:1-10*
- ▶ Sermon: Lost and Found

❖ September 28, 2025

- ▶ Scripture Reading: *1 Timothy 6:6-19*
- ▶ Gospel Reading: *Luke 16:19-31*
- ▶ Sermon: What Do We Believe?

A Devotional from Pastor Janet

Beauty Makes Everything Easier by Mary Luti

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, and I saw the holy city coming down out of heaven. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. - Revelation 21:1-2, 11 abridged (NIV)

During the restoration of Notre Dame after the 2019 fire, a reporter toured the roof where carpenters were securing the rebuilt rafters.

They told him that the wood they were using was from oak trees selected to match exactly the contours of the damaged ancient beams. Each had been carved meticulously to duplicate the peculiarities of the hand-tooled originals, including the medieval maker's mark on the undersides.

Those details were high and hidden, not for show. The public will never see them. "Faithful" only begins to describe this effort," the reporter wrote.

The pressure to finish on time was immense, but the worksite was surprisingly calm, imbued with quiet joy and certitude. When he asked one worker what the job meant to her, no words came. She wept.

The team leader acknowledged that the work was beset with unimaginable difficulties every day. Then he added, "But it's different when you work on something that has a soul. Beauty makes everything easier."

It's daunting to try to rebuild something that's been horrifically damaged. It takes everything you have. Details matter, the hidden ones more than anyone will ever know. It takes such a long time, too. The pressure is overwhelming. So much is at stake.

But because you're working on something soulful – human kinship, structures of justice and care, a polity of tender mercy, a new earth; and because what you're laboring on, what you're laboring for, what you're being given is so beautiful, you return to the jobsite of the world each day in calm, in joy, in receptive trust, and grateful flowing tears.

Prayer

With You we are rebuilding here on earth your damaged house of love. Ground us in its vivifying beauty. It makes everything easier.

Lifted in Prayer

Lorraine Miller

The family of Stella Lincourt

The family of Kimberly Cook-Blincoe

The family of Gerry Coughlin

The family of Tom Conklin

The family of Chuck McIntosh